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MEMORANDUM

TO: Non-Profit licensed EMS agencies or other EMS organizations operating on a nonprofit basis exclusively for the benefit of the general public.

FROM: Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services

SUBJECT: 12VAC5-31-2860, EMS System Initiative Awards - FUNDING GRANT OPPORTUNITY – This funding is available for enrollment costs for initial EMS Certification programs from July 1-December 31, 2016.

The Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) is announcing a NO MATCH grant funding opportunity that is available to reimburse non-profit EMS agencies for enrollment costs for initial EMS certification programs. The funding is for programs that start on or after July 1, 2016, and before December 31, 2016, and is based on the OEMS pricing structure.

- Partial funding will be awarded to grant recipients based on the number of students enrolled. The remainder of the awarded funds will be reimbursed at the conclusion of the course based on the number of students certified and affiliated with a Virginia licensed EMS agency.
- The following criteria will be used to review grant applications:
 - Accredited program or the education coordinator identified as the program coordinator must be at or above the 16th percentile
 - Program allows all EMS providers access for continuing education (CE)
 - Amount of fees charged
 - Other sources being used to finance the class
 - Instructors or co-instructors with an enforcement action within the last five years are not eligible
 - Adequate equipment for class size
- Applications for funding are available through the EMS-Grant Information Funding Tool (E-GIFT), along with the EMS System Initiative Awards User Guide available on the OEMS website at <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/oems/Agency/Grants/index.htm>
- Applications must be received through E-GIFT with all appropriate e-signatures by the application deadline, **October 5, 2016**.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, please check our website: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/oems/Agency/Grants/index.htm>
OR contact Amanda Davis, grants manager, Amanda.Davis@vdh.virginia.gov or 804-888-9106.