

# Family Grant Fund FAQ

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: Who is responsible for family assistance after an accident?**

*A: In general, it is the program and/or operator's responsibility to provide family assistance following an air medical accident. FARE's Family Grant Fund does not replace the responsibility of the program to provide family assistance; it is meant to supplement that effort; a challenging task in the aftermath of an accident.*

**Q: Whom does the FARE Family Grant help?**

*A: The FARE Family Grant helps families of air medical crewmembers and their patients who are killed or injured in an air medical mission in the United States. This is done through an immediate grant to AAMS-participating air medical programs and/or operators.*

**Q: How do the families receive the money?**

*A: AAMS programs and operators who qualify for FARE Family Grant Funds must provide immediate cash dispersal to affected families following an air medical accident. FARE reserves the right to audit the program and/or operator for compliance with grant dispersal guidelines.*

**Q: How do programs and operators qualify for FARE Family Grant Funds?**

*A: Programs must be AAMS members and file a post accident plan with a family assistance component with AAMS prior to an accident. Should an accident occur, FARE wires family assistance grants to the program. Programs must quickly turn the entire amount of the grant over to the proper next of kin of the affected crewmembers and patients.*

**Q: How much money will FARE provide each family after an accident?**

*A: FARE cannot determine the amount of the grants until fundraising efforts begin in earnest. The fundraising for this initiative kicks off at the Air Medical Transport Conference this October in Minneapolis.*

**Q: Are there any restrictions on the grants?**

*A: FARE grants are a one-time benefit. To qualify, programs must be active AAMS members and report the accident to the appropriate agency (FAA, NTSB). The FARE Family Grant Fund is a private, non-profit donation and may be denied or reduced for any reason.*

**Q: When will FARE Family Grants be awarded?**

*A: Grant awards will be dependent upon successful fundraising efforts, and participation of AAMS member programs in the submission of family assistance plans. FARE's goal is to have funding in place to begin awards in late 2009 should the need arise.*