



TO: Rural EMS Providers

FROM: Peggy Baker, AEMS

RE: AED Funding / 6th Year AED Project

DATE: April 6, 2008

Arizona Emergency Medical Systems, Inc (AEMS) has once again received funding to purchase and distribute AEDs to Central Arizona rural EMS providers. This is continuation funding made available through the AED Project administered by the Arizona Department of Health Services, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems (BEMSTS). This marks AEMS' 6th Year in partnership with BEMS on this project. During the first three years of this project, AEMS purchased and distributed over 100 AEDs to rural EMS providers throughout Central Arizona.

For the sixth year of this project, AEMS will continue to purchase and distribute AEDs based on need. While we encourage all eligible agencies to apply, it should be noted that priority will be given to those that have not yet received an AED through this project.

To be eligible to receive an AED, your agency must:

1. Meet the geographical eligibility requirements established by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy. See attachment or go to: <http://ruralhealth.hrsa.gov/funding/eligibilitytestv2.asp> **Must be a first response agency or hospital OR be closely affiliated with a first response agency or hospital.**
2. Provide proof of training certification for a minimum of 4 staff currently trained and certified in CPR and AED use.
3. Provide proof of medical direction.
4. Agree to: register the AED with the SHARE Program through the State of Arizona, Department of Health Services, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (BEMS); sign a user agreement with BEMS committing to the maintenance and purchase of necessary supplies for the AED; and participate in BEMS' evaluation process.
5. **\*\*Electronically complete and submit the AED Project Application by May 5.** The AED Project Application may be accessed by cutting and pasting the following link into your web browser:  
[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=2LUyccvbwVD7h5OP0fgKxA\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=2LUyccvbwVD7h5OP0fgKxA_3d_3d)

**\*\*If you are unable to access the web link, upon request, we will provide you with a hard copy of the application for you to complete and return by fax or regular mail.**

***IMPORTANT: It is your responsibility to confirm that AEMS has received your application on time.***

As always, please contact me 623-847-4100 or [pbaker@aems.org](mailto:pbaker@aems.org) if you should have any questions. Thank you for your cooperation!