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WHA, City of Worcester Install AEDs at 5 Properties *Life-Saving Devices Add Layer of Protection for Residents*

WORCESTER, MA — The Worcester Housing Authority, in partnership with the City of Worcester, has installed automated external defibrillators (AEDs) at five WHA properties, expanding access to life-saving emergency equipment for residents and the broader community.

The portable devices are now available at the following WHA locations:

- Webster Square Towers East, 1050 Main Street
- Murray-Wellington Apartments, 50 Murray Ave.
- Elm Park Tower Apartments, 425 Pleasant Street
- Lincoln Park Tower Apartments, 11 Lake Ave.
- Belmont Tower Apartments, 40 Belmont Street




“The safety of our residents has always been our top priority,” said **WHA CEO Alex Corrales**. “Adding these life-saving devices to our properties provides an important layer of protection and peace of mind, not only for residents, but also for Worcester residents who use nearby WRTA bus stops or vote at these polling locations.”

Corrales also thanked **City Manager Eric Batista** for his leadership and partnership.

“I am deeply grateful to City Manager Batista for selecting WHA sites for these devices, recognizing the vulnerable population we serve,” Corrales said. “This is another example of how the partnership between WHA and the City of Worcester delivers meaningful benefits for our community.”

An automated external defibrillator (AED) is a portable device used during sudden cardiac arrest to analyze heart rhythms and, if necessary, deliver an electric shock to restore a normal heartbeat. Designed for use by the public, AEDs provide clear, step-by-step voice instructions, allowing even untrained bystanders to respond effectively in an emergency.

Key Facts About AEDs

-  Using an AED within the first minute of cardiac arrest can increase survival rates up to 90%
-  AEDs are currently used in only about 12.6% of public cardiac arrests
-  Immediate use by a bystander can result in a 40% survival rate

By placing AEDs in high-traffic residential and community locations, WHA and the City of Worcester are helping ensure faster response times when seconds matter most.

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