GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2011 Biennium

Bill #	HB0085	**Title:**	EMS grant program
Primary Sponsor:	Sands, Diane	**Status:**	As Amended by Public Health, Welfare and Safety

- ☐ Significant Local Gov Impact
- ☑ Needs to be included in HB 2
- ☑ Technical Concerns
- ☐ Included in the Executive Budget
- ☐ Significant Long-Term Impacts
- ☐ Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

FISCAL SUMMARY

	FY 2010 Difference	FY 2011 Difference	FY 2012 Difference	FY 2013 Difference
Expenditures:				
General Fund	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Special Revenue	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$0	$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Special Revenue	$0	$0	$0	$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	$0	$0	$0	$0

Description of fiscal impact: One million dollars of highway non-restricted account funds will be used to support this new emergency medical service grant program. The bill as amended places this grant program within MDT's Planning Division.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

1. One million dollars will be appropriated from the highway non-restricted account provided for in 15-70-125, MCA.
2. The amended bill provides contingent appropriation language within HB 85 in case those amounts placed into HB 2 for the same EMS program fail in HB 2.
3. The appropriation is for the purpose of providing competitive grants to emergency medical services providers and to establish a grant review committee to evaluate and make grant award recommendations to the department.

4. Based on similar state grant programs whose administrative costs averaged between 6%-8%, it is estimated that 7% of the total funds available ($70,000) will be allocated to cover the costs of administering the Emergency Medical Services grant.
5. MDT will establish a grant review committee consisting of one member of the EMS advisory committee, one member from each of the six emergency medical service regions and one member from the Montana state board of medical examiners.
6. The review committee will meet twice a year for two days, at a cost of $5,296 per year. Reimbursement is estimated to be $70 per night for a motel (70 x 2 =140), $23 per day for meals (23 x 2 =46) and $.58 per mile for travel (average of 250 miles x .58 = 145) for a total of $331 per day per member ((140+46+145=331) x 8 x2) = 5,296. These expenditures will be included in the $70,000 administrative funds discussed in assumption #4.
7. MDT will have to hire 0.50 FTE specialized staff with EMS health care grant program specialty at a cost of approximately $27,831 annually. This expenditure is included in the $70,000 administrative funds discussed assumption #4.
8. The cost for developing rules for the administration of emergency medical services grant award program will be included in assumption #4.
9. $930,000 in competitive grants to emergency medical service providers for acquiring or leasing ambulances, emergency response vehicles or for purchasing equipment for the purpose of training, communications or providing medical care to patients will be awarded in each year.
10. Up to 5% of the annual appropriation ($50,000) may be used for documented situations that the department considers to be an emergency and for which an eligible emergency medical service provider cannot pay.
11. Funding may be provided to repair or replace a vehicle or equipment that has been damaged or destroyed.
12. Fiscal impact to MDT is a loss of $1 million per year in revenue to support the department from the Highway Non-restricted Account.
13. MDT does not have excess revenue in the Highway Non-restricted Account to support this transfer. The department will implement a reduction of $1 million in pavement preservation projects to offset the loss in revenue.
14. New Section 13 terminates sections 1 through 8 effective June 30, 2011.

	FY 2010 Difference	FY 2011 Difference	FY 2012 Difference	FY 2013 Difference
Fiscal Impact:				
FTE	0.50	0.50	0.00	0.00
Expenditures:				
Personal Services	$27,831	$27,831	$0	$0
Operating Expenses	$42,169	$42,169	$0	$0
Grants	$930,000	$930,000	$0	$0
TOTAL Expenditures	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$0	$0
Funding of Expenditures:				
General Fund (01)	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Special Revenue (02)	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$0	$0
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$0	$0
Revenues:				
General Fund (01)	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Special Revenue (02)	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL Revenues	$0	$0	$0	$0
Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):				
General Fund (01)	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Special Revenue (02)	($1,000,000)	($1,000,000)	$0	$0

Technical Notes:

1. The appropriation for this program was added in an amendment to HB 2. Should this bill not pass, the appropriation will still occur in HB 2 unless the appropriation is stricken from HB 2.

Sponsor's Initials	*Date*	*Budget Director's Initials*	*Date*