

**TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, CT  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**

**Subcommittee on Automated External Defibrillators**

**Draft Recommendations  
June 6, 2022**

1. Request that local athletic organizations disclose if they own Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and where they are stored when applying for seasonal field/facility permits.
2. In partnership with the Fairfield Fire Department (FFD), the Fairfield Parks and Recreation Department (Parks & Rec) should work with local sports organizations and other appropriate partners/vendors to establish a comprehensive AED registry that includes town owned and privately owned devices, to help first responders and good samaritans locate the nearest AED when a sudden cardiac event occurs.
  1. Recommended AEDs should be posted on relevant town websites.
  2. Recommended AEDs should be directly communicated to local athletic organizations and community organizations.
3. Staff, coaches and volunteers in programs, leagues, and activities organized by the Parks & Rec should be instructed on location of nearest AED and what to do in case of a sudden cardiac event.
4. To encourage universal AED models town-wide, partner with Fairfield Fire Department to establish a list of recommended AED models for individuals/organizations who want to donate an AED to the town or a local athletic club.
5. Establish a public-private partnership (PPP) to raise funds and to coordinate efforts across town government and private organizations in support of awareness, campaigns and programs that aim to improve survival of cardiac events across the town.
  1. The PPP would be formed as a newly established nonprofit organization as specified by the state of Connecticut.
    1. Founding Officers of the PPP would include town representatives from Parks & Rec, FFD, and Fairfield Public Schools, along with existing nonprofit leaders from Fairfield AEDs, In a Heart Beat CT, and the Connecticut Chapter of the American Red Cross.
    2. The First Selectman may appoint an additional representative from town staff or a local resident.
    3. The Founding Officers of the PPP would be expected to establish a charter and by-laws within the first 90 days of being established.
    4. Any decisions to include representatives from other organizations - Ex. Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, etc - is at the discretion of the founding officers.
    5. While the intent of the PPP is to be self-sustaining financially, the entity can request town funding for specific programs or initiatives - where appropriate.
  2. The PPP can coordinate and conduct community support programs with appropriate town government partners, including:
    1. An annual AED re-certification for town and privately owned AEDs;
    2. Free batteries and pads to maintain AEDs that meet the town's recommended universal AEDs.

3. Coordinate bi-annual CPR/AED training for town staff, athletic organizations and other interested parties.
3. The PPP should explore new technologies and conduct pilot programs to make AEDs accessible in high trafficked areas year round.
  1. Example: Conduct a pilot program with year round AED access by purchasing three climate controlled AED climate controlled boxes and place them in highly trafficked areas like Jennings Beach, Riverside Park and Lake Mohegan trails.
4. The PPP should regularly maintain and update best practices, strategies and make recommendations to town authorities on improving AED access and improved survival of sudden cardiac events.
5. The PPP should submit an annual report to the Board of Selectman, Board of Education, Board of Finance and the Representative Town Meeting, along with other interested parties to demonstrate progress made and to keep the public informed of the organization's priorities.