

**To: Directors, Safety Coordinators & Recreation Superintendents 11-02**

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**RE: AED Matching Grants Available Now Through the IDPH**

## **ISSUE**

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has announced that \$100,000 in Heartsaver AED grant funds are now available. Park districts, conservation districts, forest preserve districts, schools, municipal recreation departments, and colleges or universities are eligible for the grant.

## **DISCUSSION**

Grants will be awarded to qualified applicants who demonstrate they have the funds to pay 50% of the cost of the AEDs for which the matching grant moneys are sought, as that cost is determined by the State Master Contract. Deadline for submission of applications for the Heartsaver Fund Grant is **February 14, 2011**. All applications must be made on department-approved forms, and only mailed applications will be accepted. All AEDs purchased between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011 will qualify for the grant.

## **ACTION**

If your agency has purchased an AED after July 1, 2010 and/or you plan on purchasing an AED before June 30, 2011, we recommend you go to the following link to learn more about the Heartsaver AED Fund Grant program: [http://www.idph.state.il.us/grant\\_rfps/FY11/AED\\_app-guidance.pdf](http://www.idph.state.il.us/grant_rfps/FY11/AED_app-guidance.pdf)

The funds are limited and those who respond by submitting an application by the February 14, 2011 deadline have a good chance of being awarded a grant. The program is limited to one unit per recipient. The information provided by the IDPH does not specify any one particular AED brand or model. In addition, the information provided by the IDPH does not require the unit to be purchased through the State Master Contract.