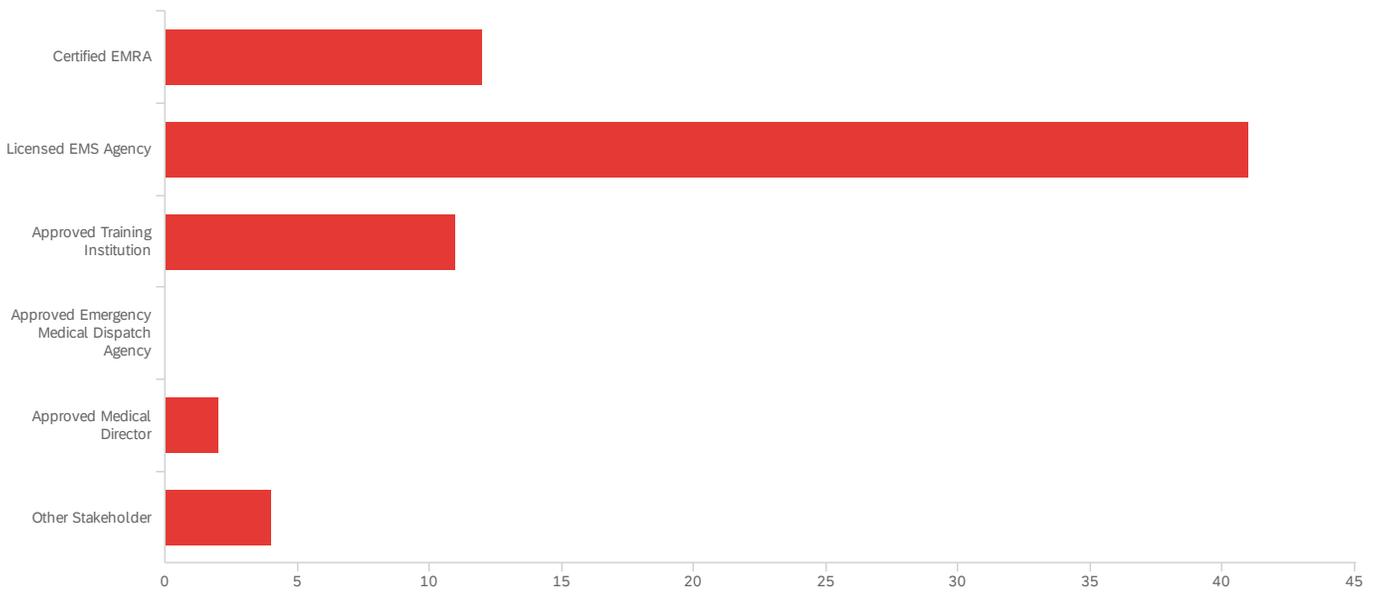


## Q2 - Which best describes you or the entity you represent?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Which best describes you or the entity you represent?	1.00	6.00	2.30	1.19	1.41	70

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Certified EMRA	17.14% 12
2	Licensed EMS Agency	58.57% 41
3	Approved Training Institution	15.71% 11
4	Approved Emergency Medical Dispatch Agency	0.00% 0
5	Approved Medical Director	2.86% 2
6	Other Stakeholder	5.71% 4

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### Q3 - If other stakeholder, please explain:

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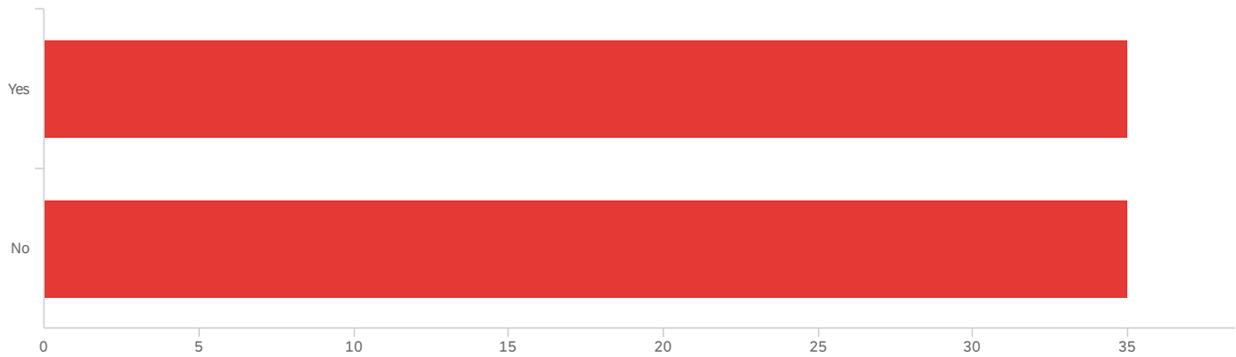
Paramedic

Retired EMS Director

Nonprofit EMS association

Fire Department

## Q4 - Have you or an agency you are affiliated with applied for OERSSIRF Funds?



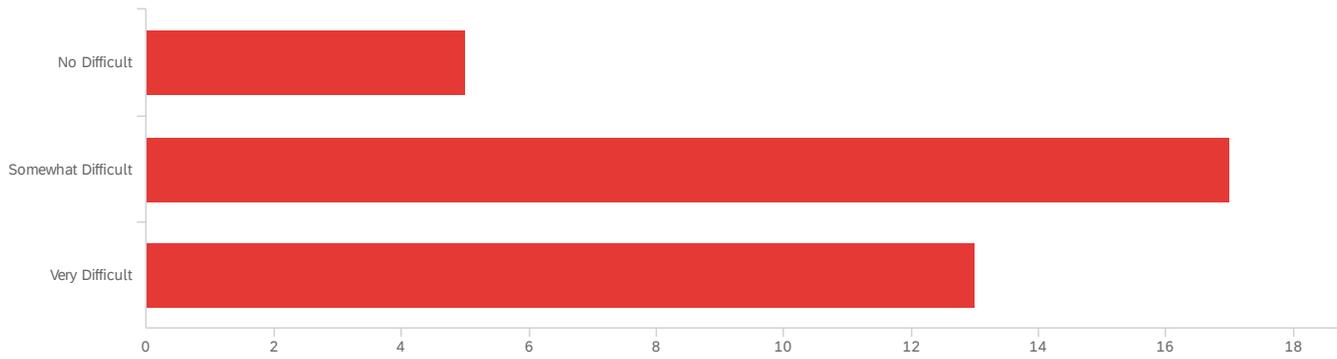
#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Have you or an agency you are affiliated with applied for OERSSIRF Funds?	1.00	2.00	1.50	0.50	0.25	70

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Yes	50.00% 35
2	No	50.00% 35

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## Q5 - How difficult has it been to submit an OERSSIRF proposal in the past?

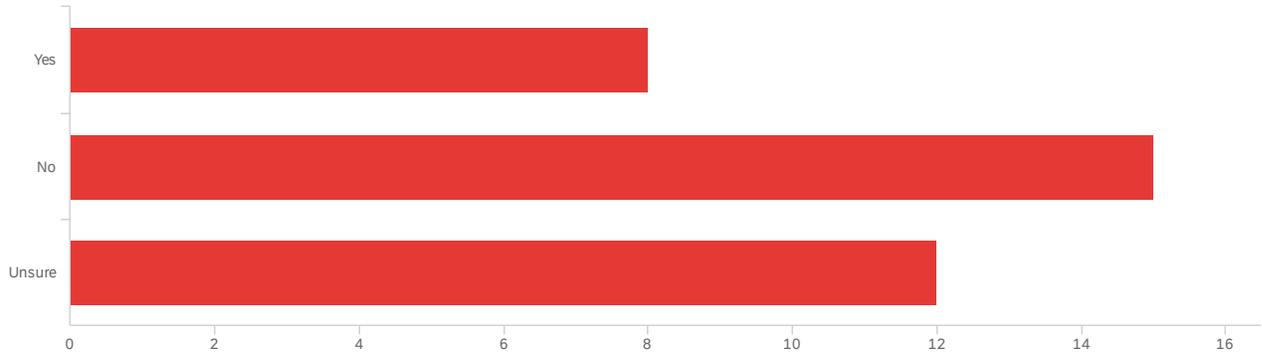


#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	How difficult has it been to submit an OERSSIRF proposal in the past?	1.00	3.00	2.23	0.68	0.46	35

#	Field	Choice Count
1	No Difficult	14.29% 5
2	Somewhat Difficult	48.57% 17
3	Very Difficult	37.14% 13
		35

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Q6 - Does the current scoring methodology allow for equal opportunity among all applicants?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Does the current scoring methodology allow for equal opportunity among all applicants?	1.00	3.00	2.11	0.75	0.56	35

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Yes	22.86% 8
2	No	42.86% 15
3	Unsure	34.29% 12
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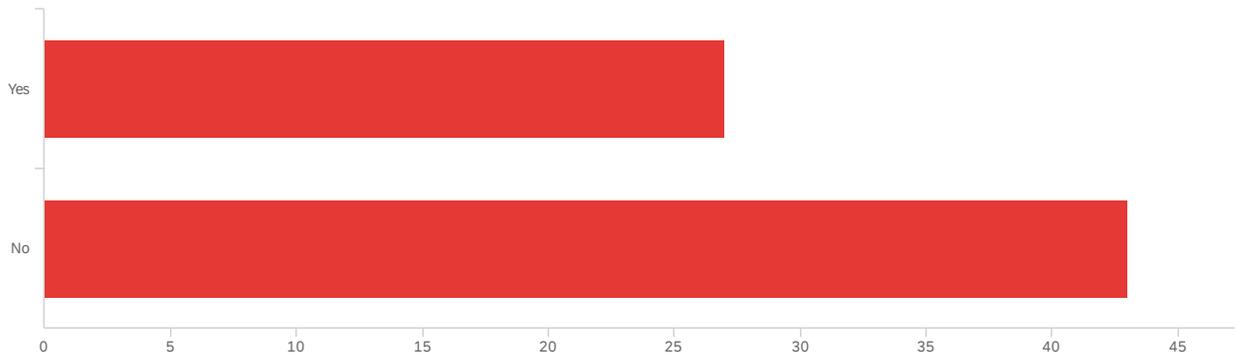
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## Q7 - How can the application process be improved for greater equitability?

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## Q8 - Have you or an agency you are affiliated with received OERSSIRF Funds?



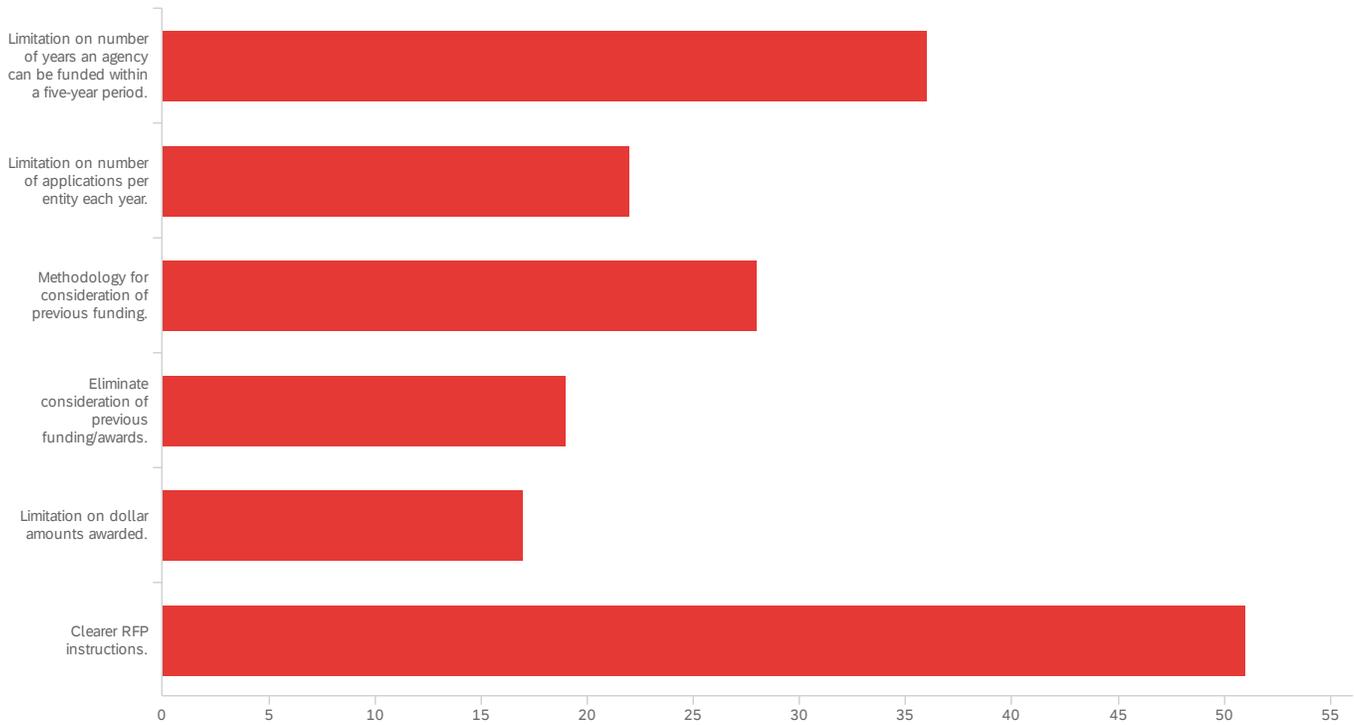
#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Have you or an agency you are affiliated with received OERSSIRF Funds?	1.00	2.00	1.61	0.49	0.24	70

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Yes	38.57% 27
2	No	61.43% 43
		70

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## Q12 - Please select all areas you think should be addressed to improve the application

and/or funding process:



#	Field	Choice Count
1	Limitation on number of years an agency can be funded within a five-year period.	20.81% 36
2	Limitation on number of applications per entity each year.	12.72% 22
3	Methodology for consideration of previous funding.	16.18% 28
4	Eliminate consideration of previous funding/awards.	10.98% 19
5	Limitation on dollar amounts awarded.	9.83% 17
6	Clearer RFP instructions.	29.48% 51

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## Q11 - What other feedback do you have regarding OERSSIRF funding?

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Nearly impossible for an agency to get the first award, grant funding favors previous awardees

my observation so far is that the application is cumbersome and the grading rubric is unclear. Clarification and simplification of the application process would benefit the grant program

N/A

Establish and communicate a clear priority list based on agency input. Then focus the funding in those areas. Reevaluate the needs every 1-2 years adjusting the list as needed.

Private for profit services should not be allowed. If teaching institutes receive funding, some of their funding should be used to provide little to no tuition for EMS students. If there are funds that are not awarded ex: EMS service "A" applies for \$150,000 they are next in line to receive funds. if there is only \$100,000 left they should be offered the opportunity to ammend their request to receive the 100k.

none

Nothing as this time

The OERSSIRF grant is way too complicated to get filled out in a timely manner.

I'd suggest giving entities 60 days to respond to the RFP. Also, the rules state that the department shall issue a Request for Proposal for the OERSSIRF each year, but it would be helpful for potential applicants to know which month each year or time period (i.e., fall, spring, summer) to expect the RFPs and how they can get on the notification list.

it is very difficult to fill out all the required documentation. More time is needed to obtain all the required information. Some entities receive funding every year. Such as OSU fire service, which is a training institution and not an Ambulance service. I feel this funding should go to everyone for help in purchasing expensive equipment. Private ambulance services are being shut out of the funding.

It is difficult for small / rural agencies who have minimal staffing to complete applications. Despite few training opportunities that are difficult for us to attend due to needing to take call while trainings are going on. Many rural agencies are only staffed with 2-3 people at a time who are on shift to complete all agency duties as well as take call. I have tried multiple times to apply. There needs to be an easier method for the application process.

More information sent to agencies concerning application dates, process, and eligible items

none at this time.

Nothing to add

It should not be made easy because people can not follow instructions and any application that qualifies should be considered.

What other feedback do you have regarding OERSSIRF funding?

Instead of prioritizing the presentation of the materials submitted in an application and disqualifying applications for failing to meet those superficial standards, perhaps more reliable means of determining true need should be considered, such as financial statements, tax records, employee pay rates, and audits such as those performed by the state to ensure the appropriate policies and procedures for managing funds are in place. If an agency is determined to show profit, they should perhaps receive dramatically fewer points than applicants who are not for profit and are showing financial loss or stagnation, if not eliminated entirely. Most of these financial records are public record anyway, at least for non-profit organizations, and financial audits are mandated by the state and are performed regularly. Also, a standardized release date would be beneficial to all parties who wish to apply for the grant. Many services who are struggling do not have the resources to accommodate the short notice timeline provided and also continue to serve in their capacity efficiently. Larger services may be able to designate individuals to the task or perhaps retain a grant writer's services. However, smaller services are often underserved and understaffed. And, if they desire to contract a grant writer, they likely need time to budget for that expense. Regardless, there is no benefit to not having a standard date of release. Moreover, the same applicants receiving the grant year after year discourages applicants who do not receive the grant from continuing the process because they are constantly being denied in favor of services that are widely known to be well off. This perpetuates the process and widens the disparity between those services succeeding financially and those services failing. If there is not a reorganization to address this issue, EMS will become increasingly corporatized, and it is not a secret that increased corporatization is inversely beneficial for the communities served, the employees, and patient care. The purpose of the grant was to assist the struggling ambulance services that serve the underserved communities. However, that is no longer the reputation associated with this grant and many of the policies in place at the state level.

Need earlier awareness on it and simplify the directions

none

Still not clear on who is eligible for this?

I believe that it is very good at this time. I do believe that others seem to think its unfair some services get it more than others but, if you clearly read at risk services are at most risk of failing so an at risk service should not ever be penalized for getting the grant multiple years. Everyone has the chance to clearly use this as an advantage. Without the "O grant" this agency would have already closed up shop leaving another large hole in coverage in SW Oklahoma.

N/A

none

Make the application process easier and more defined selection process.

The process makes it very difficult for small services to complete survey. Most of the time its these small services who need the funds the most. The larger services have larger business offices to provide manpower to complete the grant. I would love to see a slimmed down application process. I have heard other Ems providers tell me it's not worth the hassle to fill out because we won't get it. I think this takes away from the plan of assisting Ems agencies with this grant.

For the amount of work involved with this program, it is insane how easy it is to have your packet rejected. Ours have been rejected so many times that we stopped applying. The rejection rationale is usually very trivial and absurd. Other directors have repeatedly said the same thing, as well as the fact that smaller, rural agencies that are most in need of funding opportunities don't always have the resources to effectively get the packet together in the manner that the bigger agencies do since they usually have dedicated grant writers. The bigger agencies tend to suck a lot of funds up. I understand that it may not be exactly true, but rural Oklahoma agencies largely believe that if you are not in Oklahoma or Tulsa County, it is exceedingly difficult to obtain this funding. It may come down to whomever is on the review panel. Just food for thought..

NONE

I would recommend informing the availability of these funds more frequently to agencies as well as details.

None at this point.

Training on submitting grant request.

Providing equity among the applicants should be paramount in the process.

What other feedback do you have regarding OERSSIRF funding?

Over the last few years I have noticed that the same services are awarded the grant due to the accruing point system. This hinders newer agencies from being able to have a chance at gaining funding that is needed.

I don't have any at this time.

None

n/a

none

Criteria needs to change to be eligible for funding. Private entities and Tech schools should not be entitled to this funding. We are a rural EMS service that operates on 3 mils a year for our budget. That is not enough to sustain our business to provide 911 services. We have to run interfacility transfers to bring in revenue and that leaves our district vulnerable. We also do not have the ability to purchase capital without going out for a bond.

none

The methodology for previous funding MUST be changed. S = Statutory Purposes - This section awards creativity by allocating tiny amounts to meet each of the statutory purpose objectives to create points, not to actual reward points based on the overarching Objective of the proposal. An agency could request \$125,00 for an ambulance and another \$5,000 split for token trainings and assessments, yet garner the full 400 points instead of the mere 50 points for the ambulance, which is the true substance of the proposal. Primarily though, under the current rules scheme the Previous Funding Evaluation (PE) portion of the formula can eclipse all other points. If an agency has successfully earned an award six times in the past with a significantly improved evaluation their PG + PE will be 425 points, which is fully 43% of the highest theoretical points that can be earned by any agency who has not previously received funding. And almost no agency can achieve that 1,000 point theoretical max (only 6 counties would even be eligible for that scoring). This creates a pattern where an agency could start to entirely flaunt the purpose of this program because they've created so many bonus points they can just continue with OERSSIRF as part of their regular funding source and each year make it harder for any other agency to even compete. (For instance one agency sits at 11 previous rewards: 925 points. They don't even have to add anything other than their demographic information in to outperform any agency which has never before received stabilization funds.) The current system does not promote stabilization across the breadth of Oklahoma, nor for those systems most in need.

None

What funding is possible for EMRA's to receive?

no other feedback at this time

Make the funding opportunities equal for all EMS services.

none

I feel it is proper the way it is. Being a small rural service, this funding is crucial for survivability.

I feel that the process is proper. Being a small agency with limited funding access, this funding is crucial for survivability.

My agency could not survive with out these Grants We cover 1,423sq miles with one full time truck and one call back truck. Your county has a population of 11,667 with a average income of \$21,806

none

Private agencies who are excluded from most every other grant opportunity rely very heavily on this funding opportunity for stabilization via capital improvements that otherwise would not be possible. Without the opportunity to make such capital improvements said agencies would eventually cease to exist as revenue streams continue to narrow. A major overhaul of this package is not necessary. This is especially true for rural/small agencies with limited resources.

What other feedback do you have regarding OERSSIRF funding?

No feedback. We have not attempted to utilize these funds.

Can a list of people who are able to write and submit the grant be provided before hand? We tried to write and submit the grant ourselves one year and was kicked out and told we were not allowed to do whatever we had submitted. This year we did not apply because we keep wasting money paying Shawn Rogers firm to write the grant and we never have been awarded anything. You look at the list of who receives awards and it's the same people 3 and 4 years in a row. I think if you are awarded a grant, then you should not be awarded another grant for at least 2 years unless there is enough money that everyone else receives awards first. This way everyone is being awarded grant money and not the same people over and over every year.

The process of applying was fairly simple. I found in this last process that the instructions as how to put in together wasn't in the right order.

Scoring, at times, seems to be highly subjective and the results are often dependent upon who the scorers are and/or what the scorers "feel" are good vs. bad projects. I also realize that this is the most troublesome area of the process due to a lack of volunteers. However, scoring should attempt to remove as much subjectivity as possible in an attempt to achieve a greater degree of inter-rater reliability.

I do not feel that a "for profit" or private entity should be eligible for funding. As a county entity that has very limited funding, I feel that the use of the funds should assist the front line caregivers that are not able to acquire and upkeep their needed equipment due to financial reasons.

Training session on how to fill out the paperwork

N/A

We dont apply for it because of the rules

none

I think it would be nice if there was a tax put on the med pot industry in Oklahoma to help fund rural Fire/EMS Departments. To help with the funding burden small towns and Cities face to help keep their departments staffed to protect their citizens.

Revise EMRA certification requirements. Small non-profit total volunteer fire departments CAN NOT qualify for this intended First Response Agency. You have all of the requirements for large Paramedic level departments. I've reminded you before about this and you have done nothing to change the intent of this certification. Need 4 levels of EMRA, with qualifications that can be met at the ORIGINAL intent of FRA's in rural Oklahoma. Can't get EMRA, so can't get OERSSIRF funding!

SHORTEN AWARD TIME. SEEMS LIKE A LONG TIME FROM CUT OFF TO AWARD OR DENIAL NOTICE.

none

None at this time

I would like to discuss the distance to the nearest trauma center running rule, the number of EMTs in the county rule, and the length of time for not making a benchmark penalty affects an applicant rule.

I think this grant has e volves greatly over the past ten years. I think it has done a lot of good for the rural EMS community in Oklahoma.

None

None

This is the hardest grant I have ever attempted which made me discontinue applying. This grant is not EMRA friendly. Consider making more easier and simpler instructions.

What other feedback do you have regarding OERSSIRF funding?

None

I know that it's not always possible, but more funding to be able to award more needed agencies.

It is geared to help the more rural EMS agencies but doesn't assist those that cover the suburban areas, but also have a large rural area within their jurisdiction. The grant needs to be a regular grant application process and not an RFP style. It's very time demanding for what it is.

**End of Report**