



# Funding Assistance Program Purchasing Guide

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Per [Wis. Stat. § 256.12\(4\)\(c\)](#), funds distributed under the support and improvement portion of the Funding Assistance Program (FAP) shall supplement existing budgeted moneys of or provided to an ambulance service provider and may not be used to replace, decrease, or release for alternative purposes the existing budgeted moneys of or provided to an ambulance service. While a comprehensive list of all items that may be approved using FAP funds is not possible, the following list will assist services.

## Vehicles

- Emergency medical service vehicles\*  
    **\*For any vehicle that is not specifically an ambulance or an ambulance remount, contact the [FAP team](#) for review.**
- Ambulance remounts
- Emergency vehicle repairs over \$500 (i.e., repairs not associated with regular vehicle maintenance)
- Non-routine safety upgrades to existing vehicles (NFPA 1919 safety standard upgrades, reflective chevrons)

## EMS Equipment

- Durable diagnostic medical equipment (examples include, but are not limited to: pulse oximetry devices, patient carbon monoxide monitoring devices, glucometers, stethoscopes, capnography devices, thermometers, sphygmomanometers, electronic venous access assist aids, ultrasound devices, and others)
- Durable medical tools (laryngoscopes, visual laryngoscopes, ring cutters, intraosseous drills, surgical clippers for defibrillators, penlights, and others)
- Durable immobilization equipment (Kendrick Extrication Devices, short spine boards, non-disposal cervical immobilization devices, traction splints, vacuum splints, board splints, and others)
- Durable patient transport equipment (ambulance cots, longboards, scoop stretchers, stair chairs, spider straps, blankets, patient linens, and others)
- Medical bags, medical cases, tactical kits
- Cardiac monitoring equipment or automatic external defibrillators
- Mechanical CPR devices
- Non-disposable airway equipment (non-invasive positive pressure ventilation devices, ventilators, oxygen tanks, oxygen regulator, non-disposable suction devices, and others)
- Replacement batteries for medical equipment (defibrillators, others)
- Safety Devices (carbon monoxide monitors, traffic vests, flashlights)
- Medication safe
- Nondurable or disposable medical supplies or equipment and medications (no more than 15% of Support & Improvement award can be used on this class of items)

## Communications

- Radios
- Radio accessories (charges, batteries, collar mic)
- Pagers
- Cellular telephones, or portable Wi-Fi hotspots, or both for ambulances (new or replacement devices)
- Computers, tablets, or other digital devices for patient care report use
- Electronic patient care reporting software
- Scheduling software
- Scanners for patient tracking

## Personal Protective Equipment

- Universal ballistic helmets or vests (that is, not personalized items specific to TEMS operators)
- Universal extrication overalls or turnout gear (that is, non-structural firefighting turnout gear)
- Reusable coveralls or overalls
- Respirators
- Disposable personal protective equipment
- Decontamination devices (EMS Only)

## Training

- Initial training, continuing education or both (tuition, fees, books, training program required uniforms, and others)
- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation, advanced cardiac life support, pediatric advanced life support, pre-hospital trauma life support and other similar courses
- Seminars and training classes (tuition, fees, [CAPCE](#) approved educational courses, and others)\*  
**\*Purchase of food or drinks for trainings and seminars is not an eligible purchase**
- Mileage associated with travel for training opportunities based on the current state rate (contact the [FAP team](#) for current rates)
- Hotels for EMS specific conferences or training (at or under \$98/night)\*\*  
**\*\*Private residences (even if licensed) and vacation rentals (through Airbnb, Vrbo or other platforms) are prohibited**
- Training aids for EMS training (training manikins, AED trainers, airway trainers, anatomical training props, mass casualty training aids, moulage equipment, rhythm generators, EMS training videos, software, textbooks, electronic meeting platforms, and others)
- Classroom aids (white boards, computers, projectors, internet or Wi-Fi access, web camera, and others)
- NREMT psychomotor and cognitive examinations
- Computer literacy training

## Wellness

- Mental health support services
- Contact the [FAP team](#) with any potential items or services in this category for approval prior to purchasing with FAP funds

## Items that Do Not Qualify under the Funding Assistance Program

- Wages, rent, utilities, and other similar costs
- Medical director fees
- Service uniforms (uniforms required by a training center for an initial training course are eligible)
- Professional association memberships
- Insurance premiums and payments
- Routine vehicle maintenance or repairs (replacement tires, replacement lights, oil changes, and others)
- Firefighting apparatus, equipment, or training
- Self-contained breathing apparatus used for firefighting
- Turnout gear intended for structural firefighting
- Vehicular extrication equipment
- Community EMS
- Food, beverages, party supplies
- Tactical gear intended for TEMS providers

## Questions?

If an item is not specifically listed or if services have any doubt as to whether an item would qualify, please contact the [FAP team](#) for a determination before you complete a purchase. When inquiring on a potential purchase, be descriptive and provide any links to websites, pictures, and an explanation on how the purchase will support the EMS function of your service. You will need to provide documentation of FAP team approval for the "Financial Report of Expenditures" application.