

Accept and Expend – CARESTAR Grant
Community Paramedicine and Triage to Alternate Destination

Budget and Finance Committee
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Background



- The San Francisco EMS Agency is designated as the local oversight and regulatory body for Emergency Medical Services (LEMSA).
- Under AB 1544/767, the LEMSA was required to apply for and meet additional requirements to continue Community Paramedicine and Triage to Alternate Destination programs after the pilot period concluded under the Community Paramedicine or Triage to Alternate Destination Act of 2020.
- After substantial effort to meet these additional regulations, San Francisco LEMSA was approved to continue both programs in September 2023.
- Of 34 LEMSAs in California, San Francisco is the only LEMSA with an approved Community Paramedic program and one of four with a Triage to Alternate Destination Program.

CARESTAR



- For LEMSAs who received state approval of Community Paramedicine and Triage to Alternate Destination program approval, CARESTAR Foundation grant funding was available.
- The CARESTAR Foundation has a specific focus towards racial equity and advocacy towards improvements in emergency and prehospital care.
- The CARESTAR Foundation was founded as the result of the sale of CALSTAR air ambulance company in 2017.
- The LEMSA applied and received an amount of \$125,000 in one-time funding.

Funding



- The LEMSA plans to use this one-time funding of 3 projects (in order of priority)
 - Initial Year 1 procurement of an IT system to support ongoing regulatory requirements under the new law to ensure continuation of both Community Paramedic and Triage to Alternate Destination programs.
 - Data integration between the LEMSA, Providers, and Facilities to meet new regulatory requirements.
 - Enhancements to training and curriculum development for both programs.