

American Trauma Society (ATS) - Maryland Division APPLICATION FOR "Stop the Bleed" Program GRANT FUNDS

The National American Trauma Society (ATS) has joined the White House and other trauma and emergency care partners in the "Stop the Bleed" campaign. This important initiative provides bystanders at emergency situations with the tools and knowledge to stop life threatening bleeding. No matter how rapid the arrival of emergency medical services (EMS), bystanders will always be first on the scene. A person who is bleeding can die from blood loss within five minutes, therefore it is important to quickly stop the blood loss. "Stop the Bleed" is a nationwide campaign to empower individuals to act quickly and save lives. Working with the private sector and nonprofit organizations, this campaign directs knowledge gained by first responders and our military, into the hands of the public to help save lives. The ATS, Maryland Division is looking to help build both national and statewide awareness of the campaign and the important role bystanders can play in saving lives.

In order to assist in the implementation of this critically important program, the ATS, Maryland Division will be providing three grants in the amount of \$2,500 to EMS personnel at the jurisdictional level or individual EMS companies in Maryland. These funds may be used to promote the training of Marylanders in the Stop the Bleed program. By providing these funds to Maryland's EMS personnel, the ATS is working to increase the training across the state. The ATS feels that the EMS community plays an important role in this important educational effort. These funds may be used in a variety of ways to either start or enhance programs. Training materials, promotional materials, and actual bleeding control kits are all ways that the funds may be spent. All Maryland EMS jurisdictional programs, individual EMS companies, and Fire/EMS departments are eligible to apply. The grant proposals will be judged on their merit by members of the ATS, Maryland Division Board. They will be looking for specific details in the proposals such as number of bleeding control kits purchased, number of community members trained, or number public employees trained. **All grant proposals must be received by April 30, 2023.** Award winners will be notified during the summer of 2023.

The ATS, Maryland Division looks forward to assisting Maryland's emergency medical services with this critical endeavor as we better prepare our state for these types of emergencies. The American Trauma Society is a voluntary, non-profit organization dedicated to preventing traumatic injuries and reducing their consequences. The main missions of the ATS are to provide injury prevention information through public education and to serve as leaders in the development, advocacy, and maintenance of trauma systems.

Thanks for all you do for Maryland's trauma and EMS system!

For more information on the "Stop the Bleed" campaign, please visit <u>dhs.gov/stopthebleed</u>.

For more information on the American Trauma Society, please visit amtrauma.org

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