



**Mercy Medical Center – Rural First Responder Grant
FY 2021 (July 1, 2020– June 30, 2021)**

With its mission to care for the sick and enhance the health of the communities it serves, guided by the spirit of the Sisters of Mercy, Mercy Medical Center recognizes the importance of rural first responders. Often the first to arrive on the scene of an emergency, it is imperative that first responders in rural areas have access to education and resources needed to provide the best medical assistance to residents in their communities. Mercy is proud to offer this grant to further strengthen rural emergency care by building and fostering relationships with the first responders who faithfully serve outside urban cities.

Mercy’s Rural First Responder Grant will provide a financial contribution to first responder organizations requesting funds for one of the following:

- Equipment for emergency care in the pre-hospital environment
- Medical emergency training for first responders

Only one grant request may be submitted per organization per year. **The maximum grant request is \$2,500 per year.**

Organization Eligibility Requirements:

1. Demonstration of a financial need for the equipment or training through narrative explanation
2. 501(c)(3) tax status with the IRS, or part of a governmental unit (documentation is required)
3. Alignment with the mission of Mercy Medical Center (noted above)
4. Located in a rural community within the Mercy Medical Center service area – Benton, Cedar, Delaware, Iowa, northern Johnson, Jones, Linn and Tama counties. Eligible first responder organizations include:
 - a. Ambulance services
 - b. Fire and Rescue
 - c. Police
 - d. Other first responder organizations



How to apply:

1. Complete the Rural First Responder Grant application
2. Return application by **July 31, 2020** via email or mail:
 - a. Email: Melissa Cullum at mcullum@mercyare.org
 - b. Mail: Mercy Medical Center
Attn: Melissa Cullum, Community Benefit
701 10th Street SE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52403
3. All applications are reviewed by a Mercy committee and awarded based on eligibility requirements, demonstration of need, and availability of grant funds
4. Applicants will be notified of decision via email by **August 31, 2020**.

Grant submission checklist:

- Completed grant application
- Organization's W9, documentation you are part of the government, or your 28E Agreement
- For equipment requests, please provide a copy of a current sales quote
- For training requests, please provide supporting documentation (i.e. website link, brochure or flyer, proof training is evidenced-based/best practice for first responders)
- Signed application



Rural First Responder Grant Application Form

Name of requesting organization:

Street:

City:

State:

Zip:

Primary contact person:

Title:

Phone number:

Email address:

Federal I.D. number and nonprofit status (*please provide copy of W9, documentation organization is part of the county or city, or 28E agreement*):

Title of grant request:

Type of request (equipment or training):

Amount requested (maximum \$2,500):

1. Please provide organization's mission statement.
2. What is the primary purpose/function of the organization?
3. Where is the organization's service area?
4. How is the organization funded?

5. Describe the financial constraints that prohibit the organization from purchasing the equipment or training requested. What is the total cost of the equipment or training?

6. Does the organization have the budget to fund additional or ongoing costs for the equipment or training requested?

7. Please describe the equipment or training for which funds are requested. What is the equipment or training for which you are requesting funds? *For equipment requests, please provide a copy of a current sales quote.*

8. Please describe the difference this will make in the organization's ability to provide services. Describe the needs this will address in the rural community served by the organization.

9. If this is an equipment request, please provide how often the organization would have used this piece of equipment in the last year.

Please sign below to attest the information above is correct. Your signature also indicates the organization understands Mercy Medical Center will request any awarded funds be returned if Rural First Responder Grant dollars are not used for the described equipment or training.

A grant update is due by September 30, 2021. The update should include a copy of the receipt for the equipment or training purchases.

Applicant's Signature

Printed Name

Date