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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for expansion of the automated external
2 defibrillator grant program to include advanced-level external
3 defibrillators, and making an appropriation.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 135.26, Code Supplement 2005, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 135.26 ~~AUTOMATED~~ EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR GRANT PROGRAM.

4 The department shall establish and implement an ~~automated~~
5 external defibrillator grant program ~~which provides matching~~
6 ~~funds to local boards of health, community organizations, or~~
7 ~~cities for the program after standards and requirements for~~
8 ~~the utilization of automated external defibrillator equipment,~~
9 ~~and training on the use of such equipment, are developed at~~
10 ~~the local level;~~ involving the distribution of both basic-
11 level and advanced-level external defibrillator equipment, as
12 follows:

13 1. For basic-level automated external defibrillator
14 equipment, for use primarily by emergency medical care
15 providers other than those referred to in subsection 2 and the
16 general public, the grant program shall provide matching funds
17 to local boards of health, community organizations, or cities
18 after standards and requirements for the utilization of basic-
19 level automated external defibrillator equipment, and training
20 on the use of such equipment, are developed at the local
21 level. The objective of the program shall be to enhance the
22 emergency response system in rural areas of the state where
23 access to health care providers is often limited by providing
24 increased access to basic-level automated external
25 defibrillator equipment by rural emergency and community
26 personnel. A local board of health, community organization,
27 or city may submit an application to the department for
28 review. The department shall establish criteria for the
29 review and approval of grant applications by rule, and may
30 accept gifts, grants, bequests, and other private
31 contributions, as well as state or federal funds, for purposes
32 of the program. The amount of a grant shall not exceed fifty
33 percent of the cost of the basic-level automated external
34 defibrillator equipment to be distributed to the applicant and
35 the training program to be administered by the applicant at

1 the local level. Each application shall include information
2 demonstrating that the applicant will provide matching funds
3 of fifty percent of the cost of the program. Grant recipients
4 shall submit an annual report to the department indicating
5 automated external defibrillator equipment usage levels,
6 patient outcomes, and number of individuals trained.

7 2. For advanced-level external defibrillator equipment,
8 for use primarily by emergency medical care providers trained
9 at the EMT-paramedic or higher certification level, as
10 referred to in section 147A.1, subsection 4, the grant program
11 shall provide matching funds to municipal fire departments and
12 ambulance, rescue, or first response services after standards
13 and requirements for the utilization of advanced-level
14 external defibrillator equipment, and training on the use of
15 such equipment, are developed at the local level. The
16 objective of the program shall be to enhance the availability
17 of advanced-level external defibrillators for use in advanced
18 life support applications by trained EMT-paramedics. A
19 municipal fire department or ambulance, rescue, or first
20 response service may submit an application to the department
21 for review. The department shall establish criteria for the
22 review and approval of grant applications by rule, and may
23 accept gifts, grants, bequests, and other private
24 contributions, as well as state or federal funds, for purposes
25 of the program. In determining approval criteria, the
26 department shall award a preference for applicants
27 demonstrating the possession of comparatively outdated
28 equipment and limited financial resources. The amount of a
29 grant shall not exceed seventy-five percent of the cost of the
30 advanced-level external defibrillator equipment to be
31 distributed to the applicant and the training program to be
32 administered by the applicant at the local level. Each
33 application shall include information demonstrating that the
34 applicant will provide matching funds of twenty-five percent
35 of the cost of the program. Grant recipients shall submit an

1 provides that the new grant program shall provide matching
2 funds to municipal fire departments and ambulance, rescue, or
3 first response services after standards and requirements for
4 the utilization of advanced-level external defibrillator
5 equipment, and training on the use of such equipment, are
6 developed. The bill states that the objective of the program
7 is to enhance the availability of advanced-level external
8 defibrillators for use in advanced life support applications
9 by trained EMT-paramedics.

10 The bill provides that a municipal fire department, or
11 ambulance, rescue, or first response service, may submit an
12 application to the department for review. The department
13 shall establish criteria for the review and approval of grant
14 applications by rule, and may accept gifts, grants, bequests,
15 and other private contributions, as well as state or federal
16 funds, for purposes of the program. In determining approval
17 criteria, the bill provides that the department shall award a
18 preference for applicants demonstrating the possession of
19 comparatively outdated equipment and limited financial
20 resources. The bill provides that a grant shall be awarded on
21 a 75 percent grant, 25 percent local match, basis with regard
22 to the cost of the equipment and the training program to be
23 administered by the applicant. Additionally, as with the
24 current program, grant recipients shall submit an annual
25 report to the department indicating external defibrillator
26 equipment usage levels, patient outcomes, and number of
27 individuals trained.

28 With the addition of the advanced-level grant program, the
29 bill modifies provisions of the existing program to clarify
30 that it relates to basic-level automated equipment.

31 The bill makes an appropriation from the healthy Iowans
32 tobacco trust created in Code section 12.65 to the Iowa
33 department of public health for the 2006-2007 fiscal year of a
34 total of \$500,000. The bill allocates \$250,000 of the
35 appropriation to each of the two external defibrillator grant

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