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# **Emergency Medical Services Grants**

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Section 401.113, Florida Statutes, gives the Florida Department of Health authority to dispense funds contained in the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Trust Fund to counties through county, matching, and rural grants. These grants are to improve and expand prehospital emergency medical services in the state.

Funds deposited into the EMS Trust Fund are dispensed annually as follows:

#### **County Disbursements**

Forty-five percent of the monies are divided among Florida's 67 counties according to the proportion of the combined amount deposited in the trust fund from the county. These funds may not be used to match grant funds.

# Fiscal Year 2024-25 EMS County Funds

Paragraph (a) of Subsection 401.113(2), Florida Statutes (http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm? App mode=Display Statute&Search String=&URL=0400-0499/0401/Sections/0401.113.html)

ANNOUNCEMENT: Fiscal Year 2024-25 EMS county funds will be distributed directly to each county's Board of County Commissioners by direct disbursement. This process does not require counties to submit a grant application or a Board of County Commissioners resolution.

EMS county funds will be distributed starting in December 2024. Once the Board of County Commissioners receives the funds, they will have the authority to distribute the funds as they see fit to improve and enhance prehospital care in their jurisdiction.

Reporting Requirements: Counties will NOT be required to submit quarterly and final reports to the Department regarding EMS county funds received through this process. Record-keeping for these funds will be solely the responsibility of the recipient.

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