

Appendix AA.

Background or 'Project Specifics' – Application MF082/T2

The supply and installation of a publicly accessible Automated External Defibrillator (AED), to be located at the Taibach Library, Commercial Road, Port Talbot.

This bid has been developed to 'Assist Voluntary Sector providers', and has been generated in partnership with the trustees at the library 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 Members have identified gaps in the provision of this life saving equipment at strategic locations across the Ward. AED's are located at the 'Twelve Knights' Public House, the Port Talbot Memorial Park, Margam Youth Centre and the Wesley Chapel Community Hall but not all are accessible 24/7. 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. Advice from the 'Heartbeat Trust UK' suggests that there should be installation in the main commercial area (this bid), in Groeswen and Goytre.

The Trustees of the library have made an ongoing commitment to ensuring, as the custodians, that the defibrillator is appropriately maintained during and beyond its seven year Care Package.

This scheme has no financial implications for NPTCBC.

Recommendations

The request for grant aid from the Members Community Fund is for £2,132.43 to be attributed equally from Councillor Anthony and Rachel Taylor's allocation – this represents the total cost of procuring and installing the defibrillator, electrical connection, polycarbonate cabinet, the training and the 7 year warranty/care package.

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