

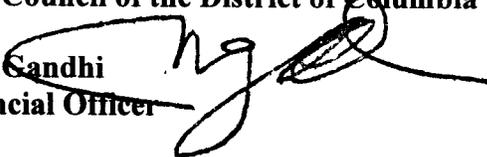
Government of the District of Columbia
Office of the Chief Financial Officer



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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Vincent C. Gray
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi 
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: February 13, 2009

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "AED Installation for Safe Recreation Act of 2008"

REFERENCE: Bill 17-635, Enrolled¹

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2009 through FY 2012 budget and financial plan to implement the enrolled legislation.

Background

The enrolled legislation requires the Mayor to establish a program ("Program") to install and maintain automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) in Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) facilities within 45 days of the enactment of the enrolled bill, as passed on 2nd reading on December 2, 2008.

Specifically, the enrolled legislation requires:

- An AED to be provided on-site at each DPR facility;
- That an individual trained in the operation and use of an AED is present during hours of operation;

¹ This legislation was passed by Council on December 2, 2008 with a fiscal impact statement originally issued on May 5, 2008 for B17-0738, the AED Installation for Safe Recreation and Exercise Emergency Act of 2008. This fiscal impact statement takes into consideration the differences between the permanent bill and the emergency version.

- Each AED device to be maintained, operated, and tested according to manufacturers' guidelines by conducting periodic inspections and annual maintenance of each AED; and
- The Mayor to develop guidelines for the program, including requirements that written records be maintained documenting the maintenance and testing of each AED and proof that each DPR employee assigned to a recreation facility has successfully completed a training program approved by the enrolled bill;

The enrolled legislation also requires the Mayor to conduct a study to expand the AED program throughout all District public facilities, including District of Columbia Public Schools and Public Charter Schools. The study is required to be submitted to Council no later than 6 months following the effective date of the enrolled bill, passed on December 2, 2008. The enrolled bill enumerates the requirements of this study.

The enrolled bill provides that authorized recreation facilities would not be civilly liable for any act or omission in the provision of automated external defibrillation if, at the time of the act or omission, the recreation facility possessed a valid recreation facility certificate.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2009 through FY 2012 budget and financial plan to implement the enrolled legislation.

The cost of purchasing AEDs for DPR recreation facilities and providing training for DPR employees was considered in the fiscal impact statement signed and dated May 5, 2008, which addressed the emergency version of the enrolled bill. The May 5, 2008 fiscal impact statement concluded that the cost would be approximately \$110,000 in the first year of implementation and \$155,000 over the financial plan period, and that "funds are sufficient" to implement those provisions.

The requirement for the Mayor to conduct a study to expand the AED program throughout all District public facilities is a requirement that was not included in the emergency version of the bill and therefore was not addressed in the May 5, 2008 fiscal impact statement. After obtaining written clarification on the intended requirements of the study from Councilmember Mendelson, the Office of the Chief Financial Officer concurs with the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department (F/EMS) that F/EMS could absorb the cost of the study with existing resources. It is understood by the OCFO and F/EMS that the study does not require site-visits for the District public facilities to be examined during the study.