

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) GRANT PROGRAM



Recreation Facility
Association
of Nova Scotia

Supporting you – from the ground up



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Through this grant program owners or managing partners of sport and recreation facilities can be eligible to receive up to 1/2 the total cost of the purchase of an AED or replacement batteries or pads for AEDs purchased through the program (taxes included) to a maximum of \$1,500.00.

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be met to access funds from the AED Grant Program:

- Applications and quotes must be submitted by February 15th of each year to secure any funding.
- Proof of purchase of an AED must be submitted by March 31st of the year to receive the funding.
- Be a member in good standing with the Recreation Facility Association of Nova Scotia to receive up to half of the cost of the purchase of an AED. Non-members will receive up to one third the cost.
- Must provide annual training of staff in the use of the equipment with initial training to take place within 3 months of receiving the AED unit. The goal is to train all staff and require at least one AED trained staff person to be present when the facility is opened.
- The AED must be registered on the EHS AED Registry and it must be made available for public use. www.savelivesns.ca
- Must maintain unit according to manufacturer specifications and document maintenance schedule.

AEDs; HELPING TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC

Sudden cardiac arrest can happen to anyone, anywhere, at any time. Making defibrillators easily accessible is essential to increase survivors across Nova Scotia. According to Heart & Stroke, tens of thousands of Canadian lives are lost each year due to sudden cardiac arrest.

Sudden cardiac arrest is an “electrical problem” in the heart. The heart beats erratically and ineffectively and cannot pump blood through the body to keep vital organs alive. Most cardiac arrests occur outside of the hospital. Recognizing this emergency, calling 911, performing CPR, and using an automated external defibrillator (AED) as soon as possible will drastically increase someone’s chance of survival. In fact, with each passing minute without the use of an AED, the chance of survival declines by 7 to 10 percent.

An automated external defibrillator (AED) is a portable computerized medical device that analyzes and identifies shockable heart rhythms, advises the rescuer of the need for defibrillation, and delivers a shock if needed to restore a regular heart rhythm. An AED is easy and safe to use; using voice and visual prompts and only delivering a shock if it is needed.

With the placement of AEDs throughout Nova Scotia sport and recreation facilities, valuable time, and potentially lives, will be saved in the event of a sudden cardiac arrest emergency.

Source: Nova Scotia Emergency Health Services
www.savelivesns.ca

PROGRAM PARTNERS



AED GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

Contact Information

Contact Person: _____ Position: _____

Facility Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Facility Information

Employees: _____ # Volunteers (if applicable): _____

of public members using the facility daily: _____

of hours facility is accessible daily: _____

Please briefly describe the type of activities that take place in your facility that make you a sport and recreation facility:



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Looking at the EHS AED Registry Map (<https://nsgi.novascotia.ca/EHS-NS-Volunteer-AED-Map/>), where are the two nearest AEDs to you?

1. _____
2. _____

SUBMIT TO:

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Required Documentation

Please include the following documentation with this application.

Proof of Purchase

Outline Staff Training

Are you a member of RFANS? Yes No

Date: _____ Signature: _____