

RFU & LONDON HEARTS AED BURSARY SCHEME 2022-23: CB RUGBYSAFE LEAD BRIEF

- The RFU will offer a £250 bursary to 280 clubs to purchase an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) through London Hearts in the 22-23 season.
- Each CB is allocated a set number of bursaries based on the number of clubs within the CB (see below).
- CB RugbySafe Leads will allocate the bursaries based on local knowledge/need. Clubs currently without an AED on-site should be prioritised.
- The AED must be acquired through London Hearts – they are also offering a £300 subsidy on all AEDs as well as helping clubs' source any further local funding. The clubs allocated the RFU bursary will also be able to benefit from the London Hearts subsidy, so can potentially purchase an AED for approx. £300-500 (depending on model/accessories etc.) instead of £900-£1200.
- To be eligible for the bursary, the club MUST have a RugbySafe Lead listed and have declared that they have completed a First aid Risk Assessment on GMS (CB RSL to check via monthly Player Welfare/RugbySafe GMS report).
- Clubs who are not allocated an RFU bursary can still access the London Hearts £300 subsidy as well as potentially accessing further local funding.
- London Hearts offers support and guidance to clubs who already have an AEDs and can offer advice on maintenance, pad replacement, storage etc.

CB RSL bursary allocation process:

1. Identify potential clubs to allocate bursary (based on number of bursaries assigned to your CB).
2. Carry out club eligibility checks: The club MUST have a RugbySafe Lead listed and have declared that they have completed a First aid Risk Assessment on GMS (check can be made via monthly Player Welfare/RugbySafe GMS report).
3. Contact club (ideally via the Club RugbySafe Lead) offering a bursary, please include the following:

During the 2022-23 season the RFU are offering a limited number of bursaries to support clubs in purchasing an AED (Automated External Defibrillator). This is a one off opportunity and would highly recommend you take up the offer if your club is in a position to do so.

Working with London Hearts the RFU is offering a £250 bursary, this is in addition to the London Hearts subsidy of £300 which is already in place. This means your club can potentially purchase an AED for approx. £300-500 (depending on model/accessories etc.) instead of £900-£1200. London Hearts will also help you source any further local funding if applicable.

Your club has been identified within the CB as a club that could benefit from having an AED, the only eligibility criteria that the RFU/CB is requesting is that the club continues to have a Club RugbySafe Lead in place and ensures that the annual first aid risk assessment is completed and recorded on GMS.



London Hearts is an England wide charity and one of the leading heart charities in the UK for placing defibrillators in communities and delivering CPR and defibrillator training. Working with England Rugby, London Hearts can support clubs, provide guidance on the purchase of defibrillators for rugby clubs who do not currently already have this lifesaving equipment. It also provides support to clubs who already have a defibrillator on site. With every package, London Hearts provides an online CPR and defibrillator training video and ongoing support, including advice on purchasing and maintenance of an AED unit.

For more information visit the [London Hearts website](#)

4. Once the club has confirmed it will utilise the bursary, please confirm the next steps with the club, including the following:

Thank you for confirming your club would like to utilise one of the RFU AED bursaries. The next step is for you to contact London Hearts to discuss what the specific requirements are for your club, e.g., will it be placed inside or outside of the clubhouse. London Hearts will be able to provide you with expert advice on what will be best for your facilities. Once the set up and cost of your AED is agreed, London Hearts will apply the RFU £250 bursary and their own £300 subsidy at the point of sale, therefore there is no requirement for you to have to make a claim/application etc. afterwards.

Please note, you need to complete your AED purchase by the end March 2023 for the RFU bursary to be applied.

To get things moving, please contact Jo Lovell at London Hearts on jo@londonhearts.org or ring 02070432493, ensuring you mention that you have been allocated one of the RFU AED bursaries.

5. CB RSL to contact London Hearts to confirm the club details, this is important. London Hearts will be applying the RFU bursary on our behalf and will not allocate the bursary unless they have the specific club information from you.

Please include the following details:

- Your name (CB RSL)
- CB
- Club name
- Club contact/RugbySafe Lead

Please send to: jo@londonhearts.org

6. London Hearts will provide a monthly progress report to confirm which clubs have completed the purchase etc. RFB to share with CB RSLs.
7. Ideally all CB RSLs need to have assigned all their allocation by end of January 2023. Any clubs that then have not completed their purchase by the end March 2023 will lose their bursary allocation (unless there is exceptional circumstances).
8. Any unallocated bursaries will be redistributed in April and will need to be completed by end of June 2023.



RFU AED BURSARY ALLOCATION BY CB

CB	Clubs	Voting Clubs	AED Bursary Allocation (2022-23 only)
Berkshire County RFU (CB)	18	13	3
Buckinghamshire County RFU (CB)	19	16	4
Cheshire RFU (CB)	46	43	11
Cornwall RFU (CB)	33	28	7
Cumbria RFU Ltd. (CB)	26	20	5
Devon RFU (CB)	48	40	10
Dorset & Wilts RFU (CB)	53	36	9
Durham County Rugby Union (CB)	55	30	8
East Midlands Rugby Union (CB)	44	38	10
Eastern Counties Rugby Union (CB)	53	47	11
Essex County RFU (CB)	53	42	11
Gloucestershire RFU (CB)	75	68	16
Hampshire RFU Ltd. (CB)	46	35	9
Hertfordshire RFU (CB)	32	25	6
Kent County Rugby Football Union Ltd (CB)	71	59	15
Lancashire County RFU (CB)	76	55	12
Leicestershire Rugby Union Ltd (CB)	30	28	8
Middlesex County RFU (CB)	107	56	13
North Midlands RFU (CB)	69	58	13
Northumberland Rugby Union (CB)	27	21	5
Notts, Lincs & Derbyshire RFU (CB)	69	55	13
Oxfordshire RFU (CB)	28	17	4
Somerset County RFU Limited (CB)	58	48	11
Staffordshire County RFU (CB)	33	27	8
Surrey Rugby (CB)	89	66	16
Sussex RFU Ltd. (CB)	37	33	9
Warwickshire RFU (CB)	57	41	10
Yorkshire RFU (CB)	107	94	23
Grand Totals	1910	1139	280

