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## **City Helps Non-Profits Purchase AEDs**

April 18, 2006 Margate FL – The City of Margate recently enacted a reimbursement grant program for non-profit organizations who are interested in purchasing an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) for their organization.

An AED is a small, portable device, attached to a person's chest with wires that checks the person's heart rhythm, decides if that rhythm is "off," and gives the heart an electric shock that restores the correct, natural rhythm.

This grant program includes a total of \$20,000. It is a 50/50 matching grant program, which means the interested non-profit organization would apply, purchase the machine, get training and once all qualifications are met, the City will reimburse 50% of the cost. It's also a non-competitive grant, so no one organization has a better chance at obtaining the funds than another. The applicants that are ready first, with all the necessary materials, will be awarded the grant monies.

Since the process of purchasing an AED requires some education and an approval, the non-profit organizations will need to have members of their group certified through training from the American Heart Association for CPR and AED certification. After documentation of training (i.e. ID cards from the American Heart Association) is provided to the City, the release of payment can occur.

Additionally, organizations will need to provide proof of 501(c)3 non profit status and have a public space of their own located in the City of Margate to qualify for the grant.

To start the process, pick up your application at Margate City Hall located at 5790 Margate Blvd, or contact Mary Dunning at 954-935-5323 for a grant application. Applicants will need to obtain three vendor quotes, and provide proof of non-profit status.

It is important to note that in order to receive the reimbursement funds; proof of training is required before funds can be released. Also, be sure you've secured grant funding, before you have purchased your AED.

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