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XYZ Foundation/Organization

Address

City, State, Zip

Dear ,

Thank you for the opportunity to request funding for the **Anywho** Council. The following proposal letter requests **XYZ Foundation's** support to fund \$1,400 for an automated external defibrillator (AED).

### **A brief description of our organization:**

#### **Mission**

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes.

#### **Work in the Community**

Scouting's programs work to accomplish the following in **State's** communities:

- Provide programs of character building, citizenship training, and personal fitness by instilling values and ideals that prepare young people to make lifelong ethical choices.
- Administer after-school and weekend programs in at-risk and minority areas by offering youth safe and constructive activities.
- Prepare youth to successfully handle the complexities of today's society and to enhance their self-confidence, motivation, and self-worth.
- Teach low-income, culturally diverse, and at-risk youth constructive means in which to solve their problems, rather than resorting to crime or substance abuse.

In 2009, the **Anywho** Council strives to complete the following community work as outlined in its **200#-20## Strategic Plan:**

- **Youth Membership:** Every eligible youth has an opportunity to be involved in a quality Scouting experience. **Goal:** ##### in 20##, and ##### youth by 20##.
- **Volunteer Leadership:** The number of engaged, accountable volunteers is dramatically increased at all levels of Scouting. **Goal:** ##### volunteers.
- **Financial Stability:** To keep the council fiscally sound. **Goal:** Maintain a balanced budget with at least a \$##### surplus each year.
- **Community Collaboration:** Chartered organizations and strategic alliances are identified and engaged. **Goal:** ##### chartered organizations.

## **A description of the need:**

### **How the Project Addresses Youths' and Leaders' Needs**

An **automated external defibrillator** or **AED** is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the potentially life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias of ventricular fibrillation and ventricular tachycardia in a patient and treats them through defibrillation, the application of electrical therapy which stops the arrhythmia, allowing the heart to reestablish an effective rhythm.

AEDs are designed to be simple to use for the layman, and the use of AEDs is taught in many first-aid, first-responder, and basic life support (BLS) level CPR classes.

As reported in the Spring 2008 Health and Safety Newsletter, a survey of BSA local councils revealed that 21 percent of council offices and 58 percent of council camps have automated external defibrillators, or AEDs, in place to Be Prepared for sudden cardiac arrest emergencies that affect more than 325,000 Americans annually. If CPR and defibrillation are not applied within 10 minutes after sudden cardiac arrest, there is virtually no chance of survival. However, in situations where defibrillation is provided within five to seven minutes, the survival rate from sudden cardiac arrest is as high as 49 percent. Active promotion of CPR and AED education, especially training, can help every Scout, Scouter, and family member to be prepared for such an emergency.

Year after year, our **outdoor education learning center, Camp \*\*\*\*** continues to offer thousands of youth environmental education. Each week, youth will work toward earning merit badges including Fish and Wildlife Management, Soil and Water Conservation, Mammal Study, Nature, Forestry, Geology, Astronomy, Bird Study, Insect Study, Weather, Environmental Science, Reptile and Amphibian Study, and Space Exploration. The existing **outdoor education learning center** has served youth for over **##** years. The safety of our participants continues to be a top priority, and the need for the AED is urgent. The **Anywho Council** must have facilities that are safe, with trained staff to administer CPR and defibrillation.

### **Grant Time Frame**

The **Anywho** Council Executive Board respectfully requests a granted sum of **\$1,400** for the purchase of **one** AED. The proposed funding time line would be **fall 200#**.

### **Budget**

Retail pricing of each AED is **\$X,XXX**. However, through an arrangement with **Philips Medical / Cardiac Science** for the **XXXXX** AED the **Anywho** Council can obtain them for **\$XXXX**. In addition, the budget includes **\$X,XXX** for the training of **XX** staff and key volunteers to use the AEDs, support material for installation including a wall mount (**or backpack**), a ready kit (CPR mask, latex gloves, razor, scissors, towel, etc.), and pediatric **pads / key** for use on small children.

## **A description of the target population and how it will benefit:**

### **Target Population**

The target population is boys and young men and leaders in the **Southwest**—specifically, Boy Scout youth, ages 11 to 18, who attend the environmental center to earn merit badges toward their rank advancement program and Cub Scout youth, ages 9 to 10, who attend with their families to work on advancements as they progress toward entering the Boy Scout program. The total available youth in **State** include **##,###** Cub Scout youth (ages 9 to 10) and **###,###** Boy Scout youth (ages 11 to 18).

### **Population Benefit**

The **outdoor education learning center** offers the following youth benefits:

- Providing a safe learning facility
- Engaging youth in conservation projects
- Teaching youth about the protection and restoration of wildlife and its habitats
- Promoting to youth environmental stewardship practices
- Assisting youth on their path toward earning rank advancements (goal setting and achievement)
- Teaching youth outdoor lifesaving practices such as preparing for dangerous wildlife encounters and navigating by the stars
- Developing youth career interests

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,

**Scott Scoutpro**, Scout Executive/CEO

**Vernal Volunteer**, Council President