



## Southern Region EMS Council Anchorage, Alaska

Mission: Improve the quality, availability and sustainability of emergency patient care

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Connie Bacon, Fire Chief  
Bear Creek Fire Service Area  
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RE: Code Blue Phase 18

Dear Chief Bacon:

The Code Blue Phase 18 equipment requests submitted by your agency for consideration have gone through a rigorous review process. There have been multiple review steps along the way, which include Southern Region staff, Board of Directors Equipment Review Committee, the Southern Region Board of Directors, and finally the Statewide Code Blue Steering Committee.

During these steps, items have been considered based on many established criteria, including whether they are essential EMS equipment as defined in the statewide Code Blue manual (e.g., items for patient care/transport, EMS education, etc.), whether they meet minimum criteria, reasonableness of the request, application to the community setting, documentation of need, costs, how they fit into regional and statewide priorities, medical direction, and a host of others. In addition, there are always more requests than can ultimately be funded, so some simply do not make the list or their funding is capped.

The portion of funding we receive from the State via the Governor's Capital Equipment bill has made it through the legislative process and is essentially at the same level as last year. The governor has signed the legislation and we are able to begin moving forward. State funding should be available by September 2018.

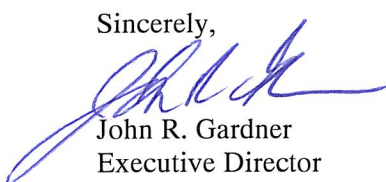
If your item is listed below as **Approved**, your project(s) are on the State Code Blue Equipment list and pending grant processes. If it is **Changed**, it was altered within the review process and an explanation will be detailed below. If it is listed as **Dropped**, it will not be considered in this Code Blue phase and an explanation will be detailed below.

Item	Status	Local Match	STATE	UNMET	Total
BLS Medical Bag (3ea)	Approved	\$100	\$ 902	\$0.00	\$1,002
First Responder Casualty Kits (20ea)	Approved	\$752	\$6,768	\$0.00	\$7,520
Pagers (20ea)	Not Funded*	\$889	\$	\$8,002	\$8,891

*\*There were not enough funds to fund all the project requests in this phase. There may be a funding opportunity for you by applying directly to USDA. Julie Pannone, our Finance Manager, will be emailing this information directly to you.*

Thank you for all you do for EMS in Alaska. At Southern Region, we are working hard to support you in every way that we can.

Sincerely,

  
John R. Gardner  
Executive Director

*Look Forward  
to hopefully meeting  
you soon And offering  
to volunteer as a medic!*

CC: Samantha Cunningham, Subarea Coordinator