Community Grants Program Grant Report



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Agency Name: East Fork Volunteer Firefighters' Association

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Project Name: EF Volunteer Station AEDs

Grant Funding Amount: \$10, 875.00
Project Completion Date: June 23, 2023

Describe how the funds were used to serve Douglas County residents.

Douglas County Community Grant funding was used to add an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) to 6 East Fork Fire volunteer fire stations. An AED is a medical device designed to analyze the heart rhythm and deliver an electric shock to victims of ventricular fibrillation to restore the heart rhythm to normal. Ventricular fibrillation is the uncoordinated heart rhythm most often responsible for sudden cardiac arrest.

These stations house the equipment that the volunteers use to respond to incidents. They also provide shelter for the citizens of Douglas County in emergencies and are a community based meeting point. In the event of a loss of egress in an emergency such as a flood, the AEDs are accessible from within each area. These stations except for Station 2 are located in areas that are the furthest from a staffed station for medical response. The addition of AEDs to these stations provides quicker access to these life saving devices and strengthen the chain of survival among Douglas County residents and visitors from the effects of cardiac arrest.

Describe how the organization measured the success of the program/project. Provide qualitative and quantitative measures.

The AEDs that were purchased with this grant are fully automatic so no training is required to use them. Anyone from the public just has to remove it from its case and open the lid. The AED gives step by step instructions on what to do. The adult pads are connected to the leads and the pediatric ones are inside the flap of the case. The rescue ready button is green when the AED is charged for use.

The attached report pictures what stations have the AEDS and where they are located in those stations.

While none of the AEDs have been used to date, they are part of the East Fork Fire Protection District reporting system that illustrates the number of survivors in our community who benefited from early/timely defibrillation when used in the future.

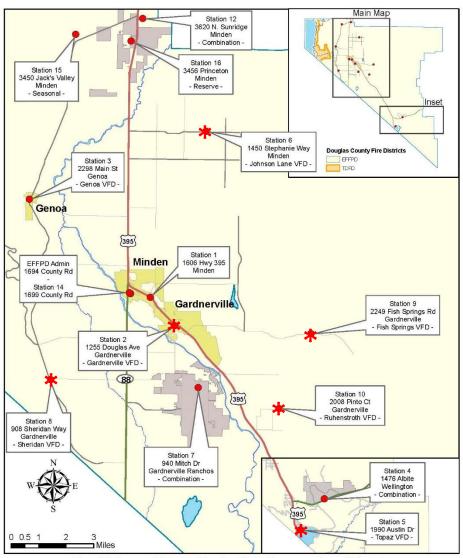
Provide any changes or challenges to the original project plan and how it affected the project.

The AEDs, boxes & cases were on order 8 months. As soon as we got them, our volunteers installed them and did not wait for the pediatric pads. Those pediatric pads did not arrive until the 23rd of June but the AEDs went in service in April. All 6 AEDs now have the pediatric pads in their pouch.

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Here is a map of all of our stations. The ones that received an AED have a big red asterisks:



Facilities of East Fork Fire Protection District







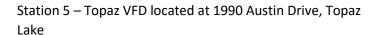


The AEDs are housed inside the stations in a large white box clearly marked as a defibrillator. Below are pictures of the AED locations inside each station:



Station 2 – Gardnerville VFD located at 1255 Douglas Avenue, Gardnerville

AED inside large meeting room on first floor accessible from the north entrance



AED is just outside of the kitchen on the first floor near south entrance





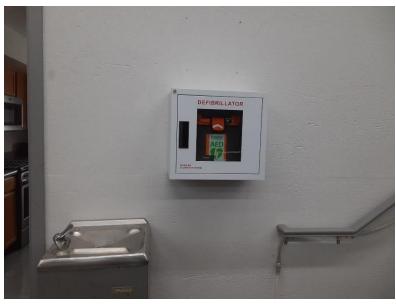
Station 6 – Johnson Lane VFD located at 1450 Stephanie Way, Minden

AED is located just inside the main pedestrian entrance on the west side of the building first floor.



Station 8 – Sheridan VFD located at 908 Sheridan Way, Gardnerville

AED located inside the training room at the west entrance of the building first floor.



Station 9 – Fish Springs VFD located at 2249 Fish Springs Road, Gardnerville

AED located outside the kitchen at the bottom of the staircase near the south entrance first floor.



Station 10 – Ruhenstroth VFD now leased to Forest Service located at 2008 Pinto Circle, Gardnerville

AED located outside kitchen and office accessible thru east entrance first floor.

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While none of these AEDs has been used yet we now have them in strategic fire stations throughout the County that are much closer for area residents to get to that are away from the core towns. East Fork Fire Protection District has committed to servicing them.



