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Introduction

With the goal of assisting local municipalities to maintain emergency response services, the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research (OGR) will be making available \$500,000 in state funds for local municipalities to purchase Automated External Defibrillators (AED) for Public Safety and First Responder Vehicles. This initiative is being supported by state legislation authorized by Chapter 24 of the Massachusetts Acts of 2021, An Act Making Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2022. Although not required, OGR recommends that municipalities consider enhancing this program by utilizing a FirstNet Certified® AED application and Registry, such as PulsePoint AED, to ensure that the location of nearby AEDs are immediately known during an emergency.

Applicant Eligibility

All 351 Massachusetts cities and towns are eligible to apply for **up to \$2,500** under the AED program to fund the purchase of one (1) Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for use in active police and fire vehicles that <u>do not</u> already have an AED or are in need of a <u>replacement</u> AED. Only one (1) application may be submitted per municipality.

NOTE: Applicants must ensure the selected AED is compatible with the AEDs already in use within their community.

Allowable Costs

 One (1) AED package (including 1 set of adult and pediatric pads, 1 battery pack, carrying case, initial warranty)

Maximum Award/Reimbursement Process

The maximum grant award for one (1) AED package is \$2,500. AED expenses, up to \$2,500, will be reimbursed to the municipality once the AED package is purchased and an invoice is submitted to OGR. OGR reserves the right to award additional funding for additional AEDs if excess AED funding is available and is requested by the applicant on the Online Application Template. Only one application will be accepted per municipality.

Key Dates

- Solicitation Posted: Wednesday, December 15, 2021
- Applications will be accepted from December 15, 2021 through January 14, 2022 (fully completed
 applications will be considered as they are received; funding will be prioritized by submission
 dates, so please submit applications as early as possible)
- Awards Announced: ~Friday, January 28, 2022
- Project Period: February 15, 2022 May 31, 2022

Application Process

Eligible applicants must submit a brief Online Application Template and attach a Certification of a request

for funding signed by the most senior municipal official (Mayor/City or Town Administrator/Select Board Chair) who is eligible to apply on behalf of their local police and fire departments, or other municipal first responder agencies.

The **Online Application Template** and required attachments will include:

- Confirmation of municipal agency/vehicle to receive the AED
- Assurance that AED training has/will be completed by the receiving agency personnel
- Description (make, model, price) of the selected AED
- Acknowledgment that requested AED is compatible with AEDs already in use within the community, if applicable
- Attachment 1: Signed FY22 AED Grant Program Certification and Assurances
- Attachment 2: AED Package Quote/Cost Estimate (may be an Internet screenshot)
- Application Due Date: January 14, 2022

NOTE: Due to limited funding, any department seeking an AED must get clearance from their municipal official. OGR will only accept one application template per municipality.

Application Instructions

Applicants must complete the <u>Online Application Template</u> and upload the following documents within the <u>Online Application Template</u>:

- FY22 AED Program Certification/Assurance Form, signed by the authorizing municipal official (Mayor, City or Town Administrator or Select Board Chair) - electronic signature is allowable on this fillable PDF form as long as the signature is visible, includes the signatory's name and title, and is accompanied by a signature date; hard copy form may be hand-signed, scanned, and uploaded in the Online Application Template. (For more information on acceptable forms of signature click here)
- 2. **AED Procurement Quote/Cost Estimate** electronic copy must be uploaded within the application. Award amounts will be based on quote provided. Municipality will be responsible for absorbing excess costs, if quotes exceed \$2,500.

Please be aware of the following when submitting the AED funding request:

- The above two documents must be completed and ready to upload within the one-page Online
 Application Template to complete the submission process.
- For planning purposes, the Online Application Template contains brief, general questions and should not take more than 10 minutes to complete.
- Once the <u>Online Application Template</u> is started, all questions must be answered <u>and</u> both
 documents uploaded to successfully submit an application. Please be aware, progress will not be
 saved if the applicant leaves the page and the form was not completed.
- Once the <u>Online Application Template</u> is submitted, the applicant will receive a confirmation email including the full application and all responses. Please check your Junk email box if a confirmation is not received in your email Inbox. The confirmation email is proof of submission and should be retained for your records.
- Application Due Date: January 14, 2022

Questions

For any questions regarding this process, please contact Elizabeth Flynn, Justice and Prevention Division Manager, Elizabeth.M.Flynn@mass.gov