

## **Appendix L.**

### **Background or 'Project Specifics' – Application MF041/T2**

The supply and installation of 3 publicly accessible Automated External Defibrillators (AED's), to be located at Cwmgwrach Welfare Hall, the 'Premier Stores' on High Street and the Vale of Neath Leisure Centre in the Ward of Blaengwrach.

This bid has been generated to 'Assist Voluntary Sector Providers', and has been developed in partnership with Glynneath Community First Responders.

The funding will be used to procure three 'Zoll Plus' AED's and accompanying 'Durafib' polycarbonate external cabinets. These cabinets are insulated to ensure that the defibrillator batteries and pads remain operational in temperatures to -30 degrees. They are also vandal resistant and brightly coloured, making persons in the vicinity more aware of the existence of the AED's.

The need for the proposal has come to the attention of the local Ward Member. The intended locations of the defibrillators have been strategically chosen to cover gaps in the current provision. The AED at the Welfare Hall will serve users of the Welfare Park, Scout Hall, and nearby Cwmgwrach RFC. The defibrillator at the Premier Stores will cater to the southern side of Blaengwrach village and the AED at the Vale of Neath Leisure Centre will serve the northerly portion of the Ward, which sits on the opposite side of the A465.

The defibrillators will be owned and maintained by the Glynneath Community First Responders, a voluntary organisation who work in Glynneath and the surrounding areas. The group works in partnership with the Ambulance Service to provide vital life-saving care. The First Responders will fit the AED's and make them 'rescue ready.' They will also register themselves as the Guardians with the Welsh Ambulance Service and perform regular checks to make sure they are ready for immediate use.

This scheme has no financial implications for NPTCBC.

## **Recommendations**

The request for grant aid from the Members Community Fund is for £4,350, which is the total cost of procuring and installing the defibrillators and external cabinets. The applicant, Councillor Carolyn Edwards, would wish to cover this cost by utilising a proportion of her Members Fund allocation.

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