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Application Checklist

- ___ Read and refer to the CREATE Grant Guidelines when completing the application
- ___ Review and understand the range of scores possible for each narrative section
- ___ Ensure course start date is at least 30 days but not more than five months after the desired ERC review.
- ___ Submit CREATE Contact Form on CRHC website
- ___ Submit W-9 (must be dated within the last 12 months), Vendor Form, (the vendor form is the applicant's information), Applicant Acknowledgement form, and update your Organizational Profile in Image Trend. *The EMTS branch transitioned to a new organizational profile in Image Trend (OATH). An organizational profile is required for all entities completing a CREATE grant and is a prerequisite to accessing the grant application. If an agency does not have a current organizational profile, they will need to start one or make updates in Oath (ImageTrend). The creation of an organizational profile in ImageTrend requires that organizations designate a gatekeeper to submit the profile and subsequent updates. For more information and detailed instructions, please see the [Organizational Profile Account Gatekeeper guidance document](#).*
- ___ Receive unique grant number to access online application (and financial waiver if applicable)
- ___ Accurately complete grant questions in their entirety
- ___ Check course cost requested against the [Standard Course List](#) . *The CREATE Standard Course List is not all-inclusive. Courses other than those listed will be considered if the course content applies specifically to emergency medical and trauma services and reflects appropriate and reasonable costs.*
- ___ Upload required financial statements, letters demonstrating local support,

conference flyer or other pertinent documents. All documents must be in pdf format only.

____ Fully explain course budget and describe budget line items

____ Electronically sign application and submit via CREATE website

Throughout the application process, we encourage you to reach out to the CREATE Grants Coordinator, Stephanie Vose at svose@coruralhealth.org or 214-578-4381.

OVERVIEW

Detailed application instructions are included in this guidance packet. Please read through the entire document for important information about this grant program before beginning the application process.

- CREATE is a reimbursement grant program that assists urban and rural EMS and Trauma entities with training and education to improve the emergency and trauma services system in Colorado.
- Applicants must provide a 50 percent cash match, unless they apply for a waiver of this requirement. The cash match may not be state funds appropriated from the HUTF EMS Account. [Click here for more information about applying for a Financial Waiver](#)
- Applicants must be entities whose purpose is a provision of emergency medical or trauma services within Colorado. *Individuals may not apply for CREATE.*
- Applicants must also demonstrate individual participants provide emergency medical or trauma services as an essential part of their job duties to qualify.

To access the CREATE grant application, you must complete the pre-application steps first. Once you have completed these steps, you will receive full access to the online application. Once an application is reviewed and scored by the CREATE Expert Review Committee (ERC), results are emailed within 10 business days.

- An entity can submit multiple applications during the same grant year, but must go through the pre-application process each time. Multiple courses can also be included in each application.
- Courses must have a start date at least 30 days but no more than five months following the desired ERC review date to be considered for funding. See table on page 9 for Eligible Course Start Range. Applications submitted outside of this timeframe may not be reviewed.

History of CREATE:

Senate Bill 34 created the Emergency Medical Trauma System (EMTS) grant program in 1989. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) administers the EMTS Provider Grant program, and the Colorado Rural Health Center (CRHC) manages the education and training portion, known as CREATE (Colorado Resource for Emergency and Trauma Education). Applications for CREATE must be submitted through the Colorado Rural Health Center, separately from applications to the EMTS Provider Grant program, which are submitted to CDPHE.

HOW CAN I USE CREATE FUNDS?

- Eligible applicants may request up to 50 percent of eligible expenses for **initial training and continuing education to maintain skills and certification of current staff, or initial training for new staff** (CREATE can fund a larger portion of eligible costs if the applicant has applied and been approved for a financial waiver of the 50 percent match).

Eligible requests only include the following which are all inclusive of the standard course cost: Reasonable travel costs (mileage and lodging) may also be requested.

- **Tuition** - Tuition is defined as the standard charge or fee for instruction per student or participant.
- **Required course fees** - CREATE will only reimburse the applicant entity for fees required for an eligible participant to register for the course. Allowable fees vary based on the training site or education center. Required course fees may include: application fees, high cost course fees, laboratory fees and other documented mandatory fees.
- **Specific prerequisites** - Applicants must request prerequisites as a separate course. CREATE will consider funding prerequisites specific to an EMS or trauma course of instruction. General education classes will not be considered.
- **Book(s) required to complete the course** - This includes required textbooks, laboratory manuals, student workbooks or other published educational materials listed as required in the course syllabus.
- **National Registry exam** - Approved training centers are expected to include the cost to sit for the National Registry exam in the course fee. If the cost to sit for the National Registry exam is not included in the course fee, CREATE will only provide funding support for the participant's first attempt to take this exam, if required. The applicant is responsible for any other exam fees.

- **Cards to demonstrate successful completion of a standard course of instruction** - (CPR, ACLS, etc.). CREATE will only provide funding support for the cost of initial or renewal cards not included in the basic course fee. CREATE will not pay to replace cards that are lost, destroyed or are otherwise unserviceable.
- **Reasonable travel** - Reasonable travel expenses are defined as mileage reimbursement based on the current state mileage reimbursement rate (please visit <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/osc/mileage-reimbursement-rate> to see the current Colorado Office of State Controller reimbursement rate) and lodging at the most economical rate per night. **Meals, room upgrades and rental cars are not allowable expenses.**
- Colleges, universities and approved training centers must submit at least three years of enrollment history for requested initial training courses to demonstrate the percentage of students who successfully complete the course. In addition, a letter of support from the participant's sponsoring entity must be included with the application request.
- CREATE staff and application review committees reserve the right to request additional documentation and information as necessary to effectively manage the grant program funds and comply with applicable federal, state and local government rules.
- All CREATE applicants must demonstrate a "Cash Match" to be considered for a grant approval. A cash match must be local funds or any other source of funding that does not originate from the EMS account in the Colorado Highway Users Tax Fund.

Eligible course costs:

- The maximum amount awarded per course is based on a standard 50/50 match of approved courses listed on the [Standard Course List](#)
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- Selecting a course from the CREATE Standard Course List does not automatically qualify an applicant for a funding award.
- The applicant entity must ensure all participant(s) in the course also meet the required criteria for funding.
- **The CREATE Standard Course List is not all-inclusive. Courses other than those listed will be considered if the course content applies specifically to emergency medical and trauma services and reflects appropriate and reasonable costs. For courses not listed on the standard course list, the applicant must provide detailed information on the course and demonstrate how it relates to emergency medical or trauma services. (For example: a detailed course syllabus)**

TRAVEL AND CONFERENCES

- Applications to attend conferences will be accepted for review where the subject matter is directly related to the provision of EMS or trauma care and or development of EMS or trauma leadership.
- For in-state conferences, CREATE will only fund registration, lodging (at the most economical conference room rate) and travel at the current state mileage reimbursement rate (please visit <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/osc/mileage-reimbursement-rate> to see the current Colorado Office of State Controller reimbursement rate).
- A copy of the conference registration page and offerings must be submitted with the application. **Per Diem meal allowances, banquets or other food expenses are not eligible for reimbursement by CREATE.** CREATE supports early bird registration rates as the only eligible pre-award purchase in order to demonstrate cost effective measures being taken however, do not assume these costs will be accepted for reimbursement without receiving your CREATE grant approval.
- **Out-of-state courses and conferences are not typically supported by the CREATE grant program. However, exceptions may be made if one of the following criteria is met and accompanied by strong and convincing justification of need:**
 - The requested course or conference is not available in Colorado. The application must include strong and convincing justification of need and must clearly demonstrate the conference or course offers unique educational content and it will not be offered in Colorado in the foreseeable future. In addition, the application must include significant letters of support from the community expected to benefit from the education and local emergency medical and trauma services leadership.
 - The requested course or conference is not available in Colorado within the required time frame. In addition to strong and convincing justification of need, the application must demonstrate the conference or course of instruction is required to comply with a regulatory mandate. The application must include a specific citation from a document prepared by a regulatory body requiring that the course of instruction be completed by a specific date.
 - It is significantly more cost-effective to attend an out-of-state course or conference. In addition to strong and convincing justification of need, the application must include specific costs comparing the cost to attend the course in-state vs. out-of-state.

WHAT IS NOT COVERED UNDER CREATE

CREATE does not cover the following course expenses:

- Memberships
- Vaccinations or personal protective equipment
- Background checks
- Blood tests
- Meals and banquet costs for any courses or conferences, including per diem allowance for instructors or attendees
- Uniforms and shoes
- Purchase or leasing of training equipment
- Electronic devices- smartphones, tablets, laptops, etc.
- Stethoscopes, sphygmomanometers or other durable medical equipment
- Expenses for the production of conferences
 - Applications for these types of events may be submitted through the Emergency Medical and Trauma Services (EMTS) Provider Grants Program application in the Conferences/Forums category at www.coems.info.
- Salary backfill for staff to attend or to instruct courses
 - Funds may be requested in the Personnel/Services category of the EMTS Provider Grants Program. More information on EMTS Provider Grants may be found at www.coems.info.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

CREATE 2021-2022 Dates and Deadlines		
Application Submission Deadlines	ERC Review Date	Eligible Course Start Range
July 12, 2021	July 27, 2021	August 25, 2021 - December 26, 2021
August 9, 2021	August 24, 2021	September 22, 2021 - January 23, 2022
September 13, 2021	September 28, 2021	October 27, 2021 - February 27, 2022
October 11, 2021	October 26, 2021	November 24, 2021 - March 25, 2022
November 8, 2021	November 23, 2021	December 22, 2021 - April 22, 2022
December 13, 2021	December 28, 2021	January 26, 2022 - May 27, 2022
January 10, 2022	January 25, 2022	February 23, 2022 - June 24, 2022
February 14, 2022	February 22, 2022	March 23, 2022 - July 21, 2022
March 14, 2022	March 22, 2022	April 20, 2022 - August 21, 2022
April 11, 2022	April 26, 2022	May 25, 2022 - September 25, 2022
May 9, 2022	May 24, 2022	June 22, 2022 - October 23, 2022
June 13, 2022	June 28, 2022	July 27, 2022 - November 27, 2022

- Courses must have a start date between 30 days and five months following the desired ERC review date. An official approval letter must be received before incurring course costs.
- Financial Waiver applications that successfully pass the Financial Waiver process at the beginning of the month will be evaluated at the ERC meeting later in the same month.
- Applicants that apply for a Financial Waiver and receive a denial will not proceed to the General Application Review and must submit a new application.
- [Click here for more information about applying for a Financial Waiver](#)

NATIONAL REGISTRY REQUIREMENTS

All Initial EMS Provider Training Courses National Registry Requirement

All initial EMS Provider training course participants must successfully complete the National Registry certification requirements within 90 days after the course end date and before the final grant report can be submitted. This includes didactic, clinical and field internship sections where a combined passing grade is achieved. **This is a mandatory requirement in order to meet CREATE reimbursement eligibility and should be factored into the course decision making.**

An exception to this rule may be allowed in the following circumstances and is only available with prior ERC approval. All exceptions are reviewed and determined on a case by case basis and the decision of the ERC is final. Please notify the Grants Manager in writing with a thorough explanation at least 30 days prior to the reporting deadline.

1. Deployment – The granted applicant must provide official copy of notice as soon as date of departure is determined according to written military orders.
2. An extraordinary event beyond the control of the applicant that prevents the applicant from fulfilling this obligation (force majeure).

All entities submitting a CREATE Grant Application for an accelerated or advanced EMS Provider training course must provide documentation that demonstrates their participants meet all the basic requirements of the course before applying for funding. This includes a required letter of support from the training center acknowledging the participant's acceptance into the accelerated or advanced course as an additional application attachment. **The CRHC reserves the right to contact the training center during an application review to confirm this information.**

STARTING THE CREATE APPLICATION PROCESS

Pre-Application Instructions

Prior to submitting your CREATE application, you must complete pre-application steps. Once all pre-application steps have been completed successfully, CRHC CREATE staff verifies these items and sends a confirmation e-mail to the applicant within three business days that includes instructions to access the grant application. If e-mailed instructions are not received please contact CRHC CREATE staff for assistance.

Applicants are allowed to remain in the pre-application stage, as needed, if there is a delay in completing and submitting an application. Applicants will be notified at the end of the grant fiscal

year (June 30th) and will need to start the application process from the beginning for the new grant year unless an exemption is requested in writing by the applicant to keep their pre-application status open.

STEP 1: Contact Information Form

1. Go to: coruralhealth.org/create
2. Click the “Start the Application Process” button to access the required web form.
3. Fill out all the applicable fields before clicking “Submit.”
4. An automatic “Next Steps” email will be sent immediately to confirm submission; if you do not receive confirmation, contact CRHC CREATE staff. This email will contain information regarding pre-application steps 2-4:
 - a. Organizational Profile
 - b. Statewide Data Submission (Transport Entities only)
 - c. W-9 (dated within the last 12 months) and Vendor Form link (the vendor form is the applicant’s information)

If submitting multiple applications during the same grant year, a new Contact Information Form must be completed each time you apply. Additional applications will not be accepted without a new Contact Information Form.

STEP 2: Organizational Profile

An organizational profile is required for all entities completing a CREATE grant and is a prerequisite to accessing the grant application. If an agency does not have a current organizational profile, they will need to start one or make updates in Oath (ImageTrend). The creation of an organizational profile in ImageTrend requires that organizations designate a gatekeeper to submit the profile and subsequent updates. For more information and detailed instructions, please see the [Organizational Profile Account Gatekeeper guidance document](#).

The agency profile must show a “submission date” during the current state fiscal year which is July 1 to June 30. Applicants are encouraged to update their profile as often as needed to ensure their entity information is up to date.

Please contact CDPHE at 303-692-2991 for assistance with the Image Trend Portal.

STEP 3: Statewide Data Submission (Transport Entities Only)

- Licensed ambulance entities in Colorado must have data from the previous quarter submitted to the statewide data collection system in order to be eligible for CREATE.
- Compliance with data submission will be verified each time you apply for CREATE. If more than three months have passed since the CREATE Contact Information Form was initially completed, compliance with the data submission will be re-verified.

- Data can be submitted through the CDPHE Image Trend web portal or uploaded through a third party data vendor. Please verify at your local level or through your third party vendor that your entity is current with data submission.

All other types of EMTS entities are exempt from Step 3 and do not need to complete this section. Please proceed to step 4.

STEP 4: W-9, Vendor Form, and Applicant Acknowledgment form Submission

A W-9 (dated within the last 12 months), a CRHC Vendor Form (the vendor form is the applicant's information), and the Applicant Acknowledgement form is required each time entities apply for a new CREATE grant.

1. As referenced in step 1, utilize the link sent in the automatic "Next Steps" email to upload your completed W-9, submit vendor information, and applicant acknowledgement form.

COMPLETING THE CREATE APPLICATION

1. Access the grant application using the link and grant number provided via e-mail from CRHC.
2. Complete and submit the application online promptly. Work with the CRHC Grants Manager if you have any questions.

Important Notes about Applications:

- Applications are a matter of public record.
- Applications will not move forward in the process until all required forms are completed and received at CRHC.
- If applying for multiple courses within one application it is important to note that each course is reviewed separately and funding for each course can be approved or denied.
- Applicants are responsible to ensure all CREATE participants meet eligibility requirements as noted in this guidance packet.

STEP 5: Grant Application & Attachments

Grant Application – Entity Information

The Entity Information section on the application relates to the basic information required, including the grant contact person, cash match, and the counties the project will impact.

- The e-mail address required in this section is the address that will be used for all communication.

- All contact numbers listed will also be used for all communication. Please ensure extensions are included where applicable.
- Mailing address must match the entity address listed on the submitted W-9. Written verification of an alternative mailing address can be requested.
- The application is not considered multi-entity if one entity is hosting a course and opens the course to attendees from other entities. Multi-entity only needs to be marked with a “yes” if the course is truly a partnership endeavor. List all counties that will be impacted if the grant proposal is approved.
- If the cash match requested is less than 50%, a Financial Waiver application must be submitted PRIOR to the general CREATE application being accepted for review. Please refer to the Financial Waiver application and guidelines found at [Financial Waiver](#)

****Note:** Financial Waiver submission and review dates vary from the general application and ERC review dates. These deadlines are available in the Financial Waiver guidelines.

Cash Match Information

- *Funds used to provide the applicant's required cash match under the EMTS grant guidelines and regulations may not be state funds appropriated from the HUTF EMS Account.*
- RETAC funding, CREATE grants awarded to other entities or any other funding from the HUTF EMS Account administered by the CDPHE EMTS Branch is not eligible for use as matching funds.
- Monies used to provide the cash match must be documented as to their source and demonstrate compliance with this requirement. The value of existing infrastructure or other forms of “in-kind” services are not considered for CREATE grant match purposes.

Grant Application – EMTS Training and Education Request Details

Please complete for each course for which funds are being requested. If additional space is needed beyond three courses, use the “Additional Course Form” link. **Please note that multiple entities may not apply to fund the same participants for the same course.**

- ✓ **Course Name:** Official name of course or conference
- ✓ **Start and End Dates:** Select date from pop-up calendars
- ✓ **Course Location:** City
- ✓ **Student Quantity:** Number of participants for which the entity is requesting funding.
- ✓ **Trainer:** Name of the individual or company providing the training.
- ✓ **Training Center:** Enter training center name and number or accreditation.
- ✓ **What kind of course is this:** College or Non-College credit.

- ✓ **Course Cost Per Student:** Dollar amount
- ✓ **Travel Cost Per Student – Mileage:** Dollar amount (Calculate based on current State of Colorado reimbursement rate. Actual reimbursement should be calculated on current rate during the actual travel date(s).)
- ✓ **Travel Cost Per Student – Lodging:** Dollar amount
- ✓ **Other Cost Per Student:** Specify other costs applied for and dollar amount
 - (Banquets, per-diem meal reimbursements and other food costs are not eligible for reimbursement under CREATE)
- ✓ **Total Cost for all students:** Dollar amount (including course, travel, lodging and other)
- ✓ **Comments:** Please explain other costs and provide explanations for additional items as necessary.

For College Credit Courses Only:

- ✓ **Tuition Cost Per Student:** Tuition dollar amount; do not include other expenses here
- ✓ **Fees:** Fees dollar amount; mandatory institution fees only. Other items need to be included in Other Misc. Costs line below
- ✓ **Books:** Dollar amount for required books only; note in “Comments” section if books are included in the course tuition cost
- ✓ **Other Misc Costs:** Any other applicable costs: i.e. travel, lodging, etc.
- ✓ **Total Cost of Course for Each Student:** Enter per student cost.
- ✓ **Total Cost of Course:** Total cost for all students for this course within this application.
- ✓ **Comments:** Please provide a detailed accounting of what is included in Fees and Other Misc. Costs sections. Include any other explanatory information regarding the above data that would be helpful in reviewing the application.

Course Funding Last Year

- ✓ **Received funds for course last year:** Dollar amount funded for same course last year.
- ✓ **Student quantity approved:** Number of students approved.
- ✓ **Student quantity completion:** Number of students completing course requirements and eligible for CREATE funding.
- ✓ **% completion:** Percent of participants who completed course last year.
- ✓ **Comments:** Enter comments for any items above that need further explanation.

Grant Application – Narrative Sections

The narrative sections focus on describing the impact CREATE funds will have on an entity and its surrounding communities. Respond directly to each application question. Include enough detail to fully answer the question, while still being concise. At least 3-5 sentences will suffice for each question. The application will be scored based on a weighted scoring tool, with a total of 100 points possible. Please see the point values indicated below to see how each section is weighted.

NARRATIVE SCORING

Service Need Narrative (40 total points possible)

- **Educational Purpose:** Describe specifically how the requested education or training will benefit your entity and community you serve, and how the course content targets the EMS and trauma system. Provide substantive supporting information and data specific to your entity and the community you serve to demonstrate the benefit to your entity and the community. Use valid data that can be independently verified or provide links to sources referenced in the narrative.
- **Service Enhancement:** Describe your entity's current level of service and staffing and provide specific information to describe how the proposed education will upgrade or maintain it. Explain how your entity assessed training needs to upgrade or maintain levels of service and determined who is eligible to participate in the requested education or training. Provide substantive supporting information or data specific to your entity and the local community used to assess service levels and training needs.
- **System Deficiency or Unmet Service Need:** Describe a system deficiency or unmet service need in the community you serve and explain how it will be addressed by the requested education or training. Reference an EMTS consultative visit, formal needs assessment or provide verifiable data specific to your community to demonstrate the system deficiency or unmet service need.
- **Local Support:** Describe the support for this specific education or training from local partners and stakeholders and how their support will help to ensure successful completion, and sustain, the education or training. Demonstrate local support with current letters specific to this education or training from your governing board, medical director, response partners or other health care and public safety organizations in the community that will be affected by the request. If your entity participates in an automatic aid agreement or other arrangement to share responsibility for services, describe how the requested education will enhance your entity's ability to participate as a partner in the agreement.

Cost Effectiveness of Project Budget (15 total points possible)

- **Consideration of Alternative(s):** Describe alternatives to the requested education or training that were considered, summarize how they were evaluated, and explain why the selected education or training is the best option. Support selection of the requested

education or training with a comparison of pertinent costs and operational considerations.

- **Explain course budget:** List all costs for the requested education or training and provide a brief explanation of each cost for the proposed education or training and how the cost relates to successful completion of the requested education

Priority to Underdeveloped or Aged Systems Narrative (10 total points possible)

- **Underdeveloped or Aged Systems:** Describe the underdeveloped or aged component(s) of the emergency medical and trauma services system in the community you serve, and explain how the requested education or training improve the status of the specific component.

Applicant's Qualifications (10 points possible)

- **Adequate Resources and Experience:** Describe the administrative infrastructure and financial resources your entity has to manage a reimbursement grant of this duration and dollar amount. Describe your entity's experience with other reimbursement grant programs or, if your entity does not have any prior grant management experience, briefly describe the process your entity intends to use to manage the grant and demonstrate that your entity has sufficient cash flows to pay the full amount of costs incurred for the requested education or training until it receives reimbursement for eligible costs after the participating students have met the completion criteria.
- **Long Term Sustainability:** Explain how your entity intends to maintain the continued competency of providers who receive the education or training and support the level of services in the future without relying on grant funding.

System Integration (10 total points possible)

- **System Integration:** Describe how the proposed education or training integrates with other health care and public safety services in your community and improves continuity of patient care.
- **Duplication:** Demonstrate that the requested education or training does not duplicate other educational efforts in your area. Verify that a medical facility, EMS agency, recognized training program, public safety agency or other EMTS organizations is not scheduled to offer similar educational content in the vicinity or in the near future. Demonstrate that the services to be offered after completion of the requested education or training are not already provided by a medical facility, EMS agency, public safety agency or other EMTS organization in the community or produces a number of trained providers that outpaces the demand for services in the community for the foreseeable future.

Financial Narrative (15 points possible)

- **Financial Need:** Explain why your entity needs grant funding assistance to complete the requested education or training. Describe any efforts to secure funding for this specific education or training from other sources. Identify any relevant financial hardships specific to your entity. Support with references to the required financial

statements, supporting documents or other verifiable sources. Provide evidence of financial need that would prevent your entity from completing the project without financial assistance. If this request is on behalf of other entities, provide this information for all participating entities and include letters of support.

- **Entity Financial Outlook:** Describe your entity's current financial status. Support with specific references to the required financial statements. Clearly describe the purpose for cash balances or unrestricted fund balances and thoroughly explain why those cannot be used to support the requested education or training. If more than three months have passed since the date of the required balance sheet, provide an explanation of any significant change affecting your entity's financial status and any deviations from the budget submitted with the application.
- **Cash Match:** Clearly describe the source of the required cash match. Revenues from sales taxes, property taxes, user fees, transfers from federal, state or local governments, grants and donations may be used to fund the required cash match. Financial resources that originate in the Highway Users Tax Fund-EMS Account (HUTF-EMS account) may not be used as cash match for any CREATE grant request. This includes Colorado EMTS provider grant, system improvement or emergency grant funding and RETAC statutory, supplemental or county subsidy funds. If your entity receives any funding that originates from the HUTF-EMS account, clearly demonstrate that the cash match is attributed to an eligible funding source.

Grant Application – Attachments

Financial statements are REQUIRED and applications will not be reviewed without this information. Only provide the required balance sheet, income statement and budget and any essential footnotes material to the financial statements. Audited financial statements are not required. Extract the required balance sheet, income statement and budget and any essential footnotes from comprehensive financial documents. If your EMTS entity is part of a larger organization, provide the required financial statements for the larger organization and supplemental financial statements specific to the EMTS operation. Do not include the entire audit or budget filing with your application. **All attachments must be in pdf format only.**

The required financial documents include:

- Income statement at the end of the most recent completed fiscal year (also called P&L or profit and loss statement)
- Balance sheet at end of most recent completed fiscal year, and
- Budget for the current fiscal year

Do NOT provide a comprehensive audit financial report.

Sample items that could be included in the attachments section to support the above narratives are: letters of support, service area maps, quotes for purchases related to the course, pertinent conference registration forms and brochures, etc. Letters of support are not required, but strongly encouraged to demonstrate the importance of this project to the community.

Grant Application – Attestation

When the application is complete, have the authorized agent read and electronically sign this section.

Checking for Errors

Check the grant application for errors. When satisfied with the application, save and proceed to the next appropriate step.

STEP 6: Application Submission

All applications are completed electronically. Utilize the “Save and Continue” function if you need to finish the application at a later time. A pop-up window will appear with a unique hyperlink to your application. Be sure to save this link as this will enable you to access your application. If you are unable to complete the application online or have any technical difficulties, contact CRHC CREATE staff.

A submission confirmation e-mail with a copy of your application will be sent to you immediately after submission. This email confirms that the application has been submitted, but is not a guarantee of approval. Please contact CRHC CREATE staff to ensure receipt of your application and confirm anticipated review date.

STEP 7: Review Process and Notification

Approval or denial notifications will be sent out within 10 business days of the application review date. These notifications will be sent to the grant contact listed on the application. Entities may be contacted during this period for additional information.

STEP 8: Complete Training/Education

After a grant has been approved for the course(s), complete the training/education. Contact the CREATE Grants Manager with any course changes.

STEP 9: Submit Final Report

Submit a final report to CRHC for each course along with all items agreed to in the application attestation. A copy of this list and applicable forms are also available in the results letter. The appropriate forms will also be included as attachments with the results letter. Checks will be issued after complete final reports are submitted. Applicants may not submit reimbursement requests for participants who have not completed and passed the course. All expenses must be incurred after the approval letter date.

1. Reporting Requirements (* = Form supplied by CRHC):
 - a. CREATE Reimbursement Request Form: Receipts showing full payment or copies of checks showing payment must be attached. *

- b. **CREATE Grant Travel Expense Form:** Requests for reimbursement for all travel expenses associated with the training or education program shall be made in accordance with the State of Colorado mileage reimbursement rates current on the date(s) of travel as specified in the State of Colorado fiscal rules. Documentation supporting all expenses must also be attached. *
- c. **Due Date:** Reports and billing shall be submitted within 30 days after completion of the training or course (or 90 days if the National Registry is required).
- d. **EMT, AEMT and Paramedic course participants must pass the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) exam within 90 days of class end date, in order to request reimbursement from this grant program. A copy of the National Registry card/s must be submitted with the reimbursement final report.**
- e. **Publicity Items:** The grantee shall acknowledge the use of emergency medical and trauma services account grant funds in all public service announcements, program announcements, or any other printed material used for the purpose of promoting or advertising the training or educational program.
- f. **Evaluations:** For in-house trainings, the grantee shall develop and utilize a course evaluation tool to measure the effectiveness of that training or educational program. These results are required to be shared with the instructor.
- g. **Student Attestation Form:** For any students not affiliated with the applicant entity, a student attestation must be included in the final report. *
- h. **Student Data Form:** At the end of each course, the grantee shall ensure each student completed the electronic student data form, and submit the summary with the final report. * Information requested on the student data form includes:
 - 1. Student Name
 - 2. Student phone number
 - 3. Student email address and physical address
 - 4. What is your current level of medical training?
 - 5. Are you working toward a degree in EMTS?
 - 6. Do you currently or do you intend to work in pre-hospital, EMS, or trauma care after completion of this course?
 - a. Where do you, or intend to, work?
 - 7. Do you currently live in Colorado?
 - 8. Where do you currently work or volunteer in EMS or Trauma in Colorado?
 - a. Name and county of entity
 - 9. What is the name of the facility/entity you currently work/volunteer for?
(Answer all that are applicable.)
 - a. What is your title/position with the entity?

- b. What department is your primary department? (Answer if applicable.)
- c. Is the entity a public or private provider?
- d. Will you be full time, part time, seasonal or volunteer?
- e. For volunteers, how many hours have you volunteered in Colorado in the year prior to the start date of this course?
- f. For part-time employees, how many hours per month do you work in Colorado?
- g. For volunteers and seasonal employees, how long have you volunteered in Colorado in the year prior to the start date of this course?
- i. College Expenditure Form: All colleges must complete the "College Expenditure Form" in addition to the other items agreed to in the application attestation. *

All submitted forms need to be legible and complete, otherwise reimbursement could be delayed. If you cancel or postpone a course, please notify CRHC as soon as possible so that the funds can be re-allocated appropriately. Failure to do so may affect future funding. Emailed reports are preferred, but also can be mailed or faxed.

STEP 10: Receive Reimbursement Check

Upon receipt of the complete final report from the grantee, CRHC will draw funds from the CDPHE-EMTS grant fund and mail checks directly to grantees. Checks are typically mailed out to grantees within five weeks of receipt of final reports.

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