



El Dorado County Emergency Services Authority

Policy Subject Matter: **Start Up Assistance for First Responder ALS Programs**
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I. Policy:

- A. First responder agencies who demonstrate a need and have applied for approval to provide first responder ALS services may request assistance from the JPA in developing and implementing an ALS program. This assistance may be provided in the form of medical equipment and/or supplies, medical training for personnel or other support as approved by the JPA Board of Directors.
- B. Only fire districts who are members of the JPA will be eligible to apply for support as described in this policy.
- C. In order to request assistance of the JPA, the fire district shall submit a formal request consisting of the following:
 - a. Letter requesting support on department letterhead and signed by the district Fire Chief.
 - b. Evidence of local EMS agency approval to provide ALS service within their respective district.
 - c. Identification of specific implementation needs with appropriate cost estimates.
- D. Within 60 days of the request, the Executive Director will present a recommendation regarding JPA support for initial program implementation to the JPA Board of Directors. This recommendation shall be based on the applicant's specific request, identified needs, and input from the JPA Finance and Operations Committees.
- E. Upon approval by the JPA Board of Directors, the Executive Director shall provide appropriate assistance to the fire district to ensure a smooth implementation of ALS service.

II. Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to ensure a mechanism exists for the JPA to provide assistance to JPA member fire districts who wish to implement advanced life support (ALS) services.