

# Alabama Association of Rescue Squads Equipment / Education Grant Application Policy

**Purpose:** To establish a policy that sets forth the procedure and guidelines governing an eligible Member Units application for a grant from the AARS. Grants will be considered only for training / education and portable equipment for training and / or equipment that require training for use in day-to-day operations. Request for vehicles, ATV'S, boats, motors, trailers, etc., are not eligible for consideration.

**Eligibility:** Any current AARS Member Unit that is active and in good standing.

**Frequency:** Any unit that receives grant(s) in excess of \$ 10,000.00 within a 5-year period will not be eligible to apply again for 3 years.

**Grants Applications:** All applications are to be approved collectively in an amount not exceeding 75% of the current fund balance. Any grant application exceeding \$ 5,000.00 will be approved on a matching basis **ONLY**. **No grant(s) shall be approved for more than \$ 10,000.00.** The matching amount, (Example, 50/50, 60/40, 80/20, 90/10) will be determined by the AARS Executive Board.

**Grant Procedure:** All Grant applications **MUST** be submitted to the AARS Executive Secretary **10 days prior to the First (1<sup>st</sup>) and Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) quarterly meetings.** Applications will be referred to the Ways and Means Committee for screening. After screening, the Ways and Means Committee will return the applications to the Executive Board and make recommendations. The final approval of all Grants will be made by the Executive Board and approved by the AARS Board of Directors. Approved Grant Application(s) will be awarded and presented at the 3rd Quarterly Meeting and Annual Conference.

**Authorization:** All grant applications **MUST** be accompanied by a letter of Authorization, or a copy of the minutes authorizing the Grant Application and must be signed by the Senior Officer, Chief / Captain of the Unit.

Presented to the AARS Board of Directors / General Business Meeting at the Annual Conference, Orange Beach, Alabama, this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2021.

Approved:   X  

Rejected: \_\_\_\_\_

as Amended November 2021

/S/ Brian Bailey  
President, AARS