



## **Defibrillators - reply from Frances Wighthman, British Heart Foundation to a query from Anne Gilmour about funding the purchase of equipment**

Thank you for your enquiry regarding the British Heart Foundation AED part funding programme.

Please note we don't accept applications from the following organisations:

- GP surgeries
- dental practices
- schools and colleges
- military organisations
- police forces
- private, profit making or commercial companies
- Community First Responders (unless they are applying for a public access defibrillator in their local community).

We part fund either the WEL Medical iPad SP1 or ZOLL AED Plus defibrillator.

We only part-fund defibrillators which fit our Public Access criteria. The defibrillators need to be accessible to the general public 24/7 (sited externally). Footfall in the area is also taken into account.

As part of the package we provide a Call Push Rescue training kit which allows the community to be trained in CPR and gives a short introduction regarding defibrillators. You would have to commit to CPR training to receive part-funding for a defibrillator. The programme is self-led and you would receive portable manikins and DVDs, the DVD takes the attendees through the training so there is no need to bring in an external trainer.

For successful applicants a contribution of £600 per defibrillator is required. Once we received the contribution we would then order the defibrillator on your behalf.

**We do not supply the cabinet to house the defibrillator so you would need to source this yourselves.** The cabinet would have to be unlocked/uncoded in line with the Resuscitation Council (UK) guidance

<https://www.resus.org.uk/defibrillators/cabinets-for-public-access-defibrillators/>

Please note that cabinet you would need to purchase to house the AED externally requires to have a power supply so they can be heated in the colder weather thus preserving the AED battery and the pads.

If you would like to submit an application, please follow the link below, the application form is accessible by clicking on 'Funding for a public access defibrillator' in the right hand box.

<https://www.bhf.org.uk/heart-health/how-to-save-a-life/defibrillators>

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