

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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Availability of Grant Funds**



*Fiscal Year 2024
Automated External Defibrillators Equipment Program
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Introduction

With the goal of maintaining emergency response services, the Office of Grants and Research (OGR) will make available approximately **\$330,000** in state funds for municipalities, Massachusetts (state) public colleges and universities, and nonprofit organizations 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 2023, An Act Making Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2024.

8000-0313.... expended for a grant program to be administered by the executive office of public safety and security for municipalities, public colleges and universities and nonprofit organizations to purchase automated external defibrillators for public safety and first responder vehicles; provided further, that priority shall be given to municipalities with a population of not more than of 20,000 persons and to nonprofit organizations[.]

Applicant Eligibility

All Massachusetts cities and towns, state colleges and universities, and nonprofit organizations **with first responder vehicles** are eligible to apply for **up to \$2,500 to** solicit one (1) Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for public safety/first responder vehicles that do not already have an AED or are in need of a replacement AED. Only one (1) request may be submitted per applicant.

All applicants, including non-profits, must have a public safety and/or first response vehicle for AED placement.

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.

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

In accordance with the legislative language, **priority** will be given to **municipalities** with a population of **not more than 20,000 persons** and to **nonprofit organizations**, based on 2020 Massachusetts Census Data, although all communities are encouraged to apply. [Massachusetts Census Data \(malegislature.gov\)](#)

Allowable Costs

- One (1) AED package (including one (1) set of adult and pediatric pads, one (1) battery pack, carrying case, initial warranty)
- Please do not request additional carrying cases or spare pads

Maximum Award/Reimbursement Process

The maximum grant award for one (1) AED package is \$2,500. Allowable AED expenses, up to \$2,500, will be distributed to the award recipient.

Key Dates

- Solicitation Posted: Friday, October 20, 2023
- Applications will be accepted from October 20, 2023, through **November 17, 2023**. *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: ~December 2023
- Project Period: January 2024 – June 30, 2024

Application Process

A complete application includes both an electronic (online) and hard copy (mailed) submission.

Eligible applicants must submit a brief [Online Application Template](#) and attach a Certification of a request for funding signed by the most senior authorized official (for example; Mayor/City or Town Administrator/Select Board Chair for a municipality and President CEO for a non-profit) who is eligible to apply on behalf of their organization.

The [Online Application Template](#) and required attachments will include:

- Location/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 FY24 AED Grant Program Certification and Assurances
- Attachment 2: AED Package Quote/Cost Estimate (may be an Internet screenshot)
- **Applications will not be accepted after November 17, 2023, at 4:00pm**

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

Electronic Submission

1. Applicants must complete the [Online Application Template](#) and upload the following documents within the [Online Application Template](#):
2. **FY24 AED Program Certification/Assurance Form, signed by the authorizing official** - 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](#))

3. **AED Procurement Quote/Cost Estimate** – electronic copy must be uploaded within the application. Award amounts will be based on the quote provided. Award recipients will be responsible for absorbing excess costs, if quotes exceed \$2,500.

The above two documents must be completed and uploaded within the [Online Application Template](#).

Hard Copy Submission

1. Once the [Online Application Template](#) 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 applicant must print and submit by mail:

- Completed Application
- FY24 AED Program Certification/ Assurance Form
- AED Procurement Quote/ Cost Estimate

Online applications must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. on November 17, 2023 and hard copy of application and documents must be postmarked on or before this date and mailed or hand delivered to:

Office of Grants and Research
35 Braintree Hill Office Park, Suite 302
Braintree, MA 02184
Attention: Allison Garvey, Program Coordinator

Application Review Process

Each application will be evaluated, and awards will be prioritized based on:

- **Municipalities** with a population of **not more than 20,000 persons** and **nonprofit organizations**
- Applicants who have not received prior AED funding from OGR
- Submission dates, applications will be considered as they are received

Questions

For any questions regarding this process, please contact Allison Garvey, Justice and Prevention Program Coordinator, at Allison.C.Garvey@mass.gov.