

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 561

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; AMENDING SECTION 56-1018B, IDAHO
CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING USE OF MONEYS IN THE EMERGENCY MED-
ICAL SERVICES FUND III; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 56-1018B, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
amended to read as follows:

56-1018B. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FUND III. (1) There is hereby
created in the dedicated fund of the state treasury a fund known as the
emergency medical services fund III. Subject to appropriation by the leg-
islature, moneys in the fund shall be used ~~exclusively for the purpose of~~
~~acquiring vehicles and equipment for use by emergency medical services~~
~~personnel in the performance of their duties, which include highway safety~~
~~and emergency response to motor vehicle accidents, training, licensing~~
~~expenses, communication technology, dispatch services, and costs, not to~~
include personnel salaries, associated with assuring the performance of
planned coverage and emergency response, including highway safety and emer-
gency response to motor vehicle accidents.

(2) The bureau of emergency medical services of the department of
health and welfare shall be responsible for distributing moneys from the
fund to qualifying nonprofit and governmental entities that submit an appli-
cation for a grant from the fund. The bureau shall approve grants based on
the following criteria:

(a) The requesting entity is a nonprofit or governmental entity that
holds a current license as an ambulance or nontransport service issued
by the state of Idaho;

(b) The requesting entity has demonstrated need based on criteria es-
tablished by the bureau;

(c) The requesting entity has provided verification that it has re-
ceived the approval and endorsement of a fire district or city or county
within its service area;

(d) The requesting entity has certified that the title to any vehicle
purchased with funds from the fund shall be in the name of the fire dis-
trict or city or county that endorsed the application and shall submit
proof of titling as soon as practicable;

(e) The state of Idaho shall retain a security interest in the vehicle
to secure the performance of the grant recipient to utilize the vehicle
consistent with the intent described in the application.

(3) Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (2) (c) and (d) of
this section, the bureau of emergency medical services is authorized to ap-
prove and issue a grant to an applicant in the absence of an endorsement if
the endorsement is withheld without adequate justification.

1 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
2 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its
3 passage and approval.