



CHAPTER THREE

STATE GOVERNMENT SOURCES FOR FIRE AND EMS

In addition to administering the dispersal of federal funds, many states also have their own mechanisms to provide support for local fire and EMS agencies. The following is a list of the major categories of state funding programs as well as examples of some of the programs found in various states.

- Low interest loans
- Insurance Surcharge (fire only)
- Driving-related fees and fines (EMS only)
- Surplus vehicles and equipment
- Special Purpose Grants
- Matching grants
- Technical assistance/support
- Subsidized training

LOW-INTEREST LOANS

Many states make loans available at 2-3 percent interest, over 10-20 years, for capital improvements and other projects. Such programs are often set up in a revolving fashion so that money paid back to the lender can be loaned out again to other fire/EMS agencies. One example is the program run by the Kentucky Fire Commission. Loans of up to \$50,000 are available to volunteer fire departments at an interest rate of 3 percent, repayable over a period of as long as 12 years. Payments are deducted from the department's annual State Volunteer Aid check. Texas has a similar program in place through the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. Loans of up to \$25,000 are available at a 2 percent interest rate over 10-20 years.

INSURANCE SURCHARGE

Some states, such as Virginia, Texas, Kentucky, and South Carolina, impose a surcharge on fire insurance premiums to underwrite the cost of fire protection. While these funds are often restricted to paying for the state's own fire-related expenses, in some states, this funding is directly or indirectly funneled into local programs.

The Commonwealth of Virginia's Department of Fire Programs is funded by a 0.8 percent assessment on all fire and combined insurance premiums from insurance companies licensed in the state. Approximately 75 percent of the money is allocated to towns, cities, and counties to conduct fire service training, improve regional or local fire service training facilities, purchase firefighting equipment, and purchase protective equipment and clothing. The allocation is made primarily in proportion to population, with a minimum of \$3,000 available for any eligible jurisdiction.

The insurance surcharge also funds a grant program for rural fire departments, defined as those with an ISO rating of 9 or 10. They may apply for a 50/50 matching grant program to install dry hydrant systems.

In another example, the state of Kentucky funds many programs aimed at local agencies through its 1.5 percent surcharge on insurance. The funds are distributed by the Kentucky Fire Commission, a 19 member panel appointed by the governor. Programs include the Incentive Pay Program for career personnel, State Aid Fund for volunteer fire departments, the Training Facility Grant Program, Survivor Benefit Program, Hepatitis B



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vaccinations for fire service personnel, and the low-interest loan program mentioned earlier.

Through these programs, fire departments in Kentucky have been able to renovate firehouses, upgrade their SCBAs to NFPA specifications, and purchase a variety of new equipment, including large diameter hose.

Texas also provides aid to fire departments through a surcharge on insurance premiums. The state’s Fire Department Emergency Fund is administered by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection and includes two programs – a grant program for fire departments in need of equipment and the low interest loan program mentioned previously.

Approximately \$1 million is available each year, with 50 percent of the state funds allocated to the grant program, and the other 50 percent used for loans. Allocations from both programs are limited to \$25,000 per

department per year. Further regulations require the funds to be split equally between rural and municipal fire departments.

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Applications for both programs are reviewed and ranked, in order of need, by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection, a twelve-member panel appointed by the governor and approved by the Senate. Fire departments often use these funds for the purchase of protective clothing and breathing apparatus.

DRIVING RELATED FEES AND FINES

Since a major need for EMS stems from motor vehicle accidents, some states attach fees to motor vehicle registration or other vehicle-related services to fund parts of the state EMS programs.

Vehicle Registration Status

The Commonwealth of Virginia has a state EMS program funded entirely through a \$2 fee on motor vehicle registration. This fee, known as the “Two for Life” fund, brings in over \$10 million for Emergency Medical Services. Each month the Department of Motor Vehicles transfers the “Two for Life” revenues to the Commonwealth’s Department of Emergency Medical Services. The money is divided among various state EMS programs. Approximately 37 percent goes into administration of the Virginia Emergency Medical Services, including keeping track of the licensing and operations of EMS in the state. About \$1 million is divided among eight regional EMS councils which administer EMS training and operations and establish local protocols. About 25 percent of the money raised is channeled directly back to local non-profit EMS agencies where the vehicles were registered.



Another \$1.3 million goes to fund training programs for BLS and ALS providers, and \$250,000 goes to a state funded recruitment and retention program for EMS personnel. The remaining money, approximately \$3 million, goes to the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund. Any non-profit EMS agency in the state may apply for matching funds to purchase EMS equipment and vehicles. Rescue squads may not use money from the "Two for Life" program to match the state-supplied Rescue Squad Assistance Fund 50-50 grants. In the case of hardship, up to 80 percent may be funded by the state. This money is

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restricted to patient care items; it may not be used for items such as building maintenance or construction. Each year a committee appointed by the Govern-

nor of Virginia ranks the requests in order of priority and then funds as many as possible until the funds are exhausted.

The state of Maryland has a coordinated statewide EMS system involving hospitals, area-wide trauma centers, specialty referral centers, and more than 480 ambulances. In addition, the statewide system has more than 24,000 trained providers, a state-of-the art communications center, and a med-evac helicopter operated by the Maryland State Police (MSP) Aviation Division. In 1992, Maryland adopted an \$8 surcharge on motor ve-

hicle registration fees. The surcharge is designed to provide a stable funding source to support the med-evac program, grants to

local fire, rescue, and ambulance services in all 24 political jurisdictions, Maryland Fire Rescue Institute, R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, and Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems itself. It is expected that the surcharge will generate approximately \$27 million annually for the EMS system statewide.

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Traffic Citations Surcharge

Several Western states and Florida have adopted surcharges on traffic violation fines to support EMS on the basis that bad drivers increase the need for EMS services. In Florida, the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services adds a surcharge to certain traffic citations such as driving under the influence of alcohol. The Department collects over \$10 million a year from this program. Fifteen percent of these funds are used to cover administrative costs; the remainder is dispersed throughout the state with the goal of improving and expanding emergency medical services.

The funds are dispersed through two state programs. A county-level cash award program distributes 45 percent of the funds back to each county on a percentage basis, depending on the amount of money contributed by



the county. The funds may be used in any manner to expand the EMS system, but not to supplant current budget funds.

The second program provides matching grants to any jurisdiction within the state. The applicant pays 25 percent of the proposed amount while the state pays the remaining 75 percent. No money distributed from the first program may be used for a matching grant in the second program.

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Many jurisdictions have successfully improved their EMS systems as a result of these programs. These funds have

made it possible for them to purchase AEDs, develop an Emergency Vehicle Operator Course (EVOC), establish quality assurance programs, as well as bolster public education campaigns, purchase new vehicles, upgrade computer equipment, and offer a variety of training programs.

SURPLUS VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

Many second-hand fire and EMS vehicles are available through the state at little or no cost, especially to rural, volunteer fire departments. The challenge is finding them. Some may be available through the state agency responsible for forest and wildland fire protection, while others are available from the National Guard or local/re-

gional airports. Also, many states have offices specifically responsible for the dispersal of excess federal equipment. In some states, the Fire Marshal's office, either formally or informally, assists fire departments in procuring these surplus items.

In some states it is also possible for fire departments to purchase equipment, and other supplies, at state contract prices.

In Texas, a recently passed law [75 (R) HB 680] protects those who donate used or obsolete fire equipment to fire departments through the Texas Forest Service. Equipment refers to vehicles, tools, protective gear, breathing apparatus, etc. Donors of used fire/rescue equipment, as well as the Forest Service, are released from liability for civil damages should a defect in their donation cause personal injury, property damage, or death. Unless malice, gross negligence, recklessness or intentional misconduct can be proven, and as long as the donation was made in good faith, the donor and the Forest Service are not responsible for civil damages.

SPECIAL PURPOSE GRANTS

From time to time, some states earmark funds for a particular program area of interest. For example, New York State developed a grant program specifically targeted at reducing the incidence of arson. The program provided computers to hundreds of fire departments that were capable of compiling and analyzing not only arson data, but all types of fire data as well.

Additionally, excess funds are sometimes avail-



able available from the state Legislature at the end of a legislative session. These funds may become available in the form of grants to various groups within the state, including fire departments. Contact representatives in your area for more details as to the availability of funds and the process involved in applying to receive them.

MATCHING GRANTS

Matching grants are a common source of funds for local agencies at the state level. While either the federal or state government may fund these programs, the dispersal of funds is generally left up to a division of the state government. These grants are not handouts. Fire departments must be able to show that they have the funds available to match the amount they are requesting from the state. Depending on the state and the particular program a fire department might have to match the state dollar-for-dollar, while other programs may only require a department to have 20 percent of the amount it requests.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The office of the State Fire Marshal or of Emergency Medical Services, etc. can be a valuable source of information and assistance. Often, they provide building inspectors, fire/arson investigators, engineering and plan reviews, HAZMAT inspections, general fire safety education, as well as administering the state's Fire Incident Reporting System (FIRS). Further, for small departments with limited budgets, their handling of code enforcement and investigations is extremely important.

SUBSIDIZED TRAINING

In most states there is a designated academy or training center subsidized by the state. These academies offer a wide range of courses, from basic classes, such as Firefighter I/II, to more advanced classes for officers. Classes are generally offered either for free or at a reduced price to anyone affiliated with an accredited fire department/rescue squad/ambulance service in the state. Also, scholarships may be available through the Office of the State Fire Marshal, State Commission on Fire Protection, State Firefighters' Association, and others, to attend classes in fire science at local vocational schools or state universities. Further, in some locations, individual counties also offer training free or at reduced cost to affiliates of fire departments in the county.

For example, the state of Maryland provides free training through the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI). All courses offered through MFRI are free to anyone affiliated with an accredited fire department in the state of Maryland.



OTHER AGENCIES TO CONTACT

Although these agencies may not distribute funds, they may have information as to where to look or they may be able to provide other assistance to local departments. A few to try:

- Department of Health (Especially the EMS Division)
- Department of Transportation
- Department of Natural Resources (Particularly the Forestry Division)
- Department of Insurance (often oversee the State Fire Marshal)
- Department of Emergency Management

STATE-BY-STATE FUNDING SOURCES FOR EMS

Most, but not all, state governments provide some kind of financial assistance to local fire departments and rescue squads to improve the quality of emergency care. State governments may supply support services such as training, data analysis and collection, system planning for 9-1-1 service, and certification programs.

Table 3.1 is a breakdown, state-by-state, of the particular programs available to local EMS agencies. Federal programs are included as well; these are noted in *italics*. Programs specifically directed at fire departments/rescue squads are listed in the following section. Generally, fire departments that provide EMS or rescue services are eligible to apply for EMS programs; they are not usually reserved for EMS-only organizations.

Although every effort was made to compile an accurate listing of programs, some may have inadvertently been overlooked. These programs may not have been known to the person contacted in that state, or included in the state literature reviewed. Regardless, this list should provide agencies looking for funds with a good starting point for information about the programs available to them. Further, by seeing the options available in other states, departments may be able to encourage the development of new programs their own state.



Table 3.1 State by State Funding for EMS Programs	
STATE/CONTACT INFORMATION	PROGRAMS
<p>ALABAMA</p> <p>Office of Emergency Medical Services Alabama Dept. of Public Health RSA Tower, 201 Monroe Street Montgomery, AL 36130-1701 (334) 206-5383 FAX (334) 206-5260 www.alapubhealth.org/index.htm</p>	<p>Grants are available through State’s six EMS regions to purchase equipment or fund training.</p> <p>There is no direct aid available from the state. All inquiries for assistance should be directed to the regional offices.</p>
<p>ALASKA</p> <p>Emergency Medical Services DHSS/ Public Health 410 Willoughby , Suite 109 Juneau, AK 99811-0616 (907) 465-3027 FAX (907) 465-4101 www.hss.state.ak.us/dph/ems/ems_home.htm</p>	<p>The Mini-Grant Program provides up to \$2500 per service to be used for training, equipment, etc.</p> <p>Additional aid may be available, especially to agencies deemed “in crisis.” Contact regional EMS offices or the State EMS office for further information.</p>
<p>ARIZONA</p> <p>Bureau of Emergency Medical Services Arizona Department of Health 1651 East Morten, Suite 120 Phoenix, AZ 85020 (602) 255-1170 FAX (602) 255-1134</p>	<p>Provider Grant Program: Grants to local EMS providers for in house training, equipment, supplies, etc. (\$481,000).</p> <p>Tuition Assistance Program: For local EMS providers for training leading to EMT-Basic, EMT-Intermediate, or EMT-Paramedic certification (\$155,000).</p> <p>Special Projects Grants: Grants for field trials, surveys, etc. (\$170,000).</p>
<p>ARKANSAS</p> <p>Division of Emergency Medical Services Arkansas Department of Health 4815 West Markham, Slot 38 Little Rock, AR 72205-3867 (501) 661-2262 FAX (501) 280-4901</p>	<p>X-620 Rural Health Grants, a competitive grant program for rural departments providing EMS and transport.</p>



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<p>CALIFORNIA Emergency Medical Services Authority 1930 9th Street Suite 100 Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 322-4336 FAX (916) 324-2875 www.emsa.cahwnet.gov</p>	<p>Funds may be available through state EMSA offices- contact them for more information.</p> <p>Additional funds may be available for specific special projects.</p> <p><i>Federal Block Grants</i> are available to local agencies.</p>
<p>COLORADO Department of Health EMSD-ADM-A3 4300 Cherry Creek South Denver, CO 80246 (303) 692-2980 FAX (303) 782-0904 www.state.co.us/gov_dir/cdphe_dir/em/emhom.html</p>	<p>Provider Grants: \$2 million for training, equipment and special projects.</p> <p>County Subsidy Program: Approximately \$13,000 per county per year. Must be used to improve EMS and not to pay debts.</p> <p>Emergency Fund: \$100,000 per year is placed in a fund for use in emergencies that seriously jeopardize EMS service in the area.</p> <p>Funds are generated through a \$1 surcharge on motor vehicle registration.</p>
<p>CONNECTICUT Office of Emergency Medical Services Department of Health 410 Capitol Avenue, PO Box 340308 Hartford, CT 06134-0308 (860) 509-7975 FAX (860) 809-7987</p>	<p>There is still no aid for local agencies available directly from the state.</p> <p>Money from the <i>Federal Block Grant Program</i> is used to fund five EMS councils contracted by the state.</p> <p>Some local ambulances reimburse members for training in exchange for service.</p>
<p>DELAWARE Office of Paramedic and EMS Division of Public Health P.O. Box 637 Dover, DE 19903 (302) 739-6637 FAX (302) 739-3008</p>	<p>The State funds 100 percent of ALS training and 60 percent of ALS operations statewide. However, as staffing levels reach 100 percent, the program may change.</p> <p>Volunteer BLS services eligible for grants from the state legislature.</p>



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<p>FLORIDA Bureau of EMS Florida Department of Health 1317 Winewood Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0700 (850) 488-9177 FAX (850) 487-2911 www.state.fl.us/health</p>	<p>County Cash Awards program: Amount received is dependent upon how much the county contributes in tickets and fines. Can be used to improve or expand current EMS system (\$3.5 million).</p> <p>Matching Grant Program: 25-local, 75-state. Available to licensed EMS providers, fire departments and first responder programs. Contact Matching Grant Program, Bureau of EMS, 2002 Old St. Augustine Road, Bldg. D, Tallahassee, FL 32301-4881, (850) 487-1911.</p>
<p>GEORGIA Emergency Medical Services Georgia Dept. of Human Resources 47 Trinity Avenue, Suite 104 Atlanta, GA 30334-5600 (404) 657-6700 FAX (404) 657-4255 www.ph.dhr.state.ga.us/ems/</p>	<p>Federal money divided among 10 EMS regions and the state office. The programs include EMS education, curriculum development, ambulance zoning, EMS for children, system design and implementation, trauma system development, 9-1-1 development and others.</p>
<p>HAWAII Emergency Medical Services/State Dept. of Health 1250 Punchbowl Street Honolulu, HI 96813 (808) 546-4400</p>	<p>Hawaii funds 100 percent of EMS training, operations, and communications.</p>
<p>IDAHO EMS Bureau/Department of Health and Welfare 3092 Elder Street Boise, ID 83720 (208) 334-4000 FAX (208) 334-4015</p>	<p>50/50 matching grant program for any recognized EMS units in the state (\$350,000).</p>
<p>ILLINOIS Division of EMS Illinois Department of Public Health 525 West Jefferson Street Springfield, IL 62761 (217) 785-2080 FAX (217) 785-0253</p>	<p>Regional Ambulance Services Grants: Available to assist medically underserved and predominantly rural counties in the development of regional ambulance service systems.</p> <p>Emergency Medical Services Fund: Disbursed to local agencies for a variety of programs. \$130,000 collected through licensure fees, violations of the EMS Act and fees paid to the trainers of EMS personnel.</p>



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<p>INDIANA Indiana EMS Commission 302 W. Washington, Room E208 IGCS Indianapolis, IN 46204-2258 (317) 232-3980/ (800) 666-7784 FAX (317) 281-4958 www.ai.org/sema/ems.html</p>	<p>Equipment Incentive Grants: Available to local providers for equipment, training, etc. 75/25 matching, up to \$8000, to any recognized EMS unit in the state.</p>
<p>IOWA Emergency Medical Services Iowa Department of Public Health Lucas State Office Building Des Moines, IA 50319-0075 (515) 281-3239 FAX (515) 281-4958 www.idph.state.ia.us/pa/ems.htm</p>	<p>Federal money is distributed throughout the state via the state's EMS regions.</p>
<p>KANSAS Board of Emergency Medical Services 109 S.W. 6th Ave. Topeka, KS 66603-3826 (913) 296-7296 FAX (913) 296-6212 www.ink.org/public/kdem/main.html</p>	<p>State funds go directly from the state legislature to four regional EMS councils (\$100,000).</p> <p><i>Federal Block Grants</i> are available.</p>
<p>KENTUCKY Emergency Medical Services Branch Department for Health Services 275 E. Main Health Services Building Frankfort, KY 40621 (502) 564-8965 FAX (502) 564-6533</p>	<p>Rescue Squad and Ambulance Assistance Program applications made through city or county government. Funds personnel, ambulances, and equipment. Most awards are 50/50 matching grants. Limit on money for ambulances, usually \$15-20,000 per request (\$3 million).</p>



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<p>LOUISIANA Bureau of Emergency Medical Services P.O. Box 94215 Baton Rouge, LA 70804 (502) 342-4881 FAX (504) 342-4876</p>	<p>The state bureau is funded with \$550,000 from the CDC and \$200,000 in self-generated funds. There is no aid to local agencies available through the state.</p>
<p>MAINE Maine Emergency Medical Services 16 Edison Drive Augusta, ME 04330 (207) 287-3953 FAX (207) 287-6251 www.state.me.us/mema/memahome.htm</p>	<p>There are no funds available directly to local agencies through the office of EMS.</p> <p>Some funds may be available through the Department of Highway Safety, the State Legislature and through <i>Federal Block Grants</i>.</p> <p>Maine and New Hampshire collaborate on emergency management courses sponsored by FEMA.</p>
<p>MARYLAND Maryland Institute for EMS Systems (MIEMSS) 653 West Pratt Street Baltimore, MD 21201-1536 (410) 706-5074 FAX (410) 706-4768 www.miemss.umab.edu/</p>	<p>The state provides funds for EMS training, recertification, specialized courses, and training aids for departments coordinating their own training.</p> <p>State 508 grant funds are available for fire, rescue and EMS.</p> <p>Section 402 funds are available through the Department of Transportation for ambulances.</p> <p>MIEMSS offers subsidized training.</p>
<p>MASSACHUSETTS Office of Emergency Medical Services Department of Public Health 470 Atlantic Avenue, Second Floor Boston, MA 02210 (617) 753-8300 FAX (617) 753-8350 www.state.ma.us/dph/oems</p>	<p>Funds are distributed by the state to regional EMS offices.</p> <p>There are no funds available from the state to local agencies at this time.</p>



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<p>MICHIGAN Division of Emergency Medical Services Michigan Dept. of Public Health P.O. Box 30195 Lansing, MI 48909 (517) 241-3018</p>	<p>There is no financial aid available to local agencies at this time.</p>
<p>MINNESOTA EMS Regulatory Board 2829 University Avenue, Suite 310 Minneapolis, MN 55414-3222 (612) 627-6000 FAX (612) 627-5442 www.emsrb.state.mn.us</p>	<p>State funds are distributed to 8 local EMS regions, which can then choose how to distribute it (in the form of grants, loans, training, etc.)</p> <p>Additional funds may also be available to train volunteers.</p>
<p>MISSISSIPPI Emergency Medical Services State Dept. of Health P. O. Box 1700 Jackson, MS 39215-1700 (601) 987-3880 FAX (601) 987-3993</p>	<p>Funds are based on fees collected from traffic citations. \$5 per moving violation is used for a trauma registry and \$5 per moving violation helps non-funded trauma hospitals. The amount available varies from year to year.</p> <p>Funds may also be available through Trauma Bill 996.</p>
<p>MISSOURI Bureau of Emergency Medical Services Missouri Dept. of Health PO Box 570 Jefferson City, MO 65102 (573) 751-6356 FAX (573) 526-4102</p>	<p>There is no financial aid available to local agencies at this time.</p>
<p>MONTANA Emergency Medical Services Bureau Dept. of Health/Environmental Sciences Cogswell Building Helena, MT 59620 (406) 444-3895 FAX (406) 444-1814</p>	<p>There is no financial aid available to local agencies at this time.</p>



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<p>NEBRASKA Division of Emergency Medical Services 301 Centennial Mall S., 3rd Floor Box 95007 Lincoln, NE 68509-5007 (402) 471-0124 FAX (402) 471-6446 www.hhs.state.ne.us/ems/emsindex.htm</p>	<p>All EMS training and related support functions (such as CISM and infection control) are provided by the state.</p> <p>Hepatitis B vaccinations are available through the state.</p>
<p>NEVADA Emergency Medical Services Office Nevada State Health Division 1550 College Parkway #158 Carson City, NV 89710 (702) 687-3065 FAX (702) 687-6588</p>	<p>Training subsidies are available (\$13,000).</p> <p><i>Federal 402 funds</i> available for purchasing pagers, extrication equipment, etc.</p> <p>Grant program aimed at volunteers - \$16,000 based on fees for certification.</p>
<p>NEW HAMPSHIRE Bureau of Emergency Medical Services Health and Welfare Building 6 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03301-6527 (603) 271-4568 FAX (603) 271-3745 www.nhoem.state.nh.us/</p>	<p>EMS is 77% federally funded, with the remaining 23% financed by the state general fund.</p> <p>BLS Training Fund available to local agencies.</p> <p>Additional training may be available through a collaboration of the NHOEM and Maine in emergency management courses sponsored by FEMA.</p>
<p>NEW JERSEY Emergency Medical Services State Dept. of Health, CN-367 Trenton, NJ 08625-0367 (609) 292-7000 FAX (609) 292-3580 www.state.nj.us/health/hlthems.htm</p>	<p>Funds are available through the state's Department of Community Affairs for non-profit volunteer squads. The majority of these funds are available as loans and can be used to reimburse volunteer EMS squads.</p> <p>Some grants may be available through an EMS Training Fund for basic and continuing education.</p>
<p>NEW MEXICO Dept. of Health P.O. Box 26110 Santa Fe, NM 87502-6110 (505) 476-7000 FAX (505) 827-1410</p>	<p>Grants up to \$20,000 per agency are available from the EMS fund.</p> <p>\$3,000 available to any recognized EMS organization for training, equipment, and supplies.</p>



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<p>NEW YORK Bureau of EMS Department of Health 433 River Street, Suite 303 Troy, NY 12180 (518) 407-0996 FAX (518) 407-0985</p>	<p>EMS training program for volunteers (\$8 million).</p> <p>Assistance to local squads through 17 regional centers, with dispatch, protocols, medical control, data collection and training. (\$2.8 million).</p> <p>Counties that submit comprehensive health plans including EMS components can receive up to 40 percent of training and communications costs (\$1.5 million).</p> <p>Legislative Add-on Contracts: Squads approach their local legislator for special funding projects. About 40 are funded each year.</p> <p>Statewide EMS Annual Fund of \$16.3 million. 50% will be allocated for local EMS training.</p>
<p>NORTH CAROLINA Office of Emergency Medical Services 701 Barbour Drive (27603) P.O. Box 29530 Raleigh, NC 27626-0530 (919) 733-2285 FAX (919) 733-7021</p>	<p>Funds are provided through 18 regional EMS councils. Grants are available to hospitals for Paramedic training programs. EMS systems development grants are available for administrative functions, equipment, etc.</p> <p>EMS agencies may qualify for funds through the State Volunteer Rescue/EMS Fund or the Rescue Squad Workers' Relief Fund (Department of Insurance, Fire/Rescue Division.)</p>
<p>NORTH DAKOTA Division of Emergency Health Services Dept. of Health/Health Resources 600 E. Boulevard Avenue Bismarck, ND 58505-0200 (701) 328-2388 FAX (701) 328-1890 www.health.state.nd.us/ndhd/resource/dehs/dehs.htm</p>	<p>Grants of \$250 are available to any newly trained Emergency Medical Technician agreeing to stay with his or her squad for 6 months.</p> <p>\$1200 is available to EMS agencies to fund continuing education for providers.</p>
<p>OHIO Department of Public Safety-Division of EMS PO Box 182073/1970 W. Broad Street Columbus, OH 43218-1073 (614) 466-9447 FAX (614) 466-0433 www.state.oh.us/odps/division/ems</p>	<p>One grant program exists. Funds can be used for training, equipment, etc.</p> <p>Some grants and subsidized training may be available through the Ohio Fire Academy.</p>



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<p>OKLAHOMA Emergency Medical Services Department of Health 1000 NE 10th, Room 1104 Oklahoma City, OK 73117-1299 (405) 271-4027 FAX (405) 271-3442 www.health.state.ok.us</p>	<p>There is no financial aid to local departments available at this time.</p>
<p>OREGON Emergency Medical Services and Systems Department of Human Resources 800 NE Oregon Street Portland, OR 97232 (503) 731-4011 FAX (503) 731-4077</p>	<p>There is no financial aid to local departments available at this time.</p>
<p>PENNSYLVANIA Division of Emergency Medical Services Health & Welfare Building Room 1033 Harrisburg, PA 17108 (717) 787-8741 FAX (717) 772-0910 www.health.state.pa.us/hpa/ems</p>	<p>EMS Operating Funds (EMSOF) are distributed through regional offices to local squads for ambulance and rescue services.</p> <p>Grants are available: 50/50 grants to urban departments, 60/40 grants to rural departments. Funds may be used for various EMS needs, including communications, radios, protective equipment, and supplies.</p> <p>Low-interest (2 percent) loans available through the State Fire Commissioner’s Office of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) Volunteer Loan Assistance Program for fire, rescue, and emergency medical service departments. Can be used for vehicles, equipment, building construction and renovation, protective gear, and communications.</p>
<p>RHODE ISLAND Emergency Medical Services Division Department of Health, Room 404 3 Capitol Hill Providence, RI 02908-5097 (401) 222-2401 FAX (401) 277-6548</p>	<p>There is no financial aid to local departments available at this time.</p>



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<p>SOUTH CAROLINA Emergency Medical Services Division Department of Health and Environmental Control 2600 Bull Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803) 737-7204 FAX (803) 737-7212 www.state.sc.us/dhec/</p>	<p>Grant-in-aid program provides grants for the improvement of local EMS agencies, the purchase of equipment, training and support services such as quality assurance.</p> <p>Grants may be available for special programs, prevention programs, and EMS systems development.</p>
<p>SOUTH DAKOTA Emergency Medical Services Programs-Dept. of Health 118 West Capitol Street Pierre, SD 57501 (605) 773-4779 FAX (605) 773-5863 www.state.sd.us/state/executive/doh/doh.html</p>	<p>Funding/technical assistance is available through the state Department of Agriculture, Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry.</p> <p>Grants may also be available from the Office of Highway Safety.</p>
<p>TENNESSEE Division of EMS-Department of Health First Floor, Cordell Hull Building 425 Avenue, North Nashville, TN 37247-0701 (615) 741-2584 FAX (615) 741-4217 www.state.tn.us/health</p>	<p>No funds are available directly from the state.</p> <p>The state Emergency Management Agency offers HAZMAT training.</p>
<p>TEXAS Emergency Medical Services Division-Dept. of Health 1100 West 49th Street Austin, TX 78756-3199 (512) 834-6740 FAX (615) 834-6376 www.tdh.texas.gov/hcqs/ems/emshome.htm</p>	<p>EMS Local Grants Program provides grants to local agencies. There is a limit of \$35,000 on ambulance purchases. Contact Texas Department of Health, attn: Local Projects, (512) 834-6700.</p>
<p>UTAH Bureau of Emergency Medical Services-Dept. of Health 288 N. 1460 West Salt Lake City, UT 84116 (801) 538-6435 FAX (801) 538-6808 www.health.state.ut.us/ems</p>	<p>Local grants available: 50% are apportioned on a per capita population basis, and 50% are distributed through a competitive grants program.</p> <p>An additional training program funding high school training also exists.</p>



Table 3.1 State by State Funding for EMS Programs (Continued)	
STATE/CONTACT INFORMATION	PROGRAMS
<p>VERMONT Emergency Medical Services Division Department of Health Box 70, 108 Cherry Street Burlington, VT 15402-0700 (802) 863-7310 FAX (802) 863-7577</p>	<p>There is no direct financial aid available to local agencies at this time, however, indirect assistance, through subsidized training programs, may be available.</p>
<p>VIRGINIA Office of Emergency Medical Services State Department of Health 1538 E. Parham Road Richmond, VA 23228 (804) 371-3500 FAX (804) 371-3543 www.vdh.state.va.us/oems</p>	<p>Rescue Squad Assistance Fund provides competitive grants for EMS and rescue equipment. The Recruitment and Retention Mini-Grant Program awards \$1500 per agency or \$5000 per district for recruitment projects. ALS training is subsidized with ALS Training Grants. The state coordinates search and rescue training.</p> <p>In the event of a disaster that overwhelms local EMS agencies, the state will mobilize EMS Disaster Task Forces.</p>
<p>WASHINGTON EMS and Trauma Systems Department of Health P.O. Box 47853 Olympia, WA 98504-7853 (360) 703-7600 FAX (360) 705-6706 www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/emtp/default.htm</p>	<p>State funds are distributed through contracts with the state's 8 regional EMS councils. Their contracts include training and they can choose to disperse the funds however they wish.</p> <p>Funds are available to trauma care providers. Both participation grants and need grants are available. Preference is given to those who want to become trauma certified.</p>
<p>WEST VIRGINIA Emergency Medical Services West Virginia Department of Health 1411 Virginia Street East, 2nd Floor Charleston, WV 25301 (304) 558-3956 FAX (304) 558-1437</p>	<p>The West Virginia State Legislature has funding available for special EMS projects. Agencies should apply, in writing, to individual legislators for specific projects.</p> <p>The Office of Community and Rural Health Services, in cooperation with the Health Care Authority, has grants and loans available for funding crises and improves services to stimulate vertical and horizontal collaboration.</p> <p>The Office of Rural Health Policy has community-based mini-grants available for injury prevention activities.</p>



Table 3.1 State by State Funding for EMS Programs (Continued)	
STATE/CONTACT INFORMATION	PROGRAMS
<p>WISCONSIN Emergency Medical Services Division of Health P.O. Box 309 Madison, WI 53701-0309 (608) 266-9781 FAX (608) 267-3696 www.dhfs.state.wi.us/reg%5flicens/dohprog/ems/emsindex.html</p>	<p>Act 102, the EMS Funding Assistance Program, has an annual allotment of \$2.2 million, with \$800,000 specifically set aside for EMT training tuition. The remainder is used for local assistance. Direct payments are made to Primary Care Providing Organizations-\$3,588 plus \$.03 per person served.</p>
<p>WYOMING Emergency Medical Services Program State of Wyoming Hathaway Building, Room 527 Cheyenne, WY 82002 (307) 777-7955 FAX (307) 777-5369</p>	<p>No funds available through the state EMS office.</p> <p>Some funds may be available through the State Land & Farm Loan Program</p> <p>The state supports a CISD team.</p>



STATE FUNDING SOURCES — FIRE/RESCUE SERVICES

Many state resources are available to assist local fire departments. State agencies that specialize in health, education, transportation, or insurance may have programs available to fire departments and emergency medical service organizations, in addition to the programs from the state fire marshal's office or other state fire agencies. Rural fire departments or departments that face wildland or wildland-urban interface firefighting may be eligible for state or federal assistance through state departments of forestry, interior, farm bureaus, or similar agencies.

Funds may be available directly through low interest loans or grant programs, or indirectly through subsidized training courses. Financial savings may be available through state contract equipment purchasing plans. Some of these state programs are financed by federal funds that are administered at the state level.

Table 3.2 provides an outline of services available on a state-by-state basis. Federally funded programs are listed in *italics*. Note the disparity in state programs from state to state. Some small states have large programs, and some large states have no programs. The programs on the list are subject to change, as their funding often depends upon annual appropriations from the state or federal governments. Local fire departments should check with several agencies in their state to find out exactly what programs are currently available and what programs may

become available in the future. While there may be additional programs, the list should give fire departments a starting place for finding out about their state's programs, and show the range available in other states.



Table 3.2 State by State Funding for Fire/Rescue Programs	
STATE/CONTACT INFORMATION	PROGRAMS
<p>ALABAMA State Fire Marshal Department of Insurance 135 S. Union Street, Room 140 Montgomery, AL 36130-3552 (334) 241-4166 FAX (334) 241-4192</p>	<p>Funds are available through the Department of Forestry for rural, volunteer fire departments.</p> <p>Any firefighter, career or volunteer, can take a course at the state fire college. Some classes are free due to funding from <i>FEMA</i> while others are available at a nominal cost.</p>
<p>ALASKA State Fire Marshal Division of Fire Prevention Dept. of Public Safety 5700 E. Tudor Road Anchorage, AK 99507-1225 (907) 269-5491 FAX (907) 338-4375 www.dps.state.ak.us/fire</p>	<p><i>Rural Community Fire Protection Grants (RCFP)</i> are available through the Division of Forestry to volunteer fire departments that serve a population under 10,000. These are 50/50 matching grants, up to \$5,000 per department.</p> <p>The Fire Service Technical Assistance Section provides technical assistance and sponsors training through its regional offices. (907) 269-5789, FAX (907) 338-4375.</p> <p>Departments may be able to participate in fleet purchasing of fire apparatus through the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.</p>
<p>ARIZONA State Fire Marshal Dept. of Building and Fire Safety 1540 W. Van Buren Phoenix, AZ 85007-2414 (602) 255-4072 FAX (602) 255-4961</p> <p>Fire Management Division State Land Department www.land.state.az.us</p>	<p>A 2.2% Fire Insurance Premium Tax is used to maintain a pension fund for career and volunteer personnel.</p> <p>The Fire District Assistance Tax stems from property taxes and funds go directly from the state to the fire districts, up to \$300,000 per district, who can then distribute the money to local fire departments.</p> <p>The Fire Management Division of the State Land Department sponsors some training.</p>



Table 3.2 State by State Funding for Fire/Rescue Programs (Continued)	
STATE/CONTACT INFORMATION	PROGRAMS
<p>ARKANSAS State Fire Academy SAU Tech Station P.O. Box 3499 Camden, AR 71701 (870) 574-1524</p> <p>Arkansas Forestry Commission 3821 West Roosevelt Road Little Rock, AR 72204 (501) 296-1940 FAX (501) 296-1949 www.forestry.state.ar.us</p>	<p>Training through the state academy is free to anyone, career or volunteer, affiliated with a recognized fire department in the state of Arkansas.</p> <p>Grants are available to rural, volunteer fire departments through the Arkansas Forestry Commission. These are 50/50 matching grants, up to \$5,000 per department.</p>
<p>CALIFORNIA Office of the State Fire Marshal 1416 Ninth Street, Room 1505 PO Box 944246 Sacramento, CA 94244-2460 (916) 653-7097 FAX (916) 653-4171 www.fire.ca.gov</p>	<p>There is no direct assistance available to local agencies at this time. The state receives federal funds and distributes that money to local jurisdictions (counties, fire districts.)</p>
<p>COLORADO Division of Fire Safety-Dept. Public Safety 700 Kipling Street, Suite 1000 Denver, CO 80215-5865 (303) 239-4463 FAX (303) 239-4405 www.state.co.us/gov_dir/cdps/dfs.htm</p>	<p>Funds are available for HAZMAT training.</p> <p>The state also coordinates firefighter training, but students must pay for the courses.</p> <p>Technical assistance is also available.</p>
<p>CONNECTICUT Commission on Fire Prevention and Control State Fire Administrator PO Box 3383 Windsor Locks, CT 06906-3383 (860) 627-6363 FAX (860) 659-1889 www.state.ct.us/cfpc</p>	<p>The state subsidizes in-service training.</p> <p>Through Limited Access Highway Reimbursement Fund, volunteer fire departments that respond for vehicle fires or extrications on certain highways in the state are eligible for \$100 per call for each company that responds. Fire companies can also be designated to respond on certain stretches of roadway and are paid \$100 per year for this service in addition to the \$100 per call.</p>



Table 3.2 State by State Funding for Fire/Rescue Programs (Continued)	
STATE/CONTACT INFORMATION	PROGRAMS
<p>DELAWARE</p> <p>Fire Prevention Commission 1463 Chestnut Grove Road State Fire Service Center Dover, DE 19904-9610 (302) 739-4773 FAX (302) 739-6245</p> <p>State Fire Marshal 1537 Chestnut Grove Road State Fire Service Center Dover, DE 19904-9610 (302) 739-5665 FAX (302) 739-3696</p> <p>Delaware State Fire School Louis J. Amabili Training Center 1461 Chestnut Grove Road Dover, DE 19904-9610 (302) 739-4773 FAX (302) 739-6245</p> <p>www.state.de.us/dvfa/index.html</p>	<p>Tax Rebate funds are available through county and city governments based on the value of insurance policies in the county/city.</p> <p>Grant-in-Aid funds are available from the state general funds.</p> <p>Matching funds available for fire prevention programs.</p> <p>State general funds purchase automobile extrication equipment.</p> <p>State funds all critical incident stress debriefing programs.</p> <p>State funds are available to develop infrastructure for 800 Mhz radio systems.</p> <p>Low interest loans may be available.</p> <p>Departments are able to purchase items at state contract provides.</p> <p>Training is partially subsidized.</p> <p>Fire departments are given first choice of items sold through the Delaware Surplus Services Program.</p> <p>Scholarships may be available at community colleges.</p>
<p>FLORIDA</p> <p>State Fire Marshal Department of Insurance Larson Building 200 E. Gaines Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0300 (850) 922-3170 FAX (850) 922-1235</p> <p>Florida State Fire College (352) 732-1330 www.fsfc.ufl.edu</p>	<p>One grant program is available through the Fire Marshal's Office, the Florida Fire and Emergency Service Instructional Network Grant. Fire departments that are geographically unable to train at the state fire college are eligible to receive computer hardware and software (valued in excess of \$4000).</p> <p>Numerous training opportunities are available through Florida State Fire College.</p>



Table 3.2 State by State Funding for Fire/Rescue Programs (Continued)	
STATE/CONTACT INFORMATION	PROGRAMS
<p>GEORGIA State Fire Marshal Office of the Comptroller General-Dept. of Insurance Floyd Building, 620 W. Tower, Room 716 No. 2, Martin Luther King Jr., SW Atlanta, GA 30334 (404) 656-2064 FAX (404) 657-6971</p> <p>Georgia Fire Academy 1000 Indian Springs Drive Forsyth, GA 31029-9599 (912) 993-4670</p>	<p>Training is available free through the state fire academy.</p> <p>Other programs and technical assistance may be available through the Fire Marshal's Office or the Georgia Forestry Commission.</p> <p>The Georgia Firemen's Pension Fund is available to firefighters in departments with an ISO rating of 8 or lower. Dues are \$15 per month and full retirement is available at 55 with 25 years of service. Contact: Georgia Firemen's Pension Fund, (404) 370-5070.</p>
<p>HAWAII State Fire Council Administrator Department of Labor and Industrial Relations 3375 Koapaka St., Ste. H-425 Honolulu, HI 96819-1869 (808) 831-7771 FAX (808) 831-7777</p>	<p>County of Hawaii is the only county in the state that has volunteers.</p>
<p>IDAHO Idaho State Fire Marshal Department of Insurance 700 W. State Street, Third Floor Boise, ID 87320 (208) 334-4250 FAX (208) 334-3498 www.doi.state.id.us/firemars/firemars.htm</p>	<p><i>Community Development Block Grants</i> are available through the Department of Commerce, (208) 334-2470, for infrastructure improvement (i.e. building fire stations.)</p> <p>There are no loans/grants available for operational items at this time. The state runs a firefighter training facility, however, there are no subsidies and firefighters must pay the going rate.</p>
<p>ILLINOIS Fire Marshal's Office 1035 Stevenson Drive Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 785-1021 FAX (217) 782-1062 www.state.il.us/osfm</p> <p>Dept. of Natural Resources-Division of Forest Resources (217) 782-2361</p>	<p>A grant-in-aid program is available to reimburse departments for the costs of firefighter training. It is only available to departments whose municipalities have passed ordinances approving participation in the program.</p> <p><i>RCFP</i> grants are available through the Division of Forest Resources. Grants are 50/50 matching, up to \$5,000.</p>



Table 3.2 State by State Funding for Fire/Rescue Programs (Continued)	
STATE/CONTACT INFORMATION	PROGRAMS
<p>INDIANA Department of Fire and Building Services Indiana Government Center South 402 W. Washington Street, Room E241 Indianapolis, IN 46204-2739 (317) 232-2226 FAX (317) 233-0307 www.state.in.us/sema/osfm.html</p> <p>Division of Forestry (317) 232-4105</p>	<p>There is no direct financial assistance available to local agencies at this time. Free training may be available through the Public Service Training Institute. SEMA offers HAZMAT training funded by the <i>Federal SARA III Program</i>.</p> <p>Fire Departments may be eligible for Community Focus Fund Grants through the Department of Commerce. The Division of Forestry administers the Federal <i>RCFP</i> grant program and the <i>Federal Excess Property Program</i>.</p>
<p>IOWA State Fire Marshal 621 E. Second Street Des Moines, IA 50309 (515) 281-5821 FAX (515) 242-6299 www.state.ia.us/government/dps/fm/isfm.html</p> <p>Fire Service Institute Iowa State University Ames, IA 50011-3100 (515) 294-6817</p>	<p>Volunteer fire departments only are eligible for a \$850/year grant for training and/or PPE through the State Fire Marshal's Office. A grant program is available through the Department of Economic Development for varying amounts. It is available to clusters of communities that apply together in order to assess their emergency services needs and determine ways to share resources.</p> <p>The state provides fund, technical assistance and training through the Fire Service Institute.</p> <p><i>Federal funds (RCFP and FEPP)</i> are available through the Forests and Forestry Division of the Department of Natural Resources.</p>
<p>KANSAS State Fire Marshal 700 SW Jackson, Suite 600 Topeka, KS 66603-3714 (913) 296-3401 FAX (913)296-0151</p>	<p>There is no direct financial assistance available to local agencies at this time.</p> <p>Training may be available at little or no cost.</p> <p>The Kansas Forest Service administers the <i>FEPP</i>.</p>



Table 3.2 State by State Funding for Fire/Rescue Programs (Continued)	
STATE/CONTACT INFORMATION	PROGRAMS
<p>KENTUCKY Kentucky Fire Commission 1047 US Rt. 127 South, Suite 5 Frankfort, KY 40601-4337 (502) 564-3473 FAX (502) 564-6552 www.state.ky.us/agencies/housing/firecomm.htm</p>	<p>The Incentive Pay Program pays out a \$2,500 stipend to career firefighters who complete 400 hours of training in their first year of employment and 100 hours of continuing education annually.</p> <p>The State Aid Fund provides up to \$500 per year to volunteer fire departments.</p> <p>The Regional Training Facility Grant Program allots \$200,000 per year to upgrade regional training centers around the state.</p> <p>The Low Income Loan Program lends up to \$50,000 at 3% interest for up to 12 years with payments withheld from the annual state volunteer aid check.</p> <p>Up to a \$50,000 death benefit is paid to survivors (dependents) of a firefighter killed in the line of duty. The firefighter’s spouse and children are also entitled to free education at any Kentucky state university or vocational school.</p> <p>Hepatitis-B vaccinations are paid for by the state.</p> <p>The state pays Worker’s Compensation for volunteers.</p>
<p>LOUISIANA Department of Public Safety and Corrections State Fire Marshal 5150 Florida Boulevard Baton Rouge, LA 70806 (504) 925-4911 FAX (504) 925-4241 www.dps.state.la.us/sfm/index.htm</p> <p>Louisiana State University State Firemen Training Center 6868 Nicholson Extension Baton Rouge, LA 70803 (504) 706-0600</p>	<p>The Louisiana Department of Treasury redistributes 2 percent fire insurance tax to local parishes for firefighter welfare.</p> <p>The state subsidizes training to volunteer firefighters through a .25% fire insurance tax.</p> <p>Supplemental pay is available to full-time firefighters each month through the Office of Management & Finance.</p> <p><i>Federal Block Grants</i> are available for hydrants, trucks, etc.</p> <p>The State Fire Marshal’s Office buys volunteer firefighters insurance for local departments that submit their rosters.</p>



Table 3.2 State by State Funding for Fire/Rescue Programs (Continued)	
STATE/CONTACT INFORMATION	PROGRAMS
<p>MAINE Maine State Fire Marshal Department of Public Safety 52 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0087 (207) 287-3473 FAX (207) 287-5163</p>	<p><i>RCFP</i> and <i>FEPP</i> are available through the Forest Fire Control Division of the Maine Forest Service.</p>
<p>MARYLAND State Fire Marshal Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services 300 East Joppa Road, Suite 1002 Towson, MD 21286 (410) 339-4200 FAX (410) 339-4215</p> <p>Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI) University of Maryland 6200 Pontiac Street Berwyn Heights, MD 20740 (301) 220-7240 FAX (301) 220-0923 www.mfri.org</p>	<p>Grants are available for capital improvements through the Fire, Rescue and Ambulance Fund.</p> <p>The Volunteer Emergency Assistance Trust Fund is administered through the county commissioner/treasurer in each county and is available to departments that have suffered a major disaster that has limited their ability to provide service up to state standards.</p> <p>Free training is available through MFRI to anyone affiliated with an accredited fire department in the state.</p>
<p>MASSACHUSETTS Department of Public Safety Department of Fire Services P. O. Box 1025 Stow, MA 01775 (978) 567-3100 FAX (978) 567-3121</p> <p>Massachusetts Firefighting Academy (978) 567-3200 FAX (978) 567-3121 www.state.ma.us/dfs/dfshome.htm</p>	<p>Training at the state academy is free to anyone affiliated with a recognized fire department in the state. The academy is funded by an assessment on the insurance industry.</p> <p>Technical assistance is available through the state Department of Fire Services.</p> <p><i>RCFP</i> (up to \$2,000 per department) and <i>FEPP</i> grants are available through the state Department of Environmental Management.</p>



Table 3.2 State by State Funding for Fire/Rescue Programs (Continued)	
STATE/CONTACT INFORMATION	PROGRAMS
<p>MICHIGAN State Fire Marshal Department of State Police 7150 Harris Drive Lansing, MI 48913 (517) 322-5454 FAX (517) 322-5850</p>	<p>The legislature budgets at least \$3,000 per year per county. The counties can then distribute the money however they wish.</p> <p>The state also administers federal programs such as the anti-terrorism initiative.</p> <p><i>RCFP</i> grants (up to \$500 per department) are available through the Department of Natural Resources.</p>
<p>MINNESOTA State Fire Marshal's Office Department of Public Safety 444 Cedar Street, Suite 1145 St. Paul, MN 55101-5145 (612) 215-0500 FAX (612) 205-0525 www.dps.state.mn.us</p>	<p>Loans are available through the state Farm Credit Bureau for equipment, etc.</p> <p>Training is available, funded by <i>federal grants</i> for HAZMAT and the anti-terrorism initiative. Tuition for firefighter education at technical schools may be subsidized.</p> <p>The Division of Forestry administers the <i>RCFP</i> and <i>FEPP</i>.</p>
<p>MISSISSIPPI Fire Programs P.O. Box 22542 Jackson, MS 39225-2542 (601) 359-1062</p> <p>Mississippi Forestry Commission (601) 359-1356 www.mfc.state.ms.us</p> <p>Mississippi Fire Academy www.doi.state.ms.us/fa_home.html</p>	<p>Funds may be available through the state Fire Marshal's Office.</p> <p><i>CDBG</i> available from the Public Facilities Department.</p> <p><i>FEPP</i> available through the Mississippi Forestry Commission.</p>
<p>MISSOURI State Fire Marshal Division of Fire Safety Department of Public Safety P. O. Box 844 Jefferson City, MO 65102 (573) 751-2930 FAX (573) 751-1744</p>	<p>Free training is available through the University of Missouri.</p> <p>Excess vehicles and matching grants may be available through the Department of Conservation.</p> <p>Fire departments may be eligible for <i>CDBG</i> funds through the Department of Economic Development.</p>



Table 3.2 State by State Funding for Fire/Rescue Programs (Continued)	
STATE/CONTACT INFORMATION	PROGRAMS
<p>MONTANA Montana State Fire Marshal Dept. of Justice Criminal Investigation Division 1310 Lockey PO Box 201415 Helena, MT 56920-1415 (406) 444-2050 www.doj.state.mt.us/les/firmarsh.htm</p>	<p>No grant or loan programs available.</p> <p><i>RCFP</i> funds available.</p>
<p>NEBRASKA State Fire Marshal 246 South 14th Street Lincoln, NE 68508 (402) 471-2027 FAX (402) 471-3118</p>	<p>Some state subsidized training may be available.</p> <p><i>RCFP</i> funds are available.</p>
<p>NEVADA State Fire Marshal Capitol Complex 107 Jacobsen Way/Stewart Facility Carson City, NV 89710 (702) 687-4920 FAX (702) 687-5122</p>	<p>Grant funds are available through the state Emergency Response Commission for Haz Mat response training and equipment.</p> <p>Other assistance may be available through the state Fire Marshal's Office.</p>
<p>NEW HAMPSHIRE State Fire Marshal Department of Public Safety 10 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03305 (603) 271-3294 FAX (603) 271-3903</p>	<p>No direct financial assistance is available to local agencies at this time.</p> <p>Subsidized classes and training are available at the NH Fire Academy.</p>



Table 3.2 State by State Funding for Fire/Rescue Programs (Continued)	
STATE/CONTACT INFORMATION	PROGRAMS
<p>NEW JERSEY State Fire Marshal Division of Fire Safety 101 South Broad Street Trenton, NJ 08625-0809 (609) 633-6106 FAX (609) 633-6134</p>	<p>The Volunteer Emergency Service Organization Loan program provides loans of up to \$50,000 at 2% interest over 10 years to volunteer fire departments. The Volunteer Recruitment and Retention program provides guidance and assistance to fire departments in recruiting new members and encouraging existing members to stay.</p> <p>Training opportunities and technical assistance may be available through the Division of Fire Safety.</p>
<p>NEW MEXICO State Fire Marshal Dept. of Insurance 142 W. Palace, P. O. Drawer 1269 Santa Fe, NM 87504-1269 (505) 827-3550 FAX (505) 827-3778</p>	<p>Every recognized department in the state receives funds through the state’s Fire Protection Fund (\$14 million.) Newly created departments are awarded \$100,000 from the fund.</p> <p>Free training may be available.</p> <p>Fire departments may be eligible for low-interest loans through the New Mexico Finance Authority.</p>
<p>NEW YORK State Fire Administrator Office of Fire Prevention and Control-Dept. of State 41 State Street Albany, NY 12231 (518) 474-6746 FAX (518) 474-3240 www.dos.state.ny.us/fire/firewww.html</p>	<p>Federal fire suppression grants are available through SEMO. Approximately \$16 million is available to assorted groups, including fire departments, as part of the member items funded by the legislature.</p> <p>The state sponsors a fire academy.</p> <p>The New York State Emergency Services Loan Program is a 2.5% fixed rate loan program available for equipment, apparatus, etc.</p> <p><i>RCFP</i> grants are available through the state Forestry Division. <i>Federal surplus property</i> is available through the Office of General Services.</p>



Table 3.2 State by State Funding for Fire/Rescue Programs (Continued)	
STATE/CONTACT INFORMATION	PROGRAMS
<p>NORTH CAROLINA Fire & Rescue Commission Department of Insurance P. O. Box 26387 Raleigh, NC 27611 (919) 733-2142 FAX (919) 733-9076 www.ncdoi.com/ncfr</p>	<p>Grants of \$15,000 (matching) and \$3000 (matchless) are available from the Volunteer Rescue/EMS Fund.</p> <p>The Firemen’s Relief Fund provides money for the families of firefighters killed in the line of duty. Funds can also be used for supplemental retirement, educational benefits and to purchase other insurance/pension protection.</p> <p>The Rescue Squad Workers’ Relief fund provides funds to financially assist any rescue or EMS worker in active service from financial loss while performing his/her duties.</p> <p>Grants of up to \$20,000 are available from the Volunteer Fire Department Fund.</p>
<p>NORTH DAKOTA State Fire Marshal PO Box 1054 Bismarck, ND 58502-1054 (701) 328-5555 FAX (701) 328-4880</p> <p>Department of Insurance 600 East Boulevard Bismarck, ND 58505 (701) 328-2930 FAX (701) 328-4880</p>	<p>RCFP grants are available through the North Dakota Forest Service.</p> <p>The Department of Insurance pays fire districts with funds from an assessment on insurance premiums in the state.</p>
<p>OHIO State Fire Marshal Dept. of Commerce 8895 E. Main Street, P.O. Box 525 Reynoldsburg, OH 43068 (614) 752-7167 FAX (614) 752-7213 www.com.state.oh.us/fire/</p>	<p>Grants are available to departments that participate in NFIRS (approximately \$725,000-varies with the legislature every year.)</p> <p>The state fire academy is subsidized through an assessment on fire insurance premiums.</p> <p><i>RCFP</i> grants are available through the Division of Forestry.</p>



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STATE/CONTACT INFORMATION	PROGRAMS
<p>OKLAHOMA State Fire Marshal Department of State Police 4545 Lincoln Boulevard, Suite 280 Oklahoma City, OK 73105 (405) 524-9610 FAX (405) 524-9810</p>	<p>Free training is available through the Oklahoma State University Fire Training Center.</p> <p><i>RCFP</i> grants are available through the Department of Agriculture.</p> <p>\$500 grants and many other programs are available through rural fire coordinators. Contact rural coordinator for more details.</p>
<p>OREGON State Fire Marshal Department of State Police 4760 Portland Road, NE Salem, OR 97305-1760 (503) 378-1825 FAX (503) 373-1825</p>	<p>Public education grants may be available to fire departments.</p> <p>No grants are available from the state for training, operations, etc. at this time.</p> <p>Scholarships may be available from organizations such as the Volunteer Firefighters Association, etc.</p>
<p>PENNSYLVANIA State Fire Commissioner's Office Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) P. O. Box 3321 Harrisburg, PA 17105-3321 (717) 651-2200 FAX (717) 651-2210 www.state.pa.us/pa_exec/osfc/index.htm</p>	<p><i>RCFP</i> grants and <i>FEPP</i> are available through the Bureau of Forestry.</p> <p>Low interest (2%) loan financing to volunteer fire, rescue and emergency medical service units seeking to acquire or upgrade equipment, apparatus or facilities through Office of the State Fire Commissioner.</p>
<p>RHODE ISLAND State Fire Marshal 272 W. Exchange St. Providence, RI 02903 (401) 277-2335 FAX (401) 273-1222</p>	<p>There is no financial aid available to local agencies at this time.</p>



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<p>SOUTH CAROLINA State Fire Marshal Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation 141 Monticello Trail Columbia, SC 29203 (803) 896-9806 FAX (803) 896-9806</p>	<p>State supported fire academy.</p> <p><i>RCFP</i> grants are available through the Department of Forestry.</p> <p><i>Federal Excess Property</i> is available through the local Forestry Commission County Rangers.</p>
<p>SOUTH DAKOTA State Fire Marshal Dept. of Commerce & Regulation 118 W. Capitol Avenue Pierre, SD 57501-2036 (605) 773-3562 FAX (605) 773-6631</p>	<p>Assistance is available through the Department of Agriculture, Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry.</p> <p><i>Federal surplus property</i> is available through the Office of Federal Surplus Property.</p>
<p>TENNESSEE State Fire Marshal Department of Commerce and Insurance 500 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243 (615) 741-2981 FAX (615) 741-1583</p> <p>Dept. of Economic and Community Development (615) 741-3282</p> <p>Department of Agriculture Division of Forestry (615) 360-0720</p> <p>Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (615) 741-0001</p> <p>Board of Regents (University System) (615) 366-4400</p>	<p>Funds for the purchase of fire apparatus and equipment.</p> <p><i>CDBG</i> provide between \$2.5 and \$4 million per year for competitive grants including grants to fire departments.</p> <p><i>RCFP</i> and <i>FEPP</i> are available through the Division of Forestry.</p> <p>HAZMAT and emergency management training available through TEMA.</p> <p>Other subsidized training may be available through the university system and the Board of Regents.</p> <p>State funded dry hydrant program.</p>



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<p>TEXAS Commission on Fire Protection P.O. Box 2286 Austin, TX 78768-2286 (512) 918-7100 FAX (512) 918-7107</p>	<p>Fire Dept. Emergency Fund provides \$1 million in grants/ low-interest loans to departments with critical equipment needs.</p> <p>The Texas Forest Service administers <i>RCFP</i> and <i>FEPP</i>.</p>
<p>UTAH State Fire Marshal Department of Public Safety 5272 South College Drive, Suite 302 Murray, UT 84123 (801) 284-6530 FAX (801) 284-6351</p>	<p>Classes are offered at little or no cost through the Utah Fire and Rescue Academy.</p> <p>The Division of Forestry administers <i>RCFP</i> and <i>FEPP</i>.</p>
<p>VERMONT Fire Prevention Division Department of Labor & Industry National Life Bldg., Drawer 20 Montpelier, VT 05720-3401 (801) 828-2106 FAX (801) 965-2195</p> <p>Fire Service Training Council (802) 483-9407</p>	<p>No grant or loan programs are available at this time. Some subsidized training may be available.</p>
<p>VIRGINIA State Fire Marshal Department of Housing and Community Development Jackson Center 501 North Second Street Richmond, VA 23219-1321 (804) 371-7150 FAX (804) 371-7092</p> <p>Dept. of Forestry (804) 977-6555</p>	<p><i>RCFP</i> grants are available through the Department of Forestry.</p> <p>For communities that are eligible, the state Department of Forestry will install dry hydrants for free.</p>



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<p>WASHINGTON State Fire Marshal Washington State Patrol P. O. Box 42600 Olympia, WA 98504-2600 (360) 753-0400 FAX (360) 586-1628 www.wa.gov/wsp/fire/firemars.htm</p> <p>Department of Natural Resources Fire Prevention Program Coordinator (360) 902-1315 www.wa.gov/dnr</p>	<p>The Department of Natural Resources administers <i>FEPP</i>.</p> <p>Subsidized training may be available through the state fire academy.</p> <p>Wildland firefighter training scholarships are available through the Department of Natural Resources and are subsidized with <i>RCFP</i> funds.</p>
<p>WEST VIRGINIA State Fire Marshal 1207 Quarrier Street, Second Floor Charleston, WV 25301 (304) 558-2191 FAX (304) 558-2537</p>	<p>Every department recognized by the state receives funds from a 1% insurance tax premium. In order to receive and maintain these funds, departments must participate in NFIRS.</p>
<p>WISCONSIN State Fire Marshal Department of Justice 123 W. Washington Avenue Madison, WI 53702 (608) 266-1671 FAX (608) 267-2777</p> <p>Dept. of Military Affairs/ Div. of Emergency Mgmt. (608) 242-3228 badger.state.wi.us/agencies/dma</p> <p>Fire Safety Consultants, Safety and Buildings Division Department of Commerce (608) 845-5375</p> <p>Department of Natural Resources (608) 242-3650</p> <p>Wisconsin Technical College System Board (608) 266-1285 www.tec.wi.us</p>	<p>The state coordinates a Volunteer Firemens' Pension Fund.</p> <p><i>RCFP</i> grants are available through the Department of Natural Resources.</p> <p>Technical assistance, code training, code consultation and enforcement support are available from Fire Safety Consultants in the Safety and Buildings Division of the Department of Commerce.</p> <p>The Wisconsin Technical College System Board coordinates fire education and training throughout the state.</p> <p>Regional, level "A" HAZMAT teams are funded by the state. Funding and training assistance are available for the development of county/local level "B" teams.</p>



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<p>WYOMING State Fire Marshal Department of Fire Prevention and Electrical Safety Herschler Building, First Floor, West Cheyenne, WY 82002 (307) 777-7288 FAX (307) 777-7119</p>	<p>Office coordinates training for firefighters in the state. Technical assistance, including investigations and code enforcement, is also available.</p>

