



## **AED Grant Program**

Medics First believes that saving lives is a shared responsibility. The purpose of the AED Grant Program is to partner with the community to improve the survival rate of out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrests. AED's put the power and technology of saving lives into the hands of ordinary citizens.

### **Not-for-Profit Organizations**

Medics First will consider making grants to qualified not-for-profit organizations in communities that we currently provide emergency medical services. Organizations must demonstrate a legitimate financial need and serve a population at risk for life-threatening events. Grants will be limited to one unit per organization unless a site review finds a compelling purpose to consider additional units. As Medics First has limited resources, we are unable to fund all organizations that seek assistance from our grant program, and we reserve the right to refuse funding requests.

### **For-Profit Organizations**

Medics First has arranged with a vendor to receive a substantial discount through a volume purchase commitment. While the agreement allows us to purchase and place as many units in the community as we can, it does place certain restrictions on our ability to supply AEDs at no charge to for-profit organizations. Medics First will provide, at no charge, Hands-Only CPR with AED training to remain compliant with AHA guidelines of CPR.

### **Grant Requests**

Requests for funding should be emailed to Sara Rolando, Director of Operations.

Requests should include:

- Date of request
- Contact name, business name, address, phone, and email of the organization
- Brief description of the organization
- Proof of 501(c) (3) non-profit status (Please supply a copy of your Federal IRS letter of determination.)
- Listing of all board members, officers, executives, and affiliations
- Description of population the organization serves

Additionally, your request should include a brief description of the need and benefits of an AED for your location. If you are seeking other funds for the same purpose, please indicate from whom.

### **Awards**

A needs assessment will be conducted for each applicant. Awards are based on compelling criteria such as at-risk populations, high-risk locations, and areas with potential weak links in the sudden cardiac arrest chain of survival. Other factors considered are EMS response times and willing program participants.

Medics First can assist you in selecting a program coordinator for your organization. This person will be responsible for organizing your on-site program as well as communicating all details of your program with Medics First. If needed, Medics First can assist you in developing an emergency response plan for sudden cardiac arrest incidents.

### **Training**

Training sessions may be arranged through Medics First. Training includes Hands Only CPR and choking emergencies with the use of an AED. The training time is up to one hour. Following the successful completion of your training, you will receive your AED.

### **Program Management**

Your AED unit is equipped with additional supplies. Replacing expired equipment will be your responsibility. Your unit is also equipped with an incident data card that will record an event as it happens. In the event your AED is utilized in an emergency and the AED is used to regain a pulse, Medics First should be contacted as soon as possible to retrieve data from the device. You may purchase restock supplies at that time if necessary.

For more information about the AED Grant Program, please contact:

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