

2.1 individuals it plans to hire using the grant money, the number of employee training hours
2.2 it plans to fund using the grant money, and other information required by the director.

2.3 Subd. 5. **Allowable uses of grant money; maximum grant amount.** (a) An ambulance
2.4 service must use grant money awarded under this section only for one or more of the
2.5 following:

2.6 (1) tuition for employees attending an emergency medical technician (EMT) education
2.7 program approved by the director;

2.8 (2) employee examination fees for EMT certification;

2.9 (3) fees for background studies for new EMT employees; and

2.10 (4) incurred wage and benefit costs of employees while attending an EMT education
2.11 program or program-related activities. Wage and benefit costs under this clause must be
2.12 commensurate with the wages and benefits the ambulance service provides to an entry-level
2.13 EMT and must not exceed \$26 per hour.

2.14 (b) The grant amount awarded to an ambulance service must not exceed the amount
2.15 needed for the costs in paragraph (a).

2.16 Subd. 6. **Grant program oversight.** An ambulance service receiving a grant under this
2.17 section must provide the director with information necessary for the director to administer
2.18 and evaluate the grant program.

2.19 **Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION; AMBULANCE SERVICE TRAINING AND STAFFING**
2.20 **GRANT PROGRAM.**

2.21 \$750,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$750,000 in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated from the
2.22 general fund to the Office of Emergency Medical Services for the ambulance service training
2.23 and staffing grant program under Minnesota Statutes, section 144E.38.