

EMS Training Fund Report

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Background

This document, the official report of the Pennsylvania Department of Health (Department), serves to comply with the requirements of Section 8112.1 of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System Act, 35 Pa.C.S. § 8112.1, added through the enactment of Act of Nov. 3, 2022, P.L. 1674, No. 104, which amended Title 35 and established the EMS Training Fund. Section 8112.1 provides for scholarships for the recruitment, training, and retention of EMS providers in this Commonwealth and requires the Department to prepare an annual report on the scholarships established under subsection (a)(1) and the pilot program established under subsection (a)(3). Pursuant to Section 8112.1(e), the annual report shall include the following information:

- The total number of scholarship applications received.
- The total number of scholarship applications approved, and the amounts funded for each recipient.
- An analysis of the classes taken, and the levels of education obtained through the scholarships.
- The number of applications received for the pilot program.
- The applications approved for the pilot program.
- The number of high school students served by the pilot program.

In accordance with Section 8112.1(e)(2), the Department is required to submit the annual report no later than October 1, 2023, and by October 1 of each year thereafter to the following:

- The chair and minority chair of the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee of the Senate.
- The chair and minority chair of the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee of the House of Representatives.

Pursuant to Section 8112.1(3), the Secretary of Health is required to post the annual report on the Department's publicly accessible Internet website.

Tuition Reimbursement FY 24

The funding to support the required activities found in Section 8112.1 of the EMS System Act was made available for students and agency recruitment and retention support. Students and agency leaders applied for cost reimbursement through the Commonwealth's EMS Registry. Applications were reviewed to confirm PA residency, course completion, and assessed for any other scholarship money that was provided to the student.

Applications details: 443 applications were received; 6 applications denied for non-PA residency; 19 applications denied due to full funding provided for these applicants from alternate scholarship sources; and 418 applicants were awarded between \$300.00 and \$5,000 each depending on level of certification and other scholarships received.

Table 1. All funds that were awarded to students by region and by level of certification

| Regional Council | Funds Sent to Providers | EMRs Awarded | EMTs Awarded | AEMTs Awarded | Medics Awarded |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Bucks County Emergency Health Services | \$24,955.00 | 1 | 11 | 2 | 4 |
| Chester County EMS Council | \$21,975.00 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 2 |
| Delaware County EHS Council | \$22,300.00 | 0 | 14 | 1 | 3 |
| Eastern PA EMS Council | \$51,074.00 | 0 | 33 | 1 | 5 |
| Emergency Health Services Federation | \$108,006.00 | 0 | 31 | 15 | 15 |
| EMMCO West | \$16,420.00 | 0 | 15 | 1 | 1 |
| EMS of Northeast PA | \$33,859.00 | 0 | 15 | 1 | 6 |
| EMS West | \$232,400.00 | 3 | 78 | 19 | 35 |
| LTS EMS Council | \$17,400.00 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Montgomery County EMS | \$46,800.00 | 0 | 31 | 2 | 3 |
| Philadelphia EMS Council | \$28,750.00 | 0 | 17 | 2 | 3 |
| Seven Mountains EMS Council | \$18,400.00 | 0 | 12 | 2 | 2 |
| Southern Alleghenies EMS Council | \$27,250.00 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| Total | \$649,589.00 | 4 | 281 | 46 | 87 |

Recruitment and Retention Reimbursement FY 24

EMS Agencies are eligible for reimbursement of recruitment and retention expenses. Applications were completed through the EMS Registry and were reimbursed according to fund capacity and adequate justification of funds. One application was denied due to inadequate documentation and application for funds already provided through tuition reimbursement.

Table 2. Recruitment and Retention Funds provided to EMS Agencies

| Regional Council | Funds Sent to Agencies |
|--|------------------------|
| Bucks County Emergency Health Services | \$4,421.70 |
| Chester County EMS Council | \$8,393.00 |
| Delaware County EHS Council | \$6,258.00 |
| Eastern PA EMS Council | \$17,357.15 |
| Emergency Health Services Federation | \$30,320.75 |
| EMMCO West | \$9,771.42 |
| EMS of Northeast PA | \$8,654.66 |
| EMS West | \$31,364.66 |
| LTS EMS Council | \$1,411.98 |
| Montgomery County EMS | \$6,774.82 |
| Philadelphia EMS Council | \$2,976.32 |
| Seven Mountains EMS Council | \$16,234.31 |
| Southern Alleghenies EMS Council | \$20,105.28 |
| Total | \$164,044.05 |

Pilot High School Programs

Three High School pilot programs were conducted. These pilots were completed in the form of a summer camp with students spending one week immersed in basic EMS training and familiarization with EMS opportunities within their region. Of the 61 applicants received, 59 students completed these summer camps.

| Pilot Program Recipient | Funds Received | # Applicants | # Students Attended |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| East - Lehighon Ambulance | \$ 50,000.00 | 30 | 29 |
| Central - Seven Mountains Regional EMS Council | \$ 50,000.00 | 20 | 19 |
| West - Greene County CTC | \$ 50,000.00 | 11 | 11 |
| Total | \$ 150,000.00 | 61 | 59 |

Status of EMS Training Fund for FY 25

The funds for FY 2025 are still being distributed, and the total disbursement report is not yet available. The amounts for FY 2025 will be similar to those distributed for FY 2024. The report for these distributions will be available in the 3rd quarter of FY 2025-26.