

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, MAY 06, 2025**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 16

**SUBJECT: EXPANDING ACCESS TO AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS
 (AEDs) FOR PRIVATE SPORTS FACILITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS
 (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

Today's action seeks to expand access to automated external defibrillators (AEDs) for private sports facilities, youth sports teams and similar organizations within the San Diego region. The goal is to enhance public safety and emergency preparedness where athletes and community members engage in sports or other physical activities. Given the physical nature of sports and the potential risks involved, it is essential that sports facilities and other locations where athletic activities take place are equipped this life-saving equipment. However, unfortunately many private sports facilities and organizations lack these critical devices due to financial constraints. What's more, California State Assembly Bill 1467 (AB 1467) - a.k.a. the "Nevaeh Youth Sports Safety Act" - will require youth sports organizations that offer an athletic program to have access to an AED during any official practice or match, beginning January 1, 2027. While this legislation is noble, youth sports teams often rely on donations and fundraising to make large purchases. This could make complying with the bill challenging for many youth sports teams.

The County of San Diego (County) should take steps to expand access to AEDs for sports facilities and youth sports organizations throughout our region. Pursuing efforts to get AEDs into more sports facilities would result in a significantly safer environment for athletes, sports teams personnel, and spectators alike. AEDs not only enhance emergency preparedness, but their presence also demonstrates a commitment to health and safety that can have psychologically beneficial impacts on the community. It's in this spirit that today's item directs the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to explore opportunities to provide AEDs to private sports facilities, and youth sports teams working to comply with AB 1467. Options may include but are not limited to creating a County grant and/or rebate program to cover the costs of procuring AEDs, offer training programs for sports teams personnel, and maintenance supplies such as replacement batteries and electrode pads.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND

1. Direct the CAO to explore opportunities to expand access to automated external defibrillators (AEDs) for sports facilities and similar organizations such as youth sports teams, and report back within 120 days. Options may include but are not limited to developing a County grant or rebate program or partnering with a community-based organization. At a minimum, this should include:
 - a. Determine scope of potential grant and/or rebate programs and necessary funding amounts. This should be informed by appropriate and relevant stakeholder outreach, as determined by the CAO.
 - b. Determine potential program eligibility criteria. As a guiding principle, priority consideration should be given to facilities and organizations that demonstrate a financial need, lack existing AED access, and serve youth sports leagues or other high-contact sports.

- c. Determine appropriate grant and/or rebate application requirements. The application process should be simple and easy to navigate.
- d. Explore potential AED grant or rebate program funding source(s) and options.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

By increasing the availability of AEDs, today's action aims to ensure access to life-saving emergency equipment for economically disadvantaged organizations and underserved communities.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

By making life-saving emergency equipment more accessible to sports facilities and similar organizations, today's action supports the County's commitment to prioritize and enhance the health and well-being of residents across the San Diego region.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for exploring opportunities to expand access to automated external defibrillators (AEDs) for sports facilities and similar organizations are included in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Operational Plan. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years. There may be fiscal impacts associated with future related recommendations which staff would return to the Board for consideration and approval.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

State of California)
County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter

