

	Financial Assistance Award DENALI COMMISSION 510 "L" Street, Suite 410 Anchorage, Alaska 99501 (907) 271-1414	Project Number 0024-DC-2001-16
		Accounting Code 9567000
Recipient Name State of Alaska Department of Health and Human Services		
Recipient Address Commissioners Office PO Box 110601 Juneau AK 99811-0601		Denali Commission Share of Cost \$ 501,710
		Recipient Share of Cost \$ 6, 713, 444
		Total Estimated Cost \$ 7, 215, 154
Award Performance Period From February 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002		
Authority 112 Stat 1854		
Project Title <p align="center">The Code Blue Project</p>		
<p>This Financial Assistance Award approved by the Federal Co-Chair of the Denali Commission is issued in triplicate and constitutes an obligation of federal funding. By signing the three documents, the Recipient agrees to comply with the Award provisions indicated below and attached. Upon acceptance by the Recipient, two signed Award documents shall be returned to the Federal Co-Chair of the Denali Commission and the Recipient shall retain the third document. If not signed and returned without modification by the Recipient within 30 days of receipt, the Federal Co-Chair may unilaterally terminate this Award.</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> EDA Standard Terms and Conditions Public Works and Implementations Construction Components, dated 3/99 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special Award Conditions and Attachments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Line Item Budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 15 CFR 24, Uniform Admin Requirements for Grants/Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments (www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_99/15cfr24_99.html) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OMB Circular A-87, Cost Principles for State and Local Governments and Indian Tribal Governments (www.whitehouse.gov/OMB/circulars/a087/a087-all.html) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments and Indian Tribal Governments (www.whitehouse.gov/OMB/circulars/a133/a133.html) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 15 CFR, Part 14, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, Other Nonprofit, and Commercial Organizations (www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_99/15cfr14_99.html) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OMB Circular A-122, Cost Principles for Nonprofit Organizations (www.whitehouse.gov/OMB/circulars/a122/a122.html) <input type="checkbox"/> OMB Circular A-21, Cost Principles for Educational Institutions (www.whitehouse.gov/OMB/circulars/a021/a021.html) <input type="checkbox"/> EDA Standard Terms and Conditions Capacity Building Programs <input type="checkbox"/> Department of Commerce Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions, dated 10/98 <input type="checkbox"/> </p>		
Signature of Authorized Official - Denali Commission 	Typed Name and Title Jeffrey Staser, Federal Co-Chair	Date 1/26/01
Signature of Authorized Official - Department of Health and Social Services 	Typed Name and Title Karen Perdue, Commissioner	Date 2/15/01

Award Conditions to the Financial Assistance Award
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1. This financial assistance is provided through the State of Alaska Department of Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) for the purpose of improving rural emergency health care. Additional details are included in the attached Scope of Work. Total Denali Commission funding provided through this Financial Assistance Award is \$501,710; total funding (including other sources) is \$7,215,154.
2. Commission funding is intended only for the specified Scope of Work. In the event there is a balance of funding after the scope of work is completed, the Commission will determine how the excess funds will be allocated.
3. The Project Officer for DHSS is Mr. Matt Anderson and for the Denali Commission Mr. Joel Neimeyer.
4. DHSS shall submit a written report either electronically, or via US mail, to the Commission Project Officer detailing the expenditure of these funds. The report is due within 30 calendar days after final purchase and installation of equipment. Interim reports are required in the event of significant project events that may extend purchase of equipment or final construction or installation. The final report shall include a narrative summary of the project status and individual grant progress to date, and address the following questions: is the project on schedule, is the project on budget, and what actions are planned to address any project problems. Additionally, a final Financial Status Report (Standard Form 269 – www.whitehouse.gov/OMB/grants/index.html#forms) shall be submitted to the Commission Project Officer within 90 days after the end of the Award Performance Period. These reports shall be sent to:

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5. To receive payment, DHSS must submit a "Request for Advance or Reimbursement", Standard Form-270, to the Commission Project Officer. The Commission reserves the right to prohibit further payments to DHSS, at any time, if discrepancies involving Commission funds arise, until such time that the discrepancies are resolved to the satisfaction of the Commission.
6. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), project level reviews may be required. Potential environmental concerns associated with projects funded under this agreement shall be addressed in consultation with applicable Federal, State, and local authorities.
7. To the maximum extent feasible, considering applicable laws, DHSS shall encourage utilizing local labor and small, minority owned and disadvantaged businesses.
8. No portion of this award may be used for lobbying or propaganda purposes as prohibited by 18 U.S.C. Section 1913 or Section 607(a) of public law 96-74.

9. Scope of Work

Eligible Activities: Denali Commission funds will be used to provide financial assistance for the following purposes in the approximate amounts indicated:

- Intercommunity Repeaters - \$350,000
- Radio/Communications - \$29,000
- Patient Care Equipment - \$122,700

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Resuscitating Emergency Medical Services in Alaska

A Potential Role for the Denali Commission

Brief History: During the past decade, a crisis has quietly developed in rural Alaskan EMS programs resulting in some services closing their doors and others downgrading the level of emergency medical care they are capable of providing. These EMS agencies are essential components of the rural emergency health care and transportation systems. The Code Blue Project was initiated by the Department of Health and Social Services in 1999 as an attempt to quantify the unmet needs of rural emergency medical services agencies. In addition to the department, the process has involved the Governor's Alaska Council on Emergency Medical Services, Regional and Subarea EMS Agencies, and local EMS programs. The Code Blue Database includes EMS needs supported by Regional EMS agencies and represents a "snapshot" of documented needs in rural Alaska.

Funding Sources: The need to reinvigorate emergency medical services agencies in Alaska is urgent and worsens with time. Agencies such as the Denali Commission, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Rasmuson Foundation have been contacted as potential sources of funds. Governor Knowles is including \$500,000 in his proposed capital budget for improving EMS and matching other funding sources. We continue to look diligently for other sources of funding.

Recent Activities: We have spent considerable time refining our database and reporting systems to be able to more accurately estimate costs and matching funds based on different funding scenarios. Fields related to USDA funding eligibility and levels, Primary Care Facility priority levels, and "distressed community" designation based on draft Denali Commission and preliminary USDA criteria have been included. Data have been migrated from a simple spreadsheet to an Access database system.

Local Match: We support the concept of local matching funds and we believe that many communities within the Code Blue Project are capable of generating reasonable amounts of matching funds if given adequate time. Other communities, however, such as those which are significantly economically distressed, based on USDA or Denali Commission Criteria, are not likely to be able to find matching funds, since their available funding is used for mission critical EMS operations (e.g. gasoline, vehicle maintenance, insurance, etc.). The maximum amount of funding from the USDA for a project is 75%. Consequently, the community's share of a \$150,000 ambulance would be \$37,500. Many small communities simply don't have the financial resources to amass these funds.

Applications for Funding under the Code Blue Project: There are hundreds of emergency medical services agencies in Alaska ranging from small first responder squads to extremely sophisticated, paramedic based, urban EMS systems. The Alaska EMS System is divided into seven regions. The Regional EMS Offices are either 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations (Southern Region, Interior Region and Southeast Region EMS Councils, Inc.), or are within Native Health Corporations (Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation, Maniilaq Association, Norton Sound Health Corporation), or incorporated into a borough (North Slope Borough). The regional EMS offices have been in place for years (some over 20) and are uniquely qualified to apply for and manage funds received under the Code Blue Project.

Determining Priorities: The priorities reflected in the attached funding scenarios were developed by the Department of Health and Social Services and Regional EMS Directors, based on knowledge of

community EMS needs and draft criteria, for identification of communities which are severely economically depressed. Another high priority was given to funding inter-community radio repeaters to increase coverage areas (reducing the number of radio dead spots) and to replace aging and unreliable equipment.

Importance of Denali Commission Participation: It is likely that the problems in rural emergency medical services will increase in frequency and severity if there is not a substantial influx of resources to provide the equipment, training and support necessary for volunteer EMS personnel to do their jobs in a safe and effective manner. The Denali Commission can play an important role in improving rural emergency health care by providing funding which can be used to purchase essential equipment and which can be used as match for other funding sources to maximize the improvement required in Alaska's rural EMS system.

Since many rural EMS squads in Alaska respond to more calls from people from other parts of Alaska or visitors from out-of-state than for local residents, it is in our collective best interests to ensure that we have effective emergency medical services available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, throughout the state.

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Infrastructure Proposal

<u>Category</u>	<u>Total Code Blue Request</u>	<u>Infrastructure Item Costs</u>
Ambulances	\$3,450,000	\$0
Emergency Vehicles	\$1,302,500	\$0
• Intercommunity Repeaters	\$350,000	\$350,000
• Radio/Communications	\$663,100	\$29,000
Patient Care Equipment	\$674,129	\$122,710
Training Equipment	\$259,300	\$0
Misc.	\$5,000	\$0
<u>Other</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total	\$6,719,029	\$501,710