

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Public Safety & Security
Office of Grants & Research**



**Fiscal Year 2024
Automated External Defibrillators Equipment Grant
Program**

Report to the Massachusetts General Court
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Introduction

Pursuant to 8000-0313 of the FY24 Budget, the Office of Grants and Research (OGR) is pleased to present this summary of the FY24 Automated Defibrillators Equipment Grant Program (AED) application review process and the distribution of \$165K to 80 municipalities, public colleges and universities, and nonprofits across the Commonwealth.

OGR is a state agency that is part of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS).

EOPSS is responsible for the policy development and budget oversight of the secretariat's agencies, independent programs, and several boards which aid in crime prevention, homeland security preparedness, and ensuring the safety of residents and visitors in the Commonwealth. The agencies that fall under EOPSS are:

- Massachusetts State Police
- Massachusetts Emergency management Agency
- Sex Offender Registry Board
- Department of Fire Services
- Department of Criminal Justice Information Services
- Department of Correction
- Parole Board
- Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
- State 911 Department
- Massachusetts State Police Crime Lab
- Municipal Police Training Committee
- Massachusetts National Guard
- Office of Grants and Research

In addition to managing and administering state-funded criminal justice, homeland security, and traffic safety grant programs, OGR is the State Administering Agency (SAA) for federal grant funding received by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from the Department of Justice (DOJ), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). In total, the agency manages more than \$150 million in grant funds annually. Additionally, OGR's Research and Policy Analysis Division (RPAD), which houses the Massachusetts Statistical Analysis Center, utilizes research and evaluation to promote public safety in the Commonwealth by informing criminal justice and public safety policy. The goals of the OGR include:

- Improving community safety and local preparedness by providing resources to communities based on need;
- Investing in evidenced based innovative programs;
- Granting awards based on national and state priorities;
- Fostering collaboration across jurisdictions by delivering grant dollars with a regional

- approach;
- Making funding decisions based upon research, empirical data, and best practices; and
- Ensuring the grant awarding process is transparent and in compliance with federal and state guidelines.

This document serves as the report authored by OGR regarding the FY24 AED Grant Program

Program Overview

This initiative is being supported by state legislation authorized by Chapter 24 of the Massachusetts Acts of 2021, An Act Making Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2024.

8000-0313.... that funds shall be expended for a grant program to be administered by the executive office of public safety and security for municipalities public colleges and universities and nonprofit organizations to purchase automated external defibrillators for public safety and first responder vehicles; provided further, that priority shall be given to municipalities with a population of not more than of 20,000 persons and to nonprofit organizations; provided further, that not later than March 1, 2024, the secretary of public safety and security shall submit a report to the clerks of the house of representatives and senate and the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include, but not be limited to: (i) a list of the municipalities, public colleges and universities and nonprofit organizations receiving grant funds; and (ii) the amount of grant funds distributed to each municipality, public college and university and nonprofit organization.....

OGR awarded appropriated funds through a competitive grant process, according to the following timeline:

Availability of Grant Funds (AGF) Posted: October 20, 2023
Application Deadline: November 17, 2023
Awards Announced: February 2023
Project Period: February 2024 – June 30, 2024

All 351 Massachusetts cities and towns, 13 public colleges and universities, and nonprofit organizations with emergency response vehicles were eligible to apply for up to \$2,500 to support the purchase of one (1) AED for use in an active emergency response vehicle that did not already contain an AED or that was in need of a replacement device. In accordance with the legislative language, priority was given to municipalities with a population of under 20,000 who had not previously received similar funding and nonprofit organizations. Remaining applications were given priority based on submission date.

Due to limited available state resources, funding for this program was reduced from \$330,000 to \$165,084.70.

Competitive Application and Review Process

OGR received 269 proposals at or below \$2,500.00 each for one (1) AED purchase per municipality, public college or university, and nonprofit organization, with a total funding request of \$589,217.09.

Award recipients were selected based on the priorities set forth in the legislative language and the posted AGF. Funds were awarded to all eligible nonprofit applicants and all first-time AED municipality applicants with populations under 20,000 persons. The remaining available funds were distributed to eligible applicants based on their early application submission (as funds were available on a first come, first-served basis). State funding was depleted after awarding 80 applicants funds to purchase one (1) AED for an award total of \$165,084.70.

Awarded Funds

Funds were made available (in the amount of the submitted quotes) to the awardees upon award notification, for all equipment to be purchased and received prior to June 30, 2024.

The following communities were awarded AED state funds in FY24:

Grant Recipients: Municipalities	Award Amount
Acushnet Fire Department	\$2,255.00
Amesbury Police Department	\$1,492.00
Attleboro Fire Department	\$2,435.73
Bedford Police Department	\$1,495.00
Bernardston Police Department	\$1,950.00
Blackstone Fire Department	\$2,194.06
Burlington Police Department	\$1,492.00
Charlemont Police Department	\$1,934.00
Clinton Parks and Recreation	\$2,200.00
Colrain Fire Department	\$1,998.53
Cummington Fire Department	\$2,383.65
East Bridgewater Police Department	\$2,500.00
Easton Police Department	\$2,500.00
Fall River Police Department	\$1,761.00
Groton Police Department	\$1,363.80
Hardwick Police Department	\$1,792.00
Heath Police Department	\$2,246.00
Hopedale Police Department	\$1,537.00
Hull Police Department	\$2,127.58
Huntington Fire Department	\$2,194.06
Lakeville Fire Department	\$2,212.60
Lancaster Police Department	\$2,095.00
Leicester Police Department	\$1,636.00

Littleton Police Department	\$2,150.00
Longmeadow Fire Department	\$2,140.88
Lowell Fire Department	\$2,493.75
Manchester-by-the-Sea Fire Department	\$2,500.00
Mashpee Fire Department	\$2,435.73
Middleton Fire Department	\$2,500.00
Montague Fire Department	\$1,999.00
Montgomery Fire Department	\$2,236.00
Natick Police Department	\$2,335.81
Newburyport Fire Department	\$2,100.00
Norfolk Fire Department	\$2,435.73
Northampton Fire Department	\$2,500.00
Northbridge Police Department	\$2,500.00
Oxford Fire Department	\$2,500.00
Plainville Police Department	\$2,045.00
Rehoboth Police Department	\$1,407.50
Shrewsbury Police Department	\$2,085.59
Shutesbury Fire Department	\$1,747.25
South Deerfield Fire Department	\$2,439.66
Southwick Fire Department	\$2,500.00
Tewksbury Fire Department	\$1,950.55
Three Rivers Fire Department	\$1,934.00
Tisbury Fire Department	\$2,299.00
Tolland Police Department	\$1,617.00
Topsfield Police Department	\$2,040.88
Turners Falls Police Department	\$2,090.00
Upton Fire Department	\$2,500.00
West Newbury Police Department	\$1,950.55
Westfield Police Department	\$1,492.00
Westford Police Department	\$1,702.99
Westhampton Fire Department	\$2,425.00
Westwood Police Department	\$1,537.00
Windsor Fire Department	\$863.00
Woburn Fire Department	\$2,435.72
Worcester Fire Department	\$2,500.00
Grant Recipients: Nonprofits	Award Amount
West Newbury Fire Company, West Newbury	\$1,747.25
Central Massachusetts Emergency Medical Systems Corporation, Holden	\$1,963.34
Heart of New England Council, BSA, Rutland	\$1,880.00
Tri State Fire Mutual Aid Inc. Sunderland	\$2,299.00

UMass Memorial Medical Center, Worcester	\$2,087.02
Southern Berkshire Volunteer Ambulance Squad, Inc, Great Barrington	\$1,962.25
Colrain Volunteer Ambulance Association, Inc, Colrain	\$2,500.00
South Shore Health, Weymouth	\$1,677.99
Webster Emergency Medical Services Inc. Webster	\$2,500.00
Grant Recipients: Public Colleges and Universities	Award Amount
Berkshire Community College, Pittsfield	\$2,326.00
Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater	\$2,002.60
Bristol Community College, Fall River	\$2,326.45
Framingham State University, Framingham	\$1,325.00
Massachusetts Bay Community College, Wellesley	\$2,453.00
Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston	\$2,500.00
Middlesex Community College, Lowell and Bedford	\$2,103.00
Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill	\$1,850.00
Quinsigamond Community College, Worcester	\$1,703.20
Springfield Technical Community College, Springfield	\$1,499.00
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, Dartmouth	\$2,500.00
University of Massachusetts, Amherst	\$2,500.00
Westfield State University, Westfield	\$1,195.00
Total	\$165,084.70