

## COVID-19: Supplemental Funding for Emergency Medical Services

1. Purpose: This paper outlines two supplemental funding options for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agencies affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Scope: This information applies to private non-profit organizations as well as for-profit EMS agencies. This guidance does not apply to government owned and operated EMS agencies.
3. Overview of Existing Supplemental Funding Opportunities:
  - a. *Stafford Act Emergency and/or Major Disaster Declaration (Stafford Act)*: Emergency protective measures to save lives and protect public health (including emergency medical care and transport) are eligible for reimbursement under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Public Assistance program. State, territorial, tribal, and local government entities and [certain private non-profit organizations](#) are eligible to apply for Public Assistance. FEMA assistance will be provided at a 75 percent federal cost share and may not duplicate assistance provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services or other federal agencies.
  - b. *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)*: The Paycheck Protection Program is a loan program administered by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to incentivize small business to keep workers on the payroll. The SBA will forgive loans under this program if certain conditions are met. Private for-profit companies and private non-profit EMS agencies (including tribal ambulance services) are eligible. The maximum amount available to borrow under this program is 2.5 times average total monthly payroll costs, not to exceed \$10 million.
4. References
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