

DES Reimbursement to local search and rescue groups		Agency/Program #: 6701-21-G1
		Division: Disaster and Emergency Seriv
		Program:
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Program or Project Description:

The division administers a state special revenue fund that receives revenue from a surcharge on conservation licenses and from a portion of the off-road vehicle licensing fees. These funds are used to defray some of the costs of local search and rescue organizations including reimbursement for costs of rescue missions, training and for matching funds for equipment as well as other activities.

Appropriation, Expenditure and Source					
Fund Name:	2010		2011		Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of August 30, 2010
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended	
General Fund					
State Special	224,978	212,705	224,978	0	
Federal Funds					
Total:	\$224,978	\$212,705	\$224,978	\$0	

Goal(s):

Improve process of distributing funding to local entities for search and rescue activities

Performance Measures :

Number of applications processed, Average funding amounts, time between application and distribution of funding

	2011 Biennium Significant Milestones:	Completion Dates	
		Target	Actual
1	Establish Administrative Rules to clarify the reimbursement process for the Division as required in 10-3-801 pertaining to the 50% mission requirement	6/1/2011	
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Performance Report:

For fiscal year 2010, the division processed a total of 222 requests for reimbursement. Of the 222 requests for reimbursement, 95 were for training and equipment related expenses and 127 were for mission related expenses. The monthly average of counties submitting for reimbursement was just over 4.

Financially, the division processed and reimbursed the counties a total of \$212,705 for the fiscal year. Of that amount, \$83,855.87 was for Search and Rescue Missions and \$124,849 was for Search and Rescue Training and Equipment. during FY10, the division reimbursed the local SAR units and sheriff's \$54,311 more than in FY09.

For FY10, the funds distributed to the counties came from two sources, the FW&P conservation license fees and the motor vehicle fees. FW&P costs for fiscal year 2010 were \$50,225 and from the motor vehicle account, 162,480.

Applications are received throughout the month and processed on or about the 20th of each month. After processing, a request for fund transfer is sent to FW&P for their portion of the monthly requests. Once they Journal has been posted, payments are made to the county treasurers with remarks stating where the funding should go.

The division has identified the need for the establishment of Administrative Rules to clarify the reimbursement processes related to this fund. The target date for completion of the Administrative Rules in June 1, 2011.

The division hired a temporary employee to interface with the Montana Sheriff's and Peace Officers Association and local Search and Rescue Organizations to raise the level of knowledge and understanding and to provide training on the reimbursement processes. in addition, he also collected contact information and other related data that the division had been unable to obtain before. This position ended June 30, 2010. The Division continues to remain engaged with the Search and rescue Committee of the Montana Sheriff's and Peace Officer's Association.

LFD Narrative:

LFD Assessment: On track

Data Relevance: the information provided by the agency presented a clear and quantifiable picture of the program and processes being monitored. Furthermore the agency identified the outstanding issues and clearly stated the action items by which they intend to resolve these issues.

Appropriation Status: Appropriation and expenditure information was provided

Options:

- 1) Dismiss from further review
- 2) Refer to joint appropriations committee for continued monitoring in the upcoming biennium
- 3) Request additional information
- 4) Upgrade or Downgrade the rating



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