St John
HEART GRANT
Thanks to Lotterywest
Information Kit
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Introduction by St John WA

As Chief Executive Officer of St John WA I am delighted that organisations such as yours are taking the opportunity to apply for the St John Heart Grant.

Cardiac arrest is a major cause of death. In WA in 2017, St John responded to 2505 cases of cardiac arrest. Tellingly only 236 (9%) of these patients arrived at an emergency department with a pulse.

Key elements in surviving cardiac arrest are timely, quality CPR and defibrillation. Only one in 10 people will survive if there is no intervention from a bystander but this number is increased to close to six in 10 when the recipient receives good CPR and defibrillation.

Our ultimate goal is for Western Australia to become best practice in the world at Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest (OHCA) survival.

To improve survival rates we need your help.

Defibrillators are having a huge impact in the community and are a core part of the St John strategy to save more lives.

Did you know there are currently in excess of 2700 defibrillators across Western Australia linked in to our triple zero (000) call centre, making them available for members of the public to use in cases of sudden cardiac arrest?

Thanks to the generosity of Lotterywest and the enthusiasm of groups such as yours, we will be able to add at least another 1000 life saving devices to that total — bolstering the community’s ability to save a life when a situation arises.

With your help, WA can become world leaders in terms of cardiac arrest survival rates.

Michelle Fyfe APM
Chief Executive Officer
St John WA
We are proud to have been a partner with St John WA since our establishment. Our first grant to St John WA was in 1933!

While that grant was for £100, Lotterywest support for the invaluable work of St John WA over the last 30 years has totalled over $32 million. This has been to support a range of initiatives such as volunteer facilities, development of the Belmont headquarters and funding some of the first defibrillators for the ‘Community First Responder’ program which was launched in 2013.

We’re proud to support more great work by St John WA. This Heart Grant program will help save lives. It is a clear demonstration of how St John WA makes a difference to our community, which is also core to Lotterywest’s vision as an organisation - to build a better Western Australia together.

Susan Hunt PSM
Chief Executive Officer
Lotterywest
About the grant

Thanks to Lotterywest, St John WA is pleased to open applications for the Heart Grant. We’re offering over 1,000 defibrillators to not-for-profit community groups and sporting clubs, to be installed on the exterior of a building for **public community use**.

This offering includes the defibrillator unit, a lock box and necessary first aid training. This package normally retails well in excess of $2,000, however the cost to successful grant recipients will be only $200.

St John WA’s purpose is to “serve humanity and build resilient communities through the relief of sickness, distress, suffering and danger”.

A key issue for the community is the growing number of preventable deaths due to cardiac arrest.

This purpose has led to St John developing programs such as the Community Defibrillator Program. We are seeking opportunities with funding partners to expand this program into areas that provide optimal levels of access, such as community and sporting groups in Western Australia.

The Community First Responder program is designed to improve the survival rates of sudden Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest (OHCA), which is a leading cause of death in Australia affecting 33,000 people each year. Prompt community response has proven to increase the chance of survival through early defibrillation and effective CPR.

To improve survival rates of OHCA patients, St John WA has identified two key target areas:

1. Increase the number of public access defibrillators in Western Australia
2. Train and educate more people in first aid to help increase community participation and response times to an OHCA.

There are more than 1,000 licensed community, sport, social, cultural and recreation clubs across Western Australia that share more than 500,000 members. This includes Clubs WA which is part of a national body, Clubs Australia, and is the largest membership-based, not-for-profit organisation across the state and includes Bowling, Rugby, Aussie Rules, Soccer, Cricket, Netball and Golf. **This network reaches a quarter of the WA community.**

St John WA wants all sporting clubs and community groups to feel safe and ensure they are prepared in the event of a medical emergency taking place.
Eligibility criteria

Applications are welcome from WA based not-for-profit sporting and community groups that are incorporated associations or that have a similar accountability structure defined by the WA Department of Commerce.

St John WA has sole discretion to determine successful applicants for this grant and reserves the right to re-open applications for subsequent rounds after the advertised cut-off date.

Each application will be assessed by St John WA based on merit and will take into consideration the density of defibrillators in the immediate vicinity in which the applicant organisation is located. The defibrillator must be publicly accessible.
Obligations of grant recipients

The defibrillator unit must be located on the exterior of the grant recipient’s building

This is so that in addition to the defibrillator being accessible by the members and visitors of the grant recipient organisation, it can also be accessed by the general public. This is in line with the St John Community First Responder network and increases the number of publically accessible defibrillators across Western Australia.

The grant recipient organisation must register their defibrillator on the Community First Responder network

The purpose of the St John Heart Grant is to increase the number of publicly accessible defibrillators in the community, therefore all defibrillators provided under this grant must be part of the St John WA Community First Responder network.

The grant recipient organisation must pass an annual St John Safe assessment and retain this status

Before a defibrillator and cabinet can be provided, all successful applicants must have a St John Safe assessment. This will be conducted in person on the premises where the defibrillator is to be located, or for remote sites it may be conducted via telephone. On completion of the assessment a recommendation will be given for the level of training that is required based on the grant recipient organisation’s size, location and number of people that frequent it on a regular basis. Undergoing this training is an obligation to maintain the St John Safe status. Recommendations will also be provided as to the number and type of first aid kits required on site.

The grant recipient organisation takes responsibility for the consumables and maintenance costs of the defibrillator

If the defibrillator is used on a casualty, St John WA will cover the replacement costs of the pads. However, it is the obligation of the grant recipient organisation to pay for the ongoing expenses to maintain the defibrillator. This would include ensuring any defibrillator pads and/or battery are replaced at date of expiry. The cost of these items can be found on the St John WA website.

No on-selling permitted

The grant recipient organisation must not under any circumstances on-sell the defibrillator or any of the associated components to any third parties at any stage.

Payment

When an application has been approved and a St John Safe Assessment completed, an invoice will be raised for the defibrillator and any other products required. Payment of the organisations $200 contribution, and any costs for supply of first aid kits will be required at time of invoicing via credit card payment.

Arrangements can be made for payment via EFT but this must be completed within 48 hours of the order being raised.

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**How to apply**

Applications must be made electronically via the St John Heart Grant page [stjohnheartgrant.com.au](http://stjohnheartgrant.com.au)

You will be asked to provide information about your organisation so St John WA can assess your eligibility for the St John Heart Grant.

Submitting your application should not take any longer than five minutes.

Applicants will be informed as to whether or not they have been successful in becoming a recipient of the St John Heart Grant.

Applications are now open, however St John WA does reserve the right to close applications at any time dependant on volume of applicants.


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**Training provided**

St John WA will provide grant recipient organisations with the necessary first aid training depending on the needs of the organisation based on the recommendations from a St John Safe Assessment.

Training provided includes how to use a defibrillator whilst performing CPR on a casualty.

For grant recipient organisations in rural and remote locations, this may include online training modules.

In addition to free of charge training provided to grant recipient organisations, St John WA offers a wide range of [first aid training courses](http://stjohnheartgrant.com.au) for workplaces, families, people in remote locations and more.
Frequently asked questions

How long does the process take from original expression of interest to the allocation of the grant?

Answer
As each application is individually assessed on various criteria, and dependant on the number of applications received, the process could take several weeks before you are advised if you have been successful in receiving the grant.

Is there an allocated amount per region, and if so, how many?

Answer
There is no allocated amount per region, however, in addition to merit, St John WA will take into consideration the overall density of defibrillators available 24/7 in the immediate area.

Who delivers and installs the defibrillators to successful organisations?

Answer
The defibrillator and cabinet (and any other first aid equipment ordered), will be delivered from our warehouse in Belmont via Australia Post. Installation of the cabinet and defibrillator is the responsibility of the recipient organisation.

A photo showing the installation of the defibrillator on an external wall and notification of the cabinet keypad code is required to be sent to St John WA to confirm conditions of the grant have been met. This must be sent to first.responder@stjohnambulance.com.au within 24 hours of installation.
Frequently asked questions

Is it a ‘first come first served’ type of application?
Answer
No, this is not a ‘first come first served’ basis. Applications will be reviewed and allocated based on merit.

Who is responsible for the upkeep of the defibrillator when allocated?
Answer
If the defibrillator is used on a casualty, St John WA will cover the replacement costs of the defibrillator pads. Otherwise, it is the obligation of the grant recipient to pay for any ongoing expenses to maintain the defibrillator.

Can I still apply for this grant if my organisation has an existing defibrillator?
Answer
You can apply however you would not receive an additional defibrillator. If your application is accepted you may be offered the option of an external lock box to relocate the defibrillator to an external position to allow public access. If you are successful, the obligations of grant recipients are still applicable, as outlined on page 7.

Who is responsible for the First Responder registration when installed?
Answer
As part of the processing of the successful applications, St John WA will add all location and contact details to our Community First Responder (CFR) network. Your organisation will be responsible for ensuring that any changes to defibrillator location or change of contact details is advised to CFR (via email to first.responder@stjohnambulance.com.au).

Do I need permission from the building owner to install the lock box?
Answer
If your group doesn’t own the building, we recommend you speak to the building owner (or the local council or shire if applicable) before installing the defibrillator cabinet.
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