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Grant restrictions and requirements.

- (A) Grant funds shall not be used for activities or purchases related to an approved grant project if such activities were commenced, or such purchases were made or obligated, prior to formal approval of the grant application by the board, except for sixth priority grant recipients that may receive grant funds retroactively for national accreditation at the paramedic level, as long as the application for national accreditation was made on or after February 25, 2010.
- (B) The board may restrict the type of expenses for which grant funds may be used. Unless otherwise authorized in writing by the board, grant funds may not be used for the following expenses:
- (1) Grant preparation ~~or administration~~;
 - (2) Salaries for first priority grantees;
 - (3) Meals or lodging;
 - (4) Travel expenses;
 - (5) ~~Equipment to be used exclusively by one individual~~ Indirect costs or fringe benefits.
- (C) Grants awarded for EMS training shall be used only for tuition and fees, books, materials, and other expenses related directly to participation in the training program.
- (D) Grant funds shall only be expended by the grantee to which the grant was awarded. Failure to comply with this requirement shall be considered to be a misappropriation of funds and shall result in forfeiture of unexpended grant funds. The grantee shall repay any funds determined by the board to have been inappropriately expended.
- (E) A grantee who expends grant funds for purposes other than those authorized under this chapter and approved by the board shall be subject to forfeiture of unexpended funds, repayment of any grant funds determined by the board to have been used for an unauthorized purpose, and may be considered ineligible for funding in future grant cycles.
- (F) Within seven days after a request by the board, a grantee shall supply original or verifiable copies of all receipts and other appropriate documentation related to disposition of the grant funds.

- (G) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, all grant funds must be expended or obligated by a grantee within the twelve month grant cycle for which they were awarded.
- (H) The board may approve or extend a grant cycle beyond twelve months as it determines necessary or appropriate; however, if doing so would extend the grant cycle beyond the biennium in which it commences, the board shall expressly condition the availability of grant funds in the subsequent biennium on any necessary appropriations or certifications by the Ohio general assembly and the office of budget and management.
- (I) Any grant funds not expended or obligated on the final day of the grant cycle shall be remitted to the division of EMS within thirty days following the end of the grant cycle.
- (1) A grantee who fails to expend ~~the full~~ an amount of a grant shall not be adversely impacted in future grant cycles provided that all unexpended grant funds are remitted as provided in this chapter greater than three hundred dollars by August thirty-first of the award year, may be adversely impacted in the subsequent grant cycle.
- (2) A grantee who fails to remit unexpended grant funds made in advance, as provided in this rule, shall be considered ineligible for funding in future grant cycles until such time as unexpended funds are remitted to the division of EMS.
- (J) A final report accounting for all grant funds expended by a grantee shall be submitted to the board not later than thirty days after the end of the grant cycle.
- (K) All expenditures and disbursements of grant funds by a grantee shall be subject to generally accepted accounting principles.
- (L) Any grantee suspected of misappropriating or improperly administering grant funds, or any grantee who fails to provide documentation of the purchase of training and/or equipment as requested by the division, will be investigated by the division and may be referred to the attorney general's office.

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