

Easton Parish Council

Funding for a community defibrillator

The Department of Health has awarded the British Heart Foundation £1 million to make public access defibrillators and CPR training more widely available in communities across England.

Applications opened on Thursday 1 October 2015 and close in March 2016.

There is a choice of packages

1. A free public access defibrillator, CPR training kit and a cabinet
2. A free public access defibrillator and CPR training kit
3. A cabinet to improve accessibility to a current defibrillator

The defibrillators available are the ZOLL AED Plus and the iPAD SP1 and the cabinets offered are the Aivia 210 and DefibSafe. Unlocked and uncoded versions will be provided as standard under the grant scheme however with just cause a lockable unit will be provided.

The CPR kits are called Call Push Rescue training. These contain enough equipment to train 10 people at a time. Anyone can watch and learn how to do CPR in less than 30 minutes. All we need is the means to watch the educational film either on a DVD or online and some space to practice. As a Parish Council we could offer the opportunity for local residents to take part in a number of training sessions.

We can apply for a maximum of five packages per application and these are provided free of charge. However we will be required to make a donation of £400 towards the cost. The total value of the package is around £2000

To be able to access this funding we must demonstrate:

That the defibrillator will be accessible to the public, preferably 24/7
A commitment to train the local community in CPR
A clear need for the device such as high footfall or a rural location

We have started the application process however for us to be able to proceed we will require authority to place this device in a public accessible location preferably the village hall. The location will require an electric supply with a running cost of around £3.00 per year.

We will also need to obtain agreement from the East of England Ambulance Trust to support our application. We will also need to satisfy the scheme that due to the risk of vandalism or theft we will require a lockable external cabinet.

Once we have secured a suitable location for the device then the application may proceed to the next stage.

It is recommended on the application we submit an application for a iPad SP1 defibrillator with a code lock DefibSafe.

If our application is successful we will need to fund the cost of materials and labour to bring an electrical supply to the external box. We will also need to fund the running costs electricity, maintenance training. It would be hoped that within the community the installation of the device and the electrical installation could be achieved at no or minimal cost.

To support us in this application Dr S Nair has offered to help secure our funding application and work with us to obtain sponsorship funding so it can be delivered at no cost to the parish precept. Mrs M Turner has also offered to provide monthly maintenance checks on the equipment.

It is now up to the PC and residents to work together to secure this vital life saving equipment for the benefit of current and future residents.

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