



## Legislative Fiscal Bureau

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TO: Members  
Joint Committee on Finance

FROM: Bob Lang

SUBJECT: Senate Bill 665/Assembly Bill 742: Emergency Medical Services Funding Assistance Program

2019 Senate Bill 665 and Assembly Bill 742 are identical bills that would provide an additional \$239,800 GPR annually, beginning in 2019-20, to increase funding for the emergency medical services funding assistance program administered by the Department of Health Services (DHS). Under 2019 Wisconsin Act 9 (the 2019-21 biennial budget act), \$1,960,200 GPR annually is budgeted for the program. If either Senate Bill 665 or Assembly Bill 742 were enacted, the total funding budgeted for the program would be \$2,200,000 GPR annually, beginning in 2019-20.

Senate Bill 665 was introduced on January 8, 2020, and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services. The Committee held a public hearing on the bill on January 23.

Assembly Bill 742, was introduced on January 16, and referred to the Assembly Committee on Health, which held a public hearing on the bill on January 29.

### **BACKGROUND**

The DHS Division of Public Health administers the emergency medical services (EMS) funding assistance program (FAP) by distributing funds for several purposes.

DHS distributes funds to ambulance service providers that are public agencies, volunteer fire departments or nonprofit corporations to purchase ambulance service vehicles, vehicle equipment, EMS supplies and equipment, and emergency medical training. DHS disburses these funds under a formula that ensures that each ambulance service provider receives an identical base amount plus a supplemental amount based on the population of the ambulance service provider's primary service or contract area. If a public agency has contracted for ambulance service with a provider that operates for profit, DHS distributes the funds to the public agency. The state funds are meant to supplement, rather than supplant, local funding for ambulance services.

The funding is also available to purchase training required for the initial licensure and licensure renewals for the providers' emergency medical technicians (EMTs), for initial certification and renewals of emergency medical responders (EMRs), and to pay for the administration of examinations for EMTs and EMRs.

As a condition of relicensure, ambulance providers are required to submit financial reports of expenditures of funds each ambulance provider received under the program. In addition, DHS may require financial reports from ambulance services contracted by public agencies, volunteer fire departments, and nonprofit corporations.

The state's EMS Board provides recommendations to DHS relating to the state's emergency medical services programs, including the recommended formula for allocating funding under the FAP. In 2019-20, DHS distributed funding as follows:

- For EMS support and improvement, each ambulance service provider received a base rate of \$3,588 plus an additional award of \$0.03 per capita for the population of the provider's primary service area.
- For EMS training, the total amount available equaled the total funding budgeted for the program (\$1,960,200 GPR), less the amount allocated for the support and improvement activities component of the formula. Each qualified service received a base distribution, equal to half of the funds available for training divided by the number of qualified services that applied, with the remaining half allotted to services based on run volume, the number of EMTs and responders on the ambulance provider's service roster, and the population of the service area.

The attachment to this memorandum lists the ambulance services that received funding under the program in 2019-20, and the funding assistance each ambulance received.

### **Bill Summary and Fiscal Effect**

Senate Bill 665 and Assembly Bill 742 would increase funding for the program by \$239,800 GPR annually, beginning in 2019-20. Combined with the amounts budgeted for the program in Act 9 (\$1,960,200 GPR annually), a total of \$2,200,000 GPR would be available for distribution to qualifying ambulance service providers, beginning in 2019-20.

As DHS has already notified qualifying ambulance service providers of their 2019-20 allocations, DHS would need to determine how it would supplement these initial allocations if the bill were enacted.

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Attachment

## ATTACHMENT

### Fiscal Year 2019-20 Ambulance Service Assistance Program Funding Awards

<u>Ambulance Service</u>	<u>Total Award</u>	<u>Ambulance Service</u>	<u>Total Award</u>
Aegis Group Inc. DBA County Rescue Service Inc.	\$13,327	Camp Douglas Rescue Inc.	\$5,778
Albany Area Emergency Medical Service	5,301	Cassville Rescue Squad	5,108
Algoma Fire and Rescue	5,264	Cedarburg Fire Department Rescue Squad	6,272
Amherst Fire District	6,198	Central Fire and EMS District	6,252
Antigo (City of) Fire Department	6,427	Central Price County Ambulance Service	5,369
Arcadia Ambulance Service	5,589	Chetek Ambulance Service	5,983
Arena Emergency Medical Services	5,281	Chippewa Falls Fire and Emergency Services	6,875
Argyle Emergency Medical Service	5,664	Chippewa Fire District	4,091
Ascension Calumet Hospital Ambulance	4,022	Clear Lake Ambulance Service	5,362
Ashland Fire Department	5,965	Clintonville Area Ambulance Service	6,002
Ashwaubenon Public Safety	7,201	Coleman Area Rescue Squad Inc.	5,539
Athens Area Ambulance Service	5,497	Colfax Rescue Squad	5,713
Avoca and Rural Emergency Medical Service	5,057	Community Ambulance Service	5,116
Baldwin Ambulance Service	6,651	Conover Ambulance Service	5,055
Baraboo District Ambulance Service	6,598	Cornell Area Ambulance Service	5,614
Barnes Ambulance Service	5,111	Crivitz Rescue Squad Inc.	5,445
Barneveld Area Rescue Squad	5,384	Cross Plains Area Emergency Medical Service	5,740
Bay Area Medical Center Paramedic Service	7,368	Cudahy Fire Department	7,011
Beaver Dam Fire Department	7,197	Cumberland Memorial Hospital Ambulance Service	5,848
Belmont Ambulance Service	5,282	Dallas Area Ambulance Service	5,486
Beloit (Town Of) Fire Department	5,908	Dane County EMS District #14	5,728
Berlin Emergency Medical Service	6,153	De Pere Fire Rescue	7,848
Big Bend (Village of) Fire Department	5,311	Deer-Grove EMS District	6,242
Birchwood Four Corner Emergency Services District	5,203	Delavan (Town of) Rescue Squad	5,541
Biramwood Area Ambulance Inc.	5,600	Dells-Delton Emergency Medical Service	3,976
Black Creek Rescue Service	5,455	Dickeyville Rescue Squad	5,410
Black River Falls Emergency Medical Service	7,279	Divine Savior Emergency Medical Service	4,080
Blanchardville Fire Department	5,345	Dodgeville Area Ambulance Service	5,840
Bloomer Community Ambulance Service	5,992	Door County Emergency Medical Service	8,568
Bloomfield Genoa City Fire and Rescue	5,716	Eagle Fire Department	5,819
Boscobel Rescue Squad Inc.	5,883	Eagle River Memorial Hospital Ambulance Service	5,798
Boulder Junction Volunteer Fire Department	5,095	Eau Claire Fire Department	13,922
Boyd Edson Delmar Fire Dept. Ambulance	5,701	Edgar Volunteer Fire Department Inc.	5,866
Brazeau (Town of) Ambulance	5,154	Edgerton Fire Protection District - EMS Division	5,980
Bristol Fire and Rescue	5,648	Elcho Emergency Medical Service	5,082
Brodhead Area EMS Inc.	5,599	Elkhorn Fire Department, EMS Division	6,634
Brookfield (City of) Fire Department	8,150	Ellsworth Area Ambulance Service	5,971
Brookfield (Town of) Fire Department	3,780	Elmwood Area Ambulance Service	5,383
Brooklyn Emergency Medical Service District	5,629	Elroy Area Ambulance Association Inc.	5,360
Burlington Rescue Squad Inc.	6,522	Emergency Rescue Squad Inc.	8,115
Butler Volunteer Fire Department	5,380	Evansville Emergency Medical Service	5,820
Cadott Community Ambulance	5,587	Fennimore Rural Fire Department Rescue Squad	5,562
Caledonia Fire Department	7,095	Fitch-Rona EMS District	8,524
Cambria Community Ambulance Service	5,193	Flambeau Hospital Ambulance	5,978
Cambridge Area Emergency Medical Service	5,929	Florence County Rescue Squad	5,228

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Florence County Rescue Squad	\$5,329	Lake Geneva Fire Department - EMS Division	\$6,066
Fond du Lac (City of) Fire Department	9,689	Lakes Region EMS D/B/A St. Croix Valley EMS	6,687
Fontana Fire Rescue Department	5,086	Lakeview Medical Center Ambulance Service	6,879
Footville Fire Department EMS	5,236	Lancaster EMS Inc.	3,772
Franklin Fire Department	7,995	Land O' Lakes Ambulance Service	5,021
Fredonia Fire Department Ambulance	5,433	Laona Rescue Unit Inc.	5,345
Germantown Fire Department	6,593	Lauderdale-LaGrange Fire Department	5,252
Gillett Area Ambulance Service Inc.	5,660	Lebanon Fire Department - EMS	5,484
Glenwood City Ambulance Service	5,384	Lincoln County EMS - Merrill	6,501
Gold Cross Ambulance Service Inc. - Brillion	5,613	Lincoln County EMS - Tomahawk	5,667
Gold Cross Ambulance Service Inc. - Menasha	26,105	Lisbon Fire Department	6,239
Goodman-Armstrong Rescue Squad Inc.	5,277	Lodi Area Emergency Medical Service	5,549
Gordon - Wascott Emergency Medical Service	5,465	Long Lake Volunteer Fire Department Db a Long Lake Fire Department EMS	5,029
Grafton Fire Department	6,776	Long Lake-Tipler Rescue Squad	5,205
Great Divide Ambulance Service	5,644	Loyal Ambulance Service	5,498
Green Bay Metro Fire Department	15,982	Luxemburg Emergency and Rescue Association	5,469
Green County Emergency Medical Service Inc.	6,599	Lyons (Town of) Ambulance Service	5,339
Greendale Fire Department	6,332	Madison (Town of) Fire Department	5,595
Greenfield (City of) Fire Department	8,542	Manawa Rural Ambulance	5,219
Greenwood Area Ambulance Service	5,776	Manitowish Waters Fire Co.	4,995
Hales Corners Fire Department	3,818	Manitowoc Fire Department	8,545
Hartford Fire and Rescue	6,980	Marquette County EMS-Montello Branch	7,034
Hatley Area Ambulance Service	5,314	Marshfield Fire and Rescue Department	7,665
Hazel Green Area Rescue Squad	5,443	Mauston Area Ambulance Association Inc.	5,903
Highland (Village of) Ambulance Service	5,362	Mayo Clinic Ambulance	3,777
Hillsboro Area Ambulance Service	5,487	Mayville Emergency Medical Service	5,712
Horicon Emergency Medical Services	5,604	McFarland Emergency Medical Service	6,753
Howard Young Medical Center Ambulance Oneida County EMS	7,334	Menominee Tribal Rescue Service	5,446
Iola Ambulance Service	5,409	Menomonee Falls (Village of) Fire Department	8,389
Iron River Ambulance	5,503	Menomonie Fire Department	4,397
Ixonia (Town of) Emergency Medical Service	3,766	Mequon (City of) Fire Department	7,753
Jackson Fire Department	5,955	Mercer Area Ambulance and Rescue Inc.	5,134
Janesville Fire Department Ambulance Service	11,789	Merton Community Fire Department Inc.	5,678
Jefferson Emergency Medical Services	6,415	Middleton Emergency Medical Service	6,865
Johnson Creek Emergency Medical Service	5,538	Milwaukee Fire Department	67,012
Joint Fire/EMS Department of the Village and Town of Darien	3,686	Minong Area Ambulance Service	5,280
Kaukauna Fire Department Ambulance Service	4,290	Mishicot Area Ambulance Service	5,664
Kenosha Fire Department	15,526	Mondovi Ambulance Service	5,923
Kewaskum Fire Department	6,180	Monona Emergency Medical Service	3,822
Kewaunee Area Ambulance Service	6,231	Montfort Rescue Squad Inc.	5,728
Kickapoo Valley Rescue Squad	5,446	Mount Calvary Ambulance Service	6,038
Kiel Fire Department Ambulance Service	5,598	Mount Horeb Fire Department EMS	6,147
Lac Du Flambeau Ambulance Service	5,324	Mountain Ambulance Service	5,428
La Farge Area Emergency Medical Service	5,546	Mukwonago Fire Department	6,404
Lake Country Fire and Rescue	3,862	Municipal Ambulance Service	5,962

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Muscoda Rescue Squad	\$5,300	Raymond (Town of) Fire and Rescue	\$5,291
Neillsville Municipal Ambulance Service	5,886	Reedsburg Area Ambulance Service Commission	6,424
New Berlin (City Of) Fire Department	4,798	Rhineland Fire Department	5,777
New Glarus Area Emergency Medical Service	5,436	Richfield Volunteer Fire Co.	6,427
New Para-Medic Rescue Inc.	5,920	Richland County Ambulance Service	5,939
New Richmond Area Ambulance and Rescue	7,106	Rio Ambulance Service	5,421
Newburg Fire Department Ambulance	5,796	Ripon Guardian Ambulance Service	6,817
North Crawford Rescue Squad Inc.	5,312	River Falls Area Ambulance Service	7,601
North Fond du Lac Fire and EMS	5,792	Riverside Fire District	5,752
North Land Municipal Ambulance Inc.-Luck	6,182	Rochester Volunteer Fire Department	5,112
North Memorial Ambulance-WI Region	7,811	Rural Medical Ambulance Service, Inc.	5,215
North Prairie Fire Department	5,226	Rusk County Ambulance Service	7,065
North Shore Fire Department	11,858	Ryan Brothers Ambulance Service - Fort Atkinson	4,141
Oak Creek Fire Department	8,174	Salem Lakes (Village of) Fire and Rescue	6,950
Oconto (City of) Ambulance Service	5,562	Sauk Prairie Ambulance Association	6,210
Oconto Falls Area Joint Ambulance Service	5,796	Saukville Ambulance	5,409
Ocooch Mountain Rescue	5,462	Sawyer County Ambulance	4,093
Oneida County Ambulance-Rhineland	6,497	Scenic Valley Emergency Medical Service	5,254
Oostburg Ambulance	6,323	Seymore Rescue Squad	5,497
Orange Cross Ambulance Inc.	9,225	Sharon Fire and Rescue	5,239
Oregon Area Fire EMS District	6,498	Shawano Ambulance Service	6,998
Orfordville Fire Protection District EMS	5,518	Sheboygan (City of) Fire Department	9,480
Osceola Area Ambulance Service	5,532	Shiocton-Bovina Fire Department	5,216
Oshkosh (City of) Fire Department	6,271	Shullsburg Ambulance Service	5,215
Owen-Withee-Curtiss Fire and Ems District Commission	5,883	Silver Cliff Rescue Squad Inc.	5,247
Palmyra (Village Of) Fire Rescue	5,430	Somers Rescue Squad	6,234
Pardeeville Dist. Ambulance Service	5,416	South Area Fire and Emergency Response District	7,684
Paris (Town of) Rescue and Fire	5,194	South Milwaukee Fire Department	7,354
Pembine-Dunbar-Beecher Rescue Squad	5,197	South Shore Area Ambulance Service	5,292
Pewaukee Fire Department	6,976	South Shore Consolidated Fire Department	8,082
Pickerel Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad	4,995	Southwest Health Emergency Medical Service	6,312
Pittsville Fire Department Inc.	5,431	Sparta Area Ambulance Service, Ltd.	4,278
Plain Fire District Ambulance Service	5,550	Spring Green Fire Protection District	5,618
Pleasant Prairie Fire and Rescue	4,223	Spring Valley Area Ambulance	5,608
Plum Lake Ambulance Service	5,050	St. Francis Fire Department	6,089
Plymouth Volunteer Fire Dept. Ambulance Squad	5,961	St. Germain Fire/Rescue Ambulance	5,236
Port Washington Fire Department Ambulance	6,069	Stone Bank Volunteer Fire Department	5,754
Portage County / Stevens Point Fire Department	12,381	Stoughton Area Emergency Medical Service	6,599
Potosi Rescue Squad	5,237	Sun Prairie Emergency Medical Service	4,735
Poynette Dekorra Emergency Medical Service	5,662	Sussex Fire Department	5,818
Prentice Volunteer Fire Dept Ambulance Service	5,532	Taylor Co. Ambulance Service-Gilman	5,337
Presque Isle Volunteer Fire Department	5,066	Taylor Co. Ambulance Service-Medford	6,060
Racine Fire Department	13,751	Taylor Co. Ambulance Service-Rib Lake	5,259
Randolph Ambulance Association	5,455	Tess Corners Volunteer Fire Department	7,146
Random Lake Fire Department Ambulance	5,621	Theresa Ambulance Service	5,456

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Thiensville Volunteer Fire Department	\$5,473	Waterloo Fire Department	\$5,495
Thorp Area Ambulance District	5,790	Watertown Fire Department	7,003
Tichigan Volunteer Fire Company Inc.	5,337	Waubeka Fire Department	5,316
Tigerton Area Ambulance Service Association	5,309	Waukesha (City of) Fire Department	5,764
Tomah Area Ambulance Service	4,165	Waukesha (Town of) Fire Department	5,724
Town of Linn Fire Department	5,251	Waunakee Area Emergency Medical Service	7,059
Tri County Ambulance Service	5,440	Wausau Fire Department	9,288
Tri State Ambulance Inc. - La Crosse	14,169	West Allis (City of) Fire Department	11,480
Tri State Regional Ambulance	6,177	West Bend (City of) Fire Department	8,169
Twin Bridge Rescue Squad Inc.	5,258	Western Buffalo County Ambulance Service	5,480
Twin Lakes Volunteer Fire Dept. and Rescue Squad	6,011	Western Lakes Fire District	9,157
Two Rivers Fire Department	5,832	Williamsbay Rescue Squad	5,192
Union Grove-Yorkville Fire Department	5,696	Wilton (Village of) Ambulance Service	5,371
United Emergency Medical Response	6,076	Winchester Volunteer Ambulance Service	4,985
Valders Fire Department Ambulance Service	5,793	Wind Lake Volunteer Fire Co. Inc.	5,970
Vernon Fire Department EMS	5,785	Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department	7,419
Village Of Plover Fire Department	6,709	Wittenberg Area Protective Services District	5,272
Wales-Genesee Fire Department	3,864	Wonewoc Area Fire and Ambulance Association	<u>5,253</u>
Washburn Area Ambulance Service	5,745		
Waterford Rescue	6,000		\$1,960,200