

What's included in the award package

a defibrillator, complete with pads and kit accessories

a cabinet (if awarded, this must be kept unlocked and uncoded)

replacement pads and batteries when required (when they expire or are used with the defibrillator)

resources for RevivR online CPR training.

If you're unable to install the cabinet yourself or with the help from your local community, this may be offered as part of the package.

Who can apply

You must be applying on behalf of a community group. Some examples of groups we accept are:

church organisations and other places of worship

social clubs

parish councils

local social enterprise organisations

community centres.

Conditions for applying

To be eligible for a free, BHF-funded defibrillator, you must:

keep the defibrillator in the provided cabinet, unlocked and uncoded so that it's accessible to the public 24 hours a day

make sure that the cabinet has a constant electricity supply so that the defibrillator stays at the right temperature in cold weather and is visible in the dark

have a clear need for the device (for example, be in a busy location, or where a public access defibrillator (PAD) is not within 200 metres)

have authorisation from the property owner to install the defibrillator

register the defibrillator on The Circuit (the national defibrillator network) within 4 weeks of installation. This ensures ambulance call handlers can see your defibrillator when 999 is called in response to a cardiac arrest.

be committed to promoting BHF's free online RevivR CPR training in your community with the resources provided.

Who cannot apply

Unfortunately, we cannot give funding to:

individuals (if you've been recommended an individual defibrillator, speak to your cardiologist or doctor about how to get this equipment)

GP surgeries

dental practices

schools and colleges

military organisations

police

private or profit-making companies

emergency services

community first responders (unless they're applying for a public access defibrillator to be placed in a fixed location in their local community).

If you're not sure if your organisation is eligible, or you have a question about the application process, contact us at defibs@bhf.org.uk

How to apply

The first step will be to create a user account that will register you with us and enable you to fill out and submit the application form. You will need to provide an email address, password and your name to register. You will not be able to fill out the application form without creating a user account and registering first.

You will be able to save and come back to complete your application form in multiple visits. It usually takes no longer than 25 minutes to complete the application form. We recommend that you aim to complete and submit the application form within a week of beginning the process.