

Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Grant Program

FAQs

1. Where should I purchase an approved AED?

RFANS does not recommend a particular AED brand, manufacturer, or distributor. We encourage anyone considering purchasing an AED to contact several providers to determine their facilities specific needs.

EHS has some valuable resources and information to help those researching an AED unit. savelivesns.ca/nova-scotia-aed-vendors/

You can also consult the EHS AED Registry website for some basic FAQs on AEDs. savelivesns.ca/cpr-aed-information/faqs/

2. Who can apply for this grant?

This grant can be applied for by a sport and recreation facility owner or managing partner.

For example, a Board of Directors, General Manager, Municipality, Council, etc.

Groups who do not own a facility (i.e. a Provincial Sport Organization/Provincial Recreation Organization) but regularly use sport and recreation facilities not typically equipped with an AED (i.e. Turf, Outdoor Courts, Trails, etc.) can also apply. However, it is encouraged that AED units be purchased by owners or managing partners so they can be available onsite for all user groups.

3. Can you define what is considered a sport and recreation facility?

Sport and recreation facilities refer to **facilities and community infrastructure which provide opportunities or spaces for individuals to participate in sport and recreation**. The facility applying for the AED Grant Program must be open to the public at reasonable times and at a reasonable rate. The AED **must** be accessible for all groups at any time who occupy the space, unless it is a Provincial Sport Organization or a Provincial Recreation Organization. If the facility is not typically referred to as a sport and recreation facility, please provide a brief description as to how you fit that definition.

Environments for sport and recreation encompass many indoor settings, including but not limited to recreation complexes, arenas, pools, private gyms, fitness centres, schools, churches, and community centres. Sport and recreation facilities can also include outdoor spaces that are available for public use and where people choose to recreate. Some examples of outdoor recreation facilities include sports fields, recreational waters, trails, parks, community centres, playgrounds, skating rinks, outdoor courts, golf courses and campgrounds.

4. Can a school apply for the AED Grant Program for their school gym?

If the AED is placed in an area accessible by sport and recreation user groups or renters, then yes, a school is eligible to apply. If the AED will not be accessible to user groups or the school does not rent out space, then they are not eligible. The school must meet the definition of “sport and recreation facilities” above to be considered eligible.

5. Can I submit a quote for an AED?

Applicants must provide a copy of the invoice for the purchase of the AED to receive funding. If approval is needed prior to purchase to guarantee funding a quote can be submitted for approval. If prior approval is given, RFANS will approve a quote. However, please note that if the invoice comes in at a higher cost than the approved quote RFANS can only guarantee the amount previously approved (*it may not be 1/3 of the paid invoice*). If the cost of the final invoice comes in lower than the approved quote, RFANS will still only cover 1/3 or 1/2 (depending on eligibility) of the final invoiced. This grant program is based on a first come, first serve basis.

6. Does a member of a Provincial Sport Organization or Provincial Recreation Organization qualify as a member as per the eligibility?

The AED Grant Program is accessible to any sport and recreation facility, Provincial Sport Organizations or Provincial Recreation Organizations whether a member of RFANS or not, but at different costs. Non-members of RFANS can apply for 1/3 of the cost of an AED and RFANS members can apply for up to 1/2 of the cost of their AED unit. Both will still be funded up to a maximum of \$1,500.00 taxes included.

Please note, we encourage AED units to be purchased by owners or managing partners of sport and recreation facilities, so they are available to all user groups.

7. Where can I book staff training for our AED?

There are many organizations that offer First Aid Training which includes AED Training or training specific to AEDs. RFANS does not endorse one organization over the other but encourages facilities to research local providers. Check out EHS's resources on first aid agencies and First Aid/AED educational videos. savelivesns.ca/learn-cpr-aed/

8. How do I register with the EHS AED Registry?

To register your AED with the EHS AED Registry visit their website at savelivesns.ca/. Registration can be done online through the website or by downloading the registration form. Details about the program, as well as information and resources for purchasing AEDs, training and more can be found on their website.

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