

**CODE BLUE PROJECT
ITEM ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES**

Criterion	NOT CONSIDERED		<-<-<-<- Less Favorable <-<- CONSIDERED ->-> More Favorable ->->		
Documentation of Need	Equipment is known to be unnecessary or duplicative.	No evidence of need provided.	Requesting agency minimally documented need.	Requesting agency adequately documented need for equipment, including support from physician medical director or local EMS board.	Multiple agencies strongly support need for this equipment, including support from physician medical director or local EMS board. Evidence that this is the most cost effective solution to problem.
Rationale	None Provided		New Equipment		Replacement Equipment
Preparation	No EMS personnel exist to make use of equipment or EMS personnel are not legally authorized, e.g. certified, to use the device.	EMS personnel have not been trained but have a documented and reasonable plan to obtain the necessary training.	Basic training has been provided and documented.	Basic training has been provided on the use of equipment and has been adequately documented. Plans for continuing training exist.	Advanced or comprehensive training has been provided on the use of equipment and has been adequately documented. Plans for continuing training exist.
Sustainability	Community is having difficult time sustaining current equipment.	Training on the equipment or equipment historically hard to sustain by community with this characteristics and sustainability plan is not documented.	Servicing and maintenance plan not well documented.	Documentation of servicing and maintenance plan.	Community has history of being able to sustain equipment and programs.

Integration with equipment used by community	Item will conflict with equipment known to be in place in community.	Other equipment necessary to make requested equipment effective is not available.	Item will not conflict with equipment already present in community and is consistent with scope of care provided.	Item is well integrated into local emergency response system planning.	Item is well integrated into regional and/or state emergency response system planning.
Cost	No evidence of research and equipment costs provided.		Evidence of researching costs of item requested.	Evidence of researching costs of, and alternatives to, item requested.	Evidence that multiple sources of information were consulted to support the cost effectiveness of the request.
Community Support	There is evidence that the community is opposed to the addition of this equipment.	No letters of support provided.	Letter of support provided by governmental, tribal or other community organization and minimum local match is guaranteed.	Local match of up to 25% in addition to letter of support provided by governmental, tribal or other community organization.	Local match of 25% or above in addition to letter of support provided by governmental, tribal or other community organization.
Compliance with EMS Regulations, State planning materials and local protocols	Equipment is not compliant with regulations, e.g. ALS equipment requested for BLS personnel.		Meets minimal compliance with EMS Regulations	Equipment appears to be compliant with EMS regulations or other planning documents.	Other planning guides support the need for this equipment for a community with these characteristics.