

Appendix F.

Background or 'Project Specifics' – Application MF061/T2

The supply and installation of a publicly accessible Automated External Defibrillator (AED), to be located at Canolfan Maerdy, New Road, Tair'gwaith in the Amman Valley

This bid has been generated to 'Assist Voluntary Sector Providers', and has been developed in partnership with the Welsh Ambulance Service.

The funding will be used to procure a 'BeneHeart' AED housed in an external locked heated cabinet. The cabinet will be insulated to ensure that the defibrillator batteries and pads remain operational in temperatures to -30 degrees. The cabinet is also vandal resistant and brightly coloured, making persons in the vicinity more aware of the existence of the AED.

The need for the proposal has come to the attention of the local Ward Member. Strategic placement at Canolfan Maerdy will serve a more remote part of Gwaun Cae Gurwen. There are defibrillators within the centre of the village but not in outlying locations. In Gwaun Cae Gurwen less than half of the calls for an ambulance categorised a life- threatening get a response in under 8 minutes.

The defibrillator will be owned, maintained and checked by Canolfan Maerdy and registered on a circuit with the Welsh Ambulance Service. The unit comes with an 8 year warranty, the cabinet with 10 and the battery and pads have a 5 year shelf life. After the warranty periods lapse Canolfan Maerdy will fund replacement parts. The cost of installation is part of the project cost. Training on the use of the life – saving equipment will be provided by 'Calon Heart' Screening.

This scheme has no financial implications for NPTCBC.

Recommendations

The request for grant aid from the Members Community Fund is for £1,679.00, which is the total cost of procuring and installing the

defibrillator, the external cabinet and the awareness training. The applicant, Councillor Sonia Reynolds, 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.