

Appendix M.

Background or 'Project Specifics' – Application MF068/T2

The supply and installation of a publicly accessible Automated External Defibrillator (AED), to be located at Ty Santes Fair (St. Marys Church Community Centre), Compton Road, Skewen.

This bid has been developed to 'Assist Voluntary Sector providers', and has been generated in partnership with the management at the Community Centre and with 'Heartbeat Trust UK'.

The funding will be used to procure an AED through the Registered Charity, 'Heartbeat Trust UK.' The quotation includes for information signage, a weatherproof lockable unheated cabinet, a seven year Care Package to include insurance against theft and vandalism, replacement pads and batteries and an extended warranty. Installation and first awareness training for the custodians of the defibrillator are included. 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.

On average, 8,000 people in Wales suffer a sudden cardiac arrest outside of hospital each year, and the survival rate is just 3-5%. The chances of survival are greatly increased when an AED is deployed. Time is critical. The local Member has identified gaps in the provision of this life saving equipment at strategic locations across the Ward. In the unfortunate event of a cardiac arrest the provision of an AED nearby would allow persons in the vicinity to perform emergency medical treatment whilst waiting for the Emergency Services to respond.

The Community Group has made an ongoing commitment to ensuring, as the custodian, that the defibrillator is appropriately maintained for the foreseeable future.

This scheme has no financial implications for NPTCBC.

Recommendations

The request for grant aid from the Members Community Fund is for £1,500 from Councillor Angharad Aubrey's allocation, which is the total cost of procuring and installing the defibrillator, polycarbonate cabinet, the training and the 7 year warranty/care package. There is no match funding associated with the proposal.

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