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# **Call for Entries**



# 2012 VACo Achievement Awards

Deadline: June 1, 2012

### **Application Form**

All applications must include the following information. Separate applications must be submitted for each eligible program. Deadline: June 1, 2012.

#### **Program Information**

Locality Carroll County

Program Title Defibrilator Placement

Program Category Criminal Justice/Public Safety

#### **Contact Information**

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Name Gary Larrowe

Title County Administrator

Signature\*

\*Entries without this signature will not be accepted.



# Automated External Defibrillator Placement

# VACo ACHIEVEMENT AWARD APPLICATION

PROGRAM CATEGORY: Criminal Justice/Public Safety

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#### **SUMMARY**

Carroll County is pleased to have offered AED (Automated External Defibrillator) placement to County owned buildings. After placement of two AED's in the Governmental Complex, eight days later one was used to save the life of a local attorney who was in court at the time. The Board of Supervisors voted to purchase an additional 21 units to be placed throughout the Governmental Complex as well as other properties owned by the County including Recreation, Farmers Market and Community Centers. A grant will be applied for to maintain the units in place as well as additional placement throughout the County. County Maintenance staff installed all of the units thus saving money. The units that were purchased are designed for the average person with no training to be able to operate. This entry has fulfilled the award criteria through its innovation as well as being a model for other localities.

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### SITUATION

Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is a leading cause of death in the United States, accounting for an estimated 325,000 deaths each year. SCA deaths are more than the total number of deaths from automobile accidents, breast cancer and house fires combined. In Carroll County alone, there were over 30 Sudden Cardiac Arrest events in 2011. Installing the automated external defibrillator (AED) units in strategic locations throughout our county, increases the chance of survival for our citizens should an SCA event occur at or near a county facility.

### **FINANCING/STAFFING**

The cost of each AED was \$995.00 bringing the total to \$20,895. The battery replacement is \$400 per unit and is expected to have a five year life making the average yearly cost \$100 per unit. County Maintenance Staff installed all AED's on the properties. County Fire and Rescue Staff inspect each AED on a monthly basis to ensure that all are working properly.

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#### **PROGRAM RESULTS**

According to studies conducted by organizations such as the American Heart Associations, administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and using an automated external defibrillator (AED) can improve a victim's chance of survival by up to 75%. This fact resulted in the saving of the local attorney's life due to CPR being administered and having the AED available for use. By placing additional AED units in strategically selected locations, Carroll County has increased the opportunity for survival should an individual experience a Sudden Cardiac Arrest. The event with the attorney and the placement of the AED's has resulted in more county employees seeking CPR training. Having the added AED units in combination with more employees now trained in CPR makes Carroll County a safer place for our employees, visitors and for our citizens.

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### Locations of AED's

Governmental Complex 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Elevator

Governmental Complex – General District Court 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

Governmental Complex – Circuit Court 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Governmental Complex – Social Services 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Governmental Complex – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Elevator

Governmental Complex – School Board 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Governmental Complex – Sheriff's Office

Governmental Complex - Maintenance / Magistrate

Governmental Complex - Health Department

Recreation Department Office

Recreation Department Ball Field

Farmers Market Wholesale Building

Farmers Market Retail Building

Tourism Office

Library

Public Service Authority

Public Service Authority Maintenance Office

Solid Waste – Landfill

Solid Waste Office

Laurel Fork Community Center

Carroll County Senior Center

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