



Chugachmiut Health Aides in EMT training with Tatitlek's Code Blue vacuum splint at Port Graham Training Center.

What We've Accomplished:

The variety of projects reflects the vast geographical and environmental differences in Alaska. Ambulances, snow machines and ATVs with patient transport sleds and carts, boats equipped with first responder gear and other unique patient transport vehicles are funded along with cardiac monitors, radios, oxygen delivery systems, pediatric and training equipment.



Patient Transport Vehicles—Whitestone Farms Community—Delta Community only accessible by boat in the summer

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Alaska Code Blue Project

How it began:

In the late 1990's, Alaska's rural EMS community was declared to be in crisis due to aging infrastructure. The Code Blue Project was established to provide **essential** EMS equipment by leveraging limited state dollars with funding from other non-traditional sources. This influx of resources has helped to provide patient care and training equipment, patient transport, and communication needs, allowing responders to do their jobs in a safe and effective manner.



Patient transport for the boardwalk community of Tenakee, AK

How it Works:

Requests are reviewed and approved at both the local and regional levels before being scrutinized by the State's Code Blue Steering Committee. The Committee consists of representatives from each of the seven EMS regions and the State EMS Office. From this collaborative process, one prioritized list is made annually of essential EMS equipment that addresses Alaska's most critical needs. During the past **twenty-one** years, a \$7.7 million investment from the State of Alaska served as the catalyst for additional grant monies, yielding more than \$27 million in capital projects.

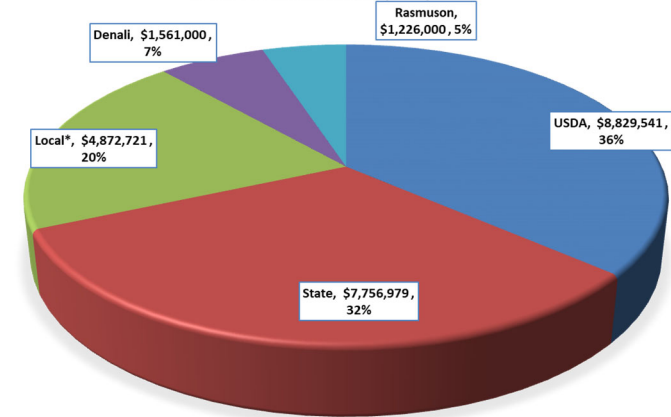


Maniilaq track vehicle, Kivalina, AK

The Future:

State capital funds are the cornerstone of the Code Blue program. They are used as a match for all other potential funding sources. Without them, we will again be faced with the result of aging infrastructure. Although the initial crisis has been resolved, much work is still needed.

CODE BLUE FUNDING BY SOURCE
FY 2001 - 2018
TOTAL FUNDING: \$27,795,321



Code Blue Current Partners:

- State of Alaska
- USDA – Rural Development
- Tribal and Municipal Governments
- Community Organizations
- Local EMS and Fire Services

