

Vattenfall Clashindarroch Community Fund Policy on Funding Community Defibrillators

The Panel of local people which makes decisions on awards from the Clashindarroch Community Fund is open as a matter of policy to funding defibrillators based in communities within the Fund Area of Benefit. The Panel has agreed at its meeting on 26 March 2018 to apply the following guidelines in considering applications:

- 1) The proposed defibrillator must be sited within the Fund Area of Benefit (the community council areas of Huntly, Strathbogie and Tap O North, and the area covered by Cabrach Community Association);
- 2) The application for funding for a defibrillator must be made by a constituted organisation or group i.e. it must have a written constitution;
- 3) The proposed defibrillator must be of a make and type recommended by the British Heart Foundation and/or the Scottish Ambulance Service – not all defibrillators are of the same quality or standard;
- 4) Once installed the defibrillator must be registered with the Scottish Ambulance Service;
- 5) Only locations which provide 24 hours per day, seven days per week access will be acceptable;
- 6) Cabinets holding the defibrillator must be of a type which is unlocked;
- 7) Applicants should consider carefully the most suitable building for siting a defibrillator – the preference is for it to be a public or community building, but if a privately-owned building is more central or has greater footfall, then it may be acceptable;
- 8) Written agreement must be obtained from the owner of the building agreeing to the installation of the defibrillator and its associated cabinet on the building, and the connection of the cabinet to the building's electricity supply, as well as setting out arrangements for payment of the cost of electricity used;

- 9) If the building is a public building owned by Aberdeenshire Council, then the applicant will require to comply with the policy of Aberdeenshire Council as to the installation of defibrillators on the Council's buildings and enter into whatever agreement the Council shall require. Copies of the Council's current policy may be obtained either from Foundation Scotland or from Aberdeenshire Council;
- 10) From time to time the British Heart Foundation may on application being made by a local organisation supply a single defibrillator, provided a contribution from that organisation of £600 is made towards the cost. The Panel will require application to be made to the British Heart Foundation during the periods that the British Heart Foundation is running such a scheme. It is suggested that application is made to the British Heart Foundation and to this Fund at the same time;
- 11) Applicants must have a core of volunteers to carry out checks on the defibrillator if required. (Most machines generally self-check daily but most will only flash a red light instead of a green light when it fails) making physical inspection essential, There must also be provision for holiday cover;
- 12) As it is a condition of an award of a defibrillator from the British Heart Foundation that the applicant agrees to hold regular training sessions in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), the applicant must agree to do so and there must be sufficient people in the local community willing to undertake such training. A Call Push Rescue Kit is supplied by the British Heart Foundation for this purpose. All Call Push Rescue Kits include:
 - reusable inflatable manikins
 - kneeling mats
 - red inflation bags
 - practise-while-watching training DVDs
 - 2 manual inflation pumps
 - cleaning wipes
 - extra manikin replacement parts
 - all contained in handy carry bags.

The training DVD features how and when to perform CPR on an adult or child; how to put someone in the recovery position; and how to use a public access defibrillator.

- 13) The Panel may award a grant for some or all of the following:
 - the £600 contribution to the British Heart Foundation if an application is successful;
 - the full cost of a defibrillator if a genuine application to the British Heart Foundation is unsuccessful;
 - the cost of a cabinet for hosting the defibrillator;

- the cost of engaging any necessary tradesman for installing the cabinet and connecting an electricity supply;
 - the cost of making the ground level in a proper manner if that is required and no other location is suitable;
 - reasonable costs incurred in holding regular training sessions in the community on CPR and the use of the defibrillator.
- 14) The Panel may agree to fund more than one defibrillator in an application, but the applicant would need to demonstrate why more than one defibrillator is necessary e.g. one in each of separate villages covered by the applicant;
- 15) As one of the cross-cutting themes of this Fund is leveraging in additional funding to the area, if an applicant is able to provide match funding from another source e.g. fundraising locally, a grant from another organisation etc, then that will make the application stronger in the eyes of the Panel;
- 16) The Panel does not guarantee to fund any application for a defibrillator as each application will be considered on its merits, and will be determined on that basis, having regard to the amount of funds available to the Panel at the time of determining the application;
- 17) All the other provisions relating to applications to this Fund apply to applications to fund a defibrillator, and these can be found at:
<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/clashindarroch/>
or on request from Foundation Scotland at 15 Calton Road, Edinburgh, EH8 HDL
or telephone 0131 524 0300.

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