

Rural Ambulance Service Grant Program



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HB 3000 from 89(R)

HB 3000 (89(R)) established a grant program to support the state purpose of ensuring adequate ground ambulance services by providing financial assistance to qualified rural ambulance service providers in qualified counties.

- Local Government Code Sec. 130.914

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Comptroller's Role

The Comptroller is required to adopt rules necessary to administer the grant program, including:

- A standardized application process, including the form to be used to apply for a grant and the manner of submitting the form;
- Deadlines to
 - Apply for the grant;
 - Disbursement of grant money; and
 - Spend grant money;
- Procedures for
 - Monitoring the disbursement of grant money; and
 - Ensuring the return of grant money that was not used by a county for a permissible purpose

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Annual Grant Amounts Based Upon Population*

Qualified County's Eligibility	
Population Less than 10,000	\$500,000
Population between 10,000 and 68,750	\$350,000

**Populations are determined by the most recent federal census.*

Local Government Code Sec. 130.914(3) defined a "qualified county" as a county that has a population of 68,750 or less

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Uses of Grant Funds

- A qualified county may use or authorize the user of grant money only to purchase an ambulance, including necessary accessories and modifications (Local Govt. Code Sec. 130.914(f))
- Proposed 34 TAC Rule §16.500 provides the following definitions*:
 - Ambulance: A vehicle registered with the Texas Department of State Health Services as an emergency medical service vehicle excluding watercraft and air ambulances.
 - Accessories: Equipment required for emergency medical service vehicles to provide treatment and transportation of adult, pediatric and neonatal patients as described in 25 TAC Chapter 157, Subchapter B, Emergency Medical Services Provider Licenses.

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Uses of Grant Funds

- Proposed 34 TAC Rule §16.504(b) allows the following uses of grant funds*:
 - (1) additional ambulances, including necessary accessories and modifications;
 - (2) necessary accessories and modification to refurbish ambulances that the qualified county or its qualified rural ambulance service providers currently possesses; and
 - (3) necessary registration fees.

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Uses of Grant Funds

- The comptroller may disburse a grant award to a qualified county before the county places an order for an ambulance.
 - Proposed 34 TAC Rule §16.504(b) does not allow for pre-award expenses*.
- The county shall purchase and take possession of an ambulance with money awarded under the grant program not later than the fifth anniversary of the date the county receives the money.
- Until an ambulance becomes available for purchase, the county may deposit the grant funds in an interest-bearing account and may treat any resulting proceeds as grant funds under the grant program.

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Application

- A county may only submit one application per fiscal year, per Local Govt. Code Sec. 130.914(c).
- Counties apply according to their fiscal year (Oct./Jan.), per Local Govt. Code Sec. 130.914(c).

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Application

- County judge applies for the grant.
- Counties may list up to 2 qualified rural ambulance service providers on application.
- A qualified rural ambulance service provider cannot receive more than one grant per fiscal year per Local Government Code Sec. 130.914(c).

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Application Process

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 Last Name
 Email
 County Judge
 Office Type
 County

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Application – County Information

- Electronic application
- Each county must provide:
 - Name of county
 - FY end
 - Contact information for person filling out the form (county judge)
 - Mailing address for the county office
 - Texas Identification Number (TIN)
 - Mail code
 - Electronic certification that the county will not reduce the amount of funds to the respective qualified rural ambulance service provider.

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Application – County Information

- Texas Identification Number (TIN) – 11-digit county or office state payee number
- Mail Code - 3-digit number unique to an office
 - Must have direct deposit for the grant disbursement

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Qualified Rural Ambulance Service Provider

- Defined as “private safety entity or public agency as those terms are defined by Section 772.001, Health and Safety Code, licensed by the Department of State Health Services to provide emergency medical services and operating predominantly in a qualified county”
 - Local Govt. Code Sec. 130.914(a)(4)

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Application – Service Provider Information

- County may submit information for up to two qualified rural ambulance service providers, with their priority choice listed first:
 - Name of qualified rural ambulance service provider
 - Assumed Name/DBA of qualified rural ambulance service provider
 - Mailing address for the qualified rural ambulance service provider
 - Phone number for qualified rural ambulance service provider
 - Tax ID# for qualified rural ambulance service provider
 - Written agreement between the qualified county and the qualified rural ambulance service provider
 - If the county provides the ambulance service, submit information on county letterhead in lieu of agreement with qualified rural ambulance service provider
 - If another entity within the county (ex. ESD or Hospital District) provides the ambulance service, submit the agreement between the entity and the qualified rural ambulance service provider along with a letter from the county regarding the arrangement

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Application Award Process

- The Comptroller's Office developed a formula to determine which county will receive a grant if multiple counties put the same service provider. The formula takes the following into consideration (as required by Local Govt. Code Sec. 130.914(d)):
 - County's average:
 - Per capita taxable property value*
 - Value based on the Texas Comptroller's data for year that corresponds with most recent federal census data
 - Per capita income*; and
 - Value based on U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis data for the year that correlates with the most recent federal census data
 - Unemployment rate*
 - Value based on the Texas Workforce Commission data for the year that correlates with the most recent federal census data

Funding awards are contingent upon funding available and will be determined based on the formula.

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Grant Agreement

- Sent via DocuSign
- Must be signed by grantee/applicant
- Grant agreement must be executed before funds are distributed
- Finalized grant agreement sent via email to grantee
- For all grantees whose service provider is a separate entity, a grantee must enter into a subsequent agreement with the approved qualified rural ambulance service provider. Requirements for the subsequent agreement will be provided with the grant agreement.
- The subsequent agreement must be completed before funding disbursement.

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Budget May Not Be Reduced

- A county may not reduce the amount of funds provided to the approved qualified rural ambulance service provider office because of grant funds.



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Compliance Reports

The county will submit an annual compliance report for 5 years, or in accordance with the grant agreement.

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Compliance Reports

Compliance Report Period for Counties with Oct. 1 FY Start

Open	Close
Oct. 1	Dec. 1

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Compliance Reports

Compliance Report Period for Counties with Jan. 1 FY Start

Open	Close
Jan. 1	Mar. 1

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Annual Compliance Report

- Electronic submission
- Each county will have to provide documentation to support allowability of costs incurred.
- Any unspent grant funds or grant funds spent on unauthorized expenditures under the terms of the grant agreement must be returned to the Comptroller's office after the final compliance review.
- Compliance reports are due within 2 months after the end of the entity's fiscal year.

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Required Documentation

- Purchases documentation
 - Invoices/Purchase Orders
 - Proof of Payment
- County's budget for approved qualified rural ambulance service provider
- Current agreement with qualified rural ambulance service provider, if applicable
- Copy of subsequent agreement with qualified rural ambulance service provider, if applicable

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Ambulance, Accessory and Modification Purchases

Required Information in Compliance Report Submission

- Vendor Name
- Invoice #
- List of items purchased (for every invoice)
- Description and/or use of each item
- Purchase/Invoice Date
- (Estimated) Delivery Date

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FY26 Applications

Applications are open Jan. 1-31, 2026.

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