LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Do not complete the Application Form until you have read the Grant Awarding Policy and believe that you comply with it.

By making the application you are giving consent for the information to be shared with Councillors and the public

When you have completed this form please e-mail it to the Town Clerk townclerk@liskeard.gov.uk or drop into the office mailbox: The Town Clerk, 3-5 West Street, Liskeard PL14 6BW

Name of Applicant / Organisation	Liskeard Lions Club (CIO)
Charity Number or Registered Company Number (if applicable)	1205534
Date of the Application	22 nd September 2025
Person to contact	Steve Pierce
Position Held	Assistant Treasurer
What does your organisation do?	Liskeard Lions club help the local communities in many ways, with every penny collected going direct to good causes and back into the community through organised events and activities such as the annual Pantomime, Carnival and Fireworks Display. Not one penny is spent on administration, as the members fund all the club running costs. Members will also respond to local needs in a flexible way by giving their time to make things happen that may not otherwise take place. The money raised makes a real difference.
Website or Social Media addresses	https://www.liskeard-lions.org.uk/ Facebook Link https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61572813032499
How is your organisation funded?	The Club Administration costs are funded by the members subscriptions and the production costs for the Pantomime and Fireworks Display by Ticket Sales, Donations and Sponsorship as well as the regular fundraising events e.g. bingo and by profit from our catering van.

Give a brief description of your project.

Liskeard Lions have been providing an annual community pantomime (Covid years apart) for over 28 years. This event, our 27th Pantomime, is predominantly put on for the benefit of the Liskeard community although all are welcome. It is not an 'Am-Dram' society; it is Lions and other members of the community who freely give of their time for the enjoyment of others, notwithstanding these volunteers would not undertake this activity if they did not want to get involved in giving back to the community.

This season's Pantomime (February 2026) is the Wizard of Oz and the Lions have chosen to work with Alan Collings, not Event Services as in previous years. Although Alan Collings is significantly more expensive than Event Services, he has a good reputation and is well known to the Town Hall with all the required paperwork, assessments, certification and insurances.

The Pantomime will run from 5th February to 7th February consisting of two evening performances and a matinee on the Saturday. A decision will be made nearer the time as to whether there will be an addition performance on the Saturday evening.

What benefits will your project give to the town, visibly or in the impact that the project will have on specific groups or the wider Community? Who in the Town will benefit?

Are there currently any similar projects / services available? If so how is your project different?

The Pantomime provides an entertaining show to the local population, for a small fee.

The Thursday evening performance (5th February) has some complimentary tickets made available for elderly residents of Liskeard and the surrounding area, with minibuses organised for their collection and return, as well as providing them with food and refreshment during the Pantomime interval.

The Pantomime provides a platform to promote awareness of Liskeard and that the residents belong in a caring, nurturing society with performers giving their time and energy into bringing smiles on the audiences' faces and for Liskeard Lions to inform the public of all the good causes they have raised money for in the last 12 months. Here the audience have an opportunity to identify and meet with like-minded people.

The Pantomime provides parents with the opportunity to engage and partake with their children in a live show, where going to the Plymouth or the Sterts Theatre may be cost prohibitive. Engaging children is priceless, encouraging them to believe they too can be a part of the next show; for the Wizard of Oz, three young people under the age of 16 were inspired to join the cast having seen Frankenstein the Pantomime at the start of the year.

Have you previously received a grant from Liskeard Town Council?	YES
If 'Yes' please indicate	(a) Date 14 th January 2025
	(b) Amount received £1000
	(c) The attached Pantomime Income and Expenditure projection for 2026 includes the 'actuals' for 2025 where the income generated for the Pantomime, including Grants, was less than the expenses.
What is the total cost of your Project?	See attached 2026 Pantomime Income and Expenditure projection.
	The Council cannot fund the normal ongoing operating costs of organisations. This application should not contain such costs.
What sum of money are you looking for from the Town Council?	A grant of £1,500
What exactly will it be used to support?	It will be a contribution to the total expenditure for our 2026 Pantomime. See the attached 2026 Pantomime Income and Expenditure projection.
How will the rest of your project be funded?	See attached 2026 Pantomime Income and Expenditure projection.
Have these monies all been confirmed?	The projected Pantomime Costs and Expenditure were approved by the Liskeard Lions Club (CIO) members at the August General Meeting.
Has your organisation adopted its own Safeguarding Policy?	Yes
Does your organisation conduct DBS checks on staff and volunteers?	Yes
Have you attached a copy of the accounts of your organisation?	Yes