

When Seconds Count

Information for Grantees: AED Batteries and Electrode Pads

Healthcare Foundation of La Porte (HFL) makes grants for AEDs, cabinets, and signage to nonprofits and governmental entities, including schools, in La Porte County through its AED Initiative: *When Seconds Count*. HFL's AED grants provide the equipment to grantees at no cost to the grantee. Grantees do not receive grant funds, as HFL purchases AEDs that are compatible with La Porte County EMS in bulk at a discounted price from Stryker. The AED HFL purchases is the **LIFEPAK CR2**.

While HFL provides the initial equipment, the grantee is responsible for maintaining the equipment, which includes replacing the battery and pads when required.

The LIFEPAK CR2 will alert you when your battery or pads need to be replaced by sounding an alert tone every 15 minutes. If your device is connected to a LIFELINKcentral AED Program Manager, an email notification will also be sent to your organization's account administrator.

Warranty and Lifespan

- The AED is covered under warranty for eight years.
- Battery lifespan is three to four years.
- Pads last four years from the date of manufacture (pads that have been used require immediate replacement.)
- The AED battery is covered under warranty for the first year.

Pricing from Stryker (as of September 2023)

- Replacement battery (one battery): \$230.25
- Replacement pads (one set): \$132.70

Lead Time (as of September 2023)

Lead time is 7-21 days for orders for replacement batteries and pads.

Ordering

HFL strongly suggests ordering replacement batteries and pads from **Stryker**. Stryker offers discounted pricing, and grantees can expect to pay less when ordering through Stryker versus online vendors. To order:

1. Contact **Pierce Szubelak, Account Manager**, at pierce.szubelak@stryker.com or 989.255.4433 with your order.
2. If you do not have an account with Stryker, Stryker will send you a New Customer Form. This takes 3-4 days.
3. Complete and return the New Customer Form to Stryker and your order will be processed.

AED Registration and CPR Certification

Grantees also have the responsibility of registering their AEDs with La Porte County EMS and maintaining at least one person at their facility certified in CPR and AED use.

- Register your AED at <https://laporteco.in.gov/departments-online/emergency-medical-services/aed/>
- The City of La Porte Fire Department, with grant support from HFL, offers free CPR classes for community members. Contact the Fire Department at 219.362.3456 for more information.

Questions?

Contact HFL at contact@hflaporte.org or 219.326.2471.