

Appendix K.

Background or 'Project Specifics' – Application MF020/T2

To supply and install an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) at Tairgwaith Workingmen's Club and Institute, Lower Brynamman.

This bid has been developed to 'Assist Voluntary Sector providers.'

The funding will be used to procure an AED through the Registered Charity, 'Heartbeat Trust UK.' The quotation includes for information signage and a heated polycarbonate cabinet, which will be used to attach the AED to the exterior of the building so it is available for wider community use. The defibrillator will be easy to use, featuring a full-colour display with vivid rescue images, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) cycle timer and a gauge that shows CPR compression depth. It is suitable to be used on individuals of any age.

The need for this initiative has come to the attention of Cllr Arwyn Woolcock. There are currently no publicly accessible defibrillators available to the Ward of Lower Brynamman. An AED at the Workingmen's Club would serve the Easterly portion of the Ward, which includes residential properties, a Community Centre and Tairgwaith Primary School.

The requirement for additional defibrillators has been advocated by the Office of the Lord Lieutenant of West Glamorgan, who has urged Elected Members to consider utilising any funding made available to them on these important pieces of medical apparatus. Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) outside a hospital setting is one of the top three causes of death in the industrialised world. Without timely CPR/defibrillation the chances of recovery from a SCA are very slim (less than 3%), however with quick intervention using a defibrillator, it can be as great as 75%. In the unfortunate event of a cardiac arrest, the provision of an AED at the Workingmen's Club would allow persons in the vicinity to perform emergency medical treatment whilst waiting for the Emergency Services to respond.

The defibrillator will be the responsibility of Tairgwaith Workingmen's Club and Institute, who have made an ongoing commitment to

ensuring that it is appropriately maintained for the foreseeable future. The defibrillator comes with a 7 year warranty and care package from 'Heartbeat Trust UK', which covers the cost of replacement batteries/pads and insurance to cover vandalism or theft.

This scheme has no financial implications for NPTCBC.

Recommendations

The request for Grant aid from the Members Community Fund is for £1,575.00 which is the full cost of procuring the defibrillator, polycarbonate cabinet and the 7 year warranty/care package. This is the second proposal received to the Members Community Fund from Cllr Arwyn Woolcock, and if it prevails £6,850.00 will remain in his Members Fund allocation to develop further priority projects.

The project proposal is recommended for approval and financial support under the Members Community Fund.