

**CARES INTERDEPARTMENT AGREEMENT (AGREEMENT) WITH
LEWIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ON BEHALF
OF THE LEWIS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICTS**

WHEREAS, Washington State has allocated to the County federal stimulus funding (“CARES Funds”) under Section 601(a) of the Social Security Act, as amended by Section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act and Section V and VI of the CARES Act (“CARES Act”) for the limited purposes identified in the Interagency Agreement between the Washington State Department of Commerce and Lewis County (“IGA”), identified as Attachment A, and the Coronavirus Relief Funds for Local Governments Program Guidelines (“Program Guidelines”), identified as Attachment B. Attachments A and B are attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

WHEREAS, the CARES Act authorizes the County to seek reimbursement from the State for certain costs incurred in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency during the period of March 1, 2020 through November 30, 2020, which may include reimbursement of expenditures incurred to respond directly to the emergency as well as expenditures incurred to respond to second-order effects of the emergency, such as providing economic support to those suffering from employment or business interruptions due to COVID-19 related business closures.

WHEREAS, all requests submitted by the County to the State for reimbursement must be for expenses that are 1) connected to the COVID-19 emergency; 2) necessary expenses, 3) not filling a short fall in government revenues, 4) not funded through another budget line item, allotment or allocation, as of March 27, 2020, and 5) would not exist without COVID-19 or would be for a substantially different purpose as provided in the IGA and Program Guidelines (collectively “Reimbursements”).

WHEREAS, the County desires to allocate portions of the CARES Funds for emergency services and protection of both our first responders and those receiving care in emergency and life threatening circumstances. As outlined in attachment C.

WHEREAS, Lewis County Department of Emergency Management (DEM) working in partnership with the Fire Districts serving Lewis County will enter into this Agreement so the County may seek CARES Funds for appropriate and qualifying reimbursements of Coronavirus Relief Funds. Due to the ongoing direct response to the COVID-19 public health emergency by paramedics, EMTs and firefighters. Local first responders have responded to multiple incidents throughout 2020 where responders could have benefited from a tangible reduction of risk via the deployment of an Automated CPR Device.

WHEREAS, the deployment of an automated CPR device would immediately mitigate risks by improving rescuer safety during a COVID-related cardiac arrest by allowing rescuers to maintain a greater distance from the patient, reducing the number of rescuers necessary to provide high-quality CPR and reducing the level of aerobic activity and respiratory rate of rescuers.

DEM agrees to work with each Fire District within Lewis County for purchase and distribution of Automated CPR Devices.

1. Effective Date and Term. This Agreement shall commence when executed by all parties and remain in effect until November 30 2020.
2. Use of CARES Funds. DEM shall ensure that the requested CARES Funds are necessary and eligible reimbursements that satisfy the reimbursement eligibility under the US Treasury guidelines.
3. COVID-19 Reimbursement Request Support. DEM will work with the vendor directly and execute the necessary agreement for the purchase of Automated CPR Devices. The County will process the payment on behalf of the Fire Districts. DEM will submit a detailed list to the County Budget Department, on or before November 30, 2020 for each Fire District, amount awarded, and equipment disbursement date.
4. Maintenance and Audit of Records. DEM shall maintain records, books, documents, and other materials relevant to its performance under this Agreement. These records shall be subject to inspection, review and audit by the County Auditor, the Washington State Auditor's Office for five (5) years following termination of this Agreement.
5. Time. Time is of the essence in this Agreement.
6. Authorization. Each party signing below warrants to the other party, that they have the full power and authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of the party for whom they sign.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement is executed and shall become effective as of the last date signed below.

Lewis County Department of Emergency Management

Signature: 

Print Name: ANDY CALDWELL

TITLE: Deputy Director

DATED this 5 day of NOVEMBER, 2020.

Lewis County Administration

Signature: 

Print Name: ERIK P. MARTIN

TITLE: County Manager

DATED this 4TH day of NOVEMBER, 2020.

ATTACHMENT A

INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND
LEWIS COUNTY

ATTACHMENT B

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS FOR
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS PROGRAM GUIDELINES

ATTACHMENT C SCOPE OF WORK

The Board of Commissioners is directing up to \$250,000 (plus applicable tax) for Lewis County Fire Districts within Lewis County to obtain Automated CPR Devices. The intent of this grant is to provide safety benefits to rescuers by allowing limited direct interaction to a suspected or confirmed COVID patient suffering cardiac arrest present a necessary and reasonable expense to reduce the level of continued exposure risk to our community.

Lewis County Department of Emergency Management will be responsible for overseeing the program, process and deadline for distribution shown below.

1. Program Funding and Award

Lewis County shall make up to \$250,000 (plus applicable tax) of CARES funds available for the purchase of Automated CPR Devices that will be paid following the process stated in Sections 3 of this AGREEMENT.