

Medical First Response

Overview

The Alberta Medical First Response (MFR) Program is committed to providing resources for patient care support throughout the province using various means. While each agency is ultimately responsible for training and equipment to safely carry out MFR activity, AHS recognizes opportunities to provide assistance where it is needed most. For a limited time, the MFR Program is accepting applications from MFR agencies, municipalities and Indigenous communities for one-time financial support to assist with patient care-related training and equipment priorities.

Applications

- Applications accepted starting Sep 13, 2023, and closing Oct 15, 2023, at 2359h
- Applications are accepted using the online form located at [AlbertaMFR.ca](https://www.albertamfr.ca)
Direct Link: <https://www.albertamfr.ca/theme/common/page.cfm?i=11684>
- Required information will include the applicant name, organization/community represented, contact information and a description of the funding request
- If applicable, MFR agencies can maximize their opportunity for funding by ensuring compliance with MFR Program standards, including submission of patient care reports
- Organizations apply for funding on behalf of their members. Applications are not accepted from individuals not formally representing a qualifying MFR agency or community.

Definitions

Qualifying Agency: An agency fully enrolled and actively participating in the AHS MFR Program

Qualifying Community: Any municipality, First Nation or Métis Settlement in Alberta

Training: Patient care-related training eligible for funding includes, but is not limited to;

- Training that enhances clinical skills
- Provider-level Standard or Advanced First Aid and CPR training. Certification must be delivered by a [first aid training agency approved by the Alberta Government](#).
- Instructor-level Standard First Aid or Advanced First Aid Instructor certification. Instructor certification must be delivered by a [first aid training agency approved by the Alberta Government](#). Additional supports are available to Red Cross Instructors through the Alberta MFR Program.

- Training or certification related to patient and responder safety. Examples include infection prevention & control, injury prevention, N95 respirator fit-testing and fit-tester training.
- Tuition and expenses related to Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) certification. Preference may be given to members of rural and remote communities.
- Tuition and expenses related to Primary Care Paramedic (PCP) certification. Preference may be given to members of rural and remote communities.
- Training or certification eligible for continuing education credit with the Alberta College of Paramedics, for regulated practitioners.

Equipment: Patient care-related equipment eligible for funding includes, but is not limited to;

- Medical training supplies and patient care equipment applicable to the local level of service
- Medical response kits (i.e. trauma bags) and supplies applicable to the local level of service
- Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and AED trainers, including related parts, accessories and storage cabinets
- Clinical equipment or monitoring devices routinely used in patient care, supported by the MFR Medical Control Protocols and applicable to the local level of service
- Equipment and supplies that improve patient and responder safety. Examples include infection prevention & control supplies, N95 respirators and other PPE, N95 respirator fit-testing supplies and injury prevention equipment.

Other eligible expenses may include, but are not limited to:

- Promotional materials to support community involvement in local emergency response (e.g. CPR/AED awareness, medical responder membership drive)
- Annual licensure fees/dues for professional practice permits (i.e. College of Paramedics fees)
- Examination fees for registration as a practitioner with the Alberta College of Paramedics
- Reasonable expenses related to travel for patient care-related training

Not Eligible: Items not eligible for funding include, but are not limited to:

- Fees for individual professional liability insurance
- Clinical equipment that exceeds the local level of service or is not supported by MFR Medical Control Protocols
- Items that are not primarily patient-care related (i.e. communications equipment)

Important Notes

- Applications are reviewed and evaluated after the closing date
- Applications received after the deadline will not be considered
- Applications are objectively evaluated considering numerous factors and funds are not guaranteed
- If applicable, MFR agencies can maximize their opportunity for funding by ensuring compliance with MFR Program standards, including submission of patient care reports
- Agencies that have not received funding in previous years may receive higher priority
- To promote the distribution of financial support throughout the province, funds awarded within a region may be capped at the discretion of Alberta MFR
- Successful applicants should be prepared to provide proof of expenses to AHS if requested following the award
- AHS may feature the initiative/purchase in future communications with other partners and stakeholders

Application Process

1. Submit an online application for funding
 - a. Application form is located at [AlbertaMFR.ca](https://albertamfr.ca)
 - b. A form confirmation message and automatic email is sent upon submission
 - c. Contact MFR@ahs.ca if you experience any technical issues with the form
2. Requests are reviewed and evaluated by the MFR Program after the closing date
3. MFR Program notifies all applicants of their application status in November 2023