



## DISTRICT 7750 2016-2017 Signature Project Automated External Defibrillator



**Sudden Cardiac Arrest is the leading cause of death for 350,000 to 400,000 Americans of all ages every year.** Out of hospital survival rate is 9.5%.

### What is an AED?

An AED is an Automated External Defibrillator which is portable and virtually fool-proof to operate. Anyone who can listen to the automated voice instructions and press a button when indicated can operate an AED! The AED unit voice tells you where to apply the shock pads and instructs you when to press the shock button if defibrillation is indicated.

### How much money is involved?

The pricing ranges from \$825 for a Philips OnSite AED in slim case to \$1,600, for a Philips HeartStart FRx AED complete with spare pads, carry case, fast response kit, pediatric key, wall cabinet with alarm and sign and adapter to be compatible with EMS. **This would be a great project for a district grant.**

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### How can we do this?

We need as many people as possible to learn CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and have available AEDs in place at various venues in our communities so that very time-sensitive defibrillation can be performed rapidly when victims experience Sudden Cardiac Arrest. AEDs should be placed in areas where there are people or in first responders vehicles.

### Why are we so excited about this project?

First of all, our own District Governor Elect, Lance Young, suffered a heart attack at the age of 39. He is able to tell his story because he was saved by a defibrillator at the hospital (he was in the 9.5% survival rate). Why wouldn't you want to help save lives right in your own community?

### What benefits do clubs derive from this project?

There is the benefit to your community in ensuring that victims of Sudden Cardiac Arrest will have a better chance of survival if an AED is available. This project may help with membership development. Branding the AED could potentially bring in non-members from the community who might want to join an organization that is so conscientious about saving lives within the local community.

The contact person for our District is Babette Sabia. She can be reached at [bsabia@aol.com](mailto:bsabia@aol.com), or by phone at 803-547-0280. Babette is also willing to visit your clubs to present more information about the project.

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