



Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Allocation and Guidance

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This document provides answers to questions regarding the Automated External Defibrillator Allocation and Guidance in FY 2023-24. This document may be viewed under STATE ALLOCATIONS in the [Business Manager Support Library](#)

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What is an Automated External Defibrillator (AED)?

An AED, or automated external defibrillator, is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet easy to use, medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm. Sudden cardiac arrest is among the leading causes of death in the United States. Currently, the only way to restore a regular heart rhythm during cardiac arrest is to use an AED.

What is the purpose of the AED Allocation?

[SB 12](#) of the 2023 Legislative session requires an AED on each elementary, middle and high school campus and at athletic events sponsored by the school. In order to meet this requirement, the legislature appropriated funds for this purpose.

What entities are eligible for these funds?

All traditional public schools, charter schools and non-public schools.

How much is the allocation for these funds?

The Department determined that the estimated average cost of an AED is \$2,500. Schools completed a survey to determine how many devices were needed on each campus and athletic venues. Funds have been allocated from the state appropriation and ESSER III Incentive Fund for this purpose.

What data is used to calculate the allocation?

Schools completed a survey to determine how many devices were needed on each campus and athletic venues. The number of devices needed was multiplied by \$2,500.

How will the funds be allocated?

Allocations were submitted to BESE for approval in January 2024 and the funds are available in eGMS.

Are these funds included in the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) formula?

No.

How are these AED funds to be used?

To purchase AEDS from a [state contract](#) vendor.

How will these funds be distributed?

Through an application process in eGMS.

Is there a date by which these funds must be utilized?

June 30, 2024 for state appropriated funds and September 30, 2024 for ESSER funds.

Will recipients of this allocation be required to submit information regarding how the funds were used?

LEAs will have to submit receipts when completing the Periodic Expense report (PER).