

**Reference: T1562**

**2434 (Church Fenton) Squadron, Royal Air Force Cadets, 'Assistance towards installation of a community defibrillator', £999.00**

**Application date: May 2018**

### **Update on the Project**

The following update was received from the Air Cadets in April 2019 in response to Officers chasing up an end of project monitoring form:

*'As you are already aware we were experiencing difficulties in getting the responses from Yorkshire Ambulance Service and this has continued. I therefore tabled a proposal at our last meeting of the committee to consider whether we should go ahead with the project on our own or not. The feeling of the group was that we did not have enough funds to support this on our own and that without the additional outside funding it was not viable as it did not fully meet the criteria of our trust (given it is essentially supporting the local community rather than the direct advancement of our cadets). There was also a risk that there would be ongoing costs, which we had not been able to establish due to the lack of information from Yorkshire Ambulance Service. In addition, we have been made aware that there in the meantime have been more defibrillator installations in the area, making it less of a need that we maintain one. We were also made aware of a technical issue with the potential siting of the unit and electricity supply which would also have had to overcome. Given all of this the committee decided we should not go ahead with the project and wanted me to report this back to you to make you aware we will need to repay the funds to the CEF.'*

*We are disappointed not to be able to carry this out, as it had been and aim of ours as you know to provide this facility. We still would like to provide some training to our cadets and adult volunteer staff to enable them to help use any of the units around the area (or elsewhere of course) if they are present when this is needed. We would like to purchase a defibrillator trainer unit for the purpose of carrying out this training if the CEF considered that this would be acceptable. I understand these are around £300.'*

**In light of the above, the Partnership Board are asked to consider whether they are happy for the Air Cadets to use around £300 of the grant awarded to them in May 2018 to purchase a defibrillator training unit for the cadets to use, and to then refund the rest of the grant back to the CEF.**