



GVFD Code Blue Grant Proposal

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I am writing the Gustavus City Council to approve the Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department to apply for the CODE Blue Grant to purchase a LUCAS Chest Compression System. This device is used during events where we need to do Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). The LUCAS Device takes place of a person administration chest compressions which is the most labor-intensive part of a code (an event where someone's heart stops). This device is used country wide and studies have shown that is more effective in resuscitation of a patient than regular CPR. This also helps when there are not a lot of responders. A code event can take about six people to run smoothly and effectively, and much of the work goes into chest compressions. If we can purchase the LUCAS Device, it would lessen the workload for the volunteers.

I will be requesting \$21,831 to purchase a LUCAS 3 Chest Compression System from the Code Blue Grant Committee. The Grant requires a 10% match for equipment purchases which would make the city responsible for \$2,183.10. We have had great success in applying for the Code Blue Grant. This is the same grant we purchased our ambulance from and the stretcher, as well as other equipment purchases. The grant is open to submit applications starting September 22 and ends December 2nd.

Thank you for your consideration for applying for the Code Blue Grant.

Sol Martinez