

## MRA GRANT POLICY

- a. Purpose
  - 1) Provide funds for research or development and testing of SAR systems and equipment.
  - 2) Promote better understanding of SAR systems, equipment and technology.
  
- b. Scope
  - 1) Mountain SAR technical and EMS systems, equipment, research and development.
  - 2) Specific or general accident analyses and research.
  
- c. Funding
  - 1) The amount shall be determined by the MRA Grant Committee members, based on the MRA budget and available funds.
  - 2) Joint funding of the project by the MRA Grant and the MRA Unit or Units and/or Region is desirable and encouraged.
  - 3) Funding for travel to present results is handled separately and should not be included in grant proposals. The MRA will provide some funding for grant recipients who present results at the International Technical Rescue Symposium and/or at the MRA summer conference.
  
- d. Operating Requirements.
  - 1) Applicants shall be an accredited (full or partial) MRA unit, member of one, or recommended by an MRA unit accredited in the discipline(s) applied for. Applicants shall have no financial interests in the results of the work performed under this Grant.
  - 2) Funds can be disbursed to multiple selected applicants.
  - 3) Applicants shall submit a proposal to the chairperson of the Grant Committee in the format provided by the Committee.
  - 4) Awardees shall submit receipts and accounting within 12 months of receipt of funds. Accounting may be required sooner than twelve months when the nature of the grant permits it. The MRA may do an on-site audit to verify purchases consistent with receipts and the accounting.
  - 5) Awardees shall submit a written report with the approach and the results to the Grant Committee chairperson and to the MRA Clearinghouse before the one year agreement period is over. The awardees shall submit this report and photos in the format useable for the RESCUE FORUM.

- 6) The awardee is encouraged to present the results at the ITRS Symposium and/or at the MRA June meeting within the one year agreement period or within the following year (negotiable with the MRA Grant chairperson).
- 7) Awardees may submit to other rescue/ WEMS trade journals after the one year agreement period, or before that with written permission of the MRA Grant chairperson.
- 8) The MRA does not endorse methodology or results of the work performed under the grant, and such a statement is required on each paper by awardees.
- 9) Awardees who do not comply with any or part of this can be eliminated from any current or future processing or consideration by the committee upon discovery.
- 10) The Grant Committee will ask for proposals on the MRA Lister and in the RESCUE FORUM.
- 11) The Grant Committee will evaluate the proposals and determine the winner by majority vote and recommend to MRA President or Vice-President to award the grant.