


## 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**

**When you have completed this form please send it to:  
The Town Clerk, 3-5 West Street, Liskeard PL14 6BW**

Name of Applicant / Organisation	<p>iSightCornwall</p> <p>iSightCornwall, also known as the Cornwall Blind Association was established in 1856 to support Cornish miners who lost their sight due to mining accidents – today, there are more than 22,000 visually impaired people in Cornwall. Our aim and passion is ‘empowering people with sight loss to make their own choices in leading active, independent and involved lives’.</p> <p>We provide free practical and emotional support to assist around 4,000 people every year to lead active and independent lives. This may be as simple as providing transport with one of our trusted drivers to one of our activity clubs, supporting people to stay or get back into work, providing technology and training to a teenager to help maintain their independence at school or simply to make a home visit to an elderly person to provide free low vision aids, such as magnifiers to help with everyday tasks.</p>
Person to contact  Position Held  Address  Telephone  Email	<p>Carole Theobald</p> <p>Director of Operations and Deputy Chief Executive</p> <p>The Sight Centre, Newham Road, Truro, TR1 2DP</p> <p>01872 261110</p> <p><a href="mailto:ctheobald@isightcornwall.org.uk">ctheobald@isightcornwall.org.uk</a></p>
How are you funded?	<p>The Charity raises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 91% of funds through charitable donations, grants and gifts in wills</li> <li>• 7.5% from NHS Kernow</li> <li>• 0.5% from Royal Cornwall Hospital</li> </ul> <p>The policy of the charity has always been to build up the level of unrestricted general reserves to reflect nine months running costs. Legacies have helped to achieve financial balance in recent years, but these are unpredictable and, as yet, not sufficiently frequent to be relied upon with any degree of certainty.</p>
What benefits will your project give to the town, visibly or in the Community? Who in the Town will benefit?	<p>We currently support 103 residents of Liskeard affected by a visual impairment and we aim to support a further 66* residents over the next year. (*NHS data).</p>

	<p>Everyday we support people with sight loss to overcome challenges and inequalities, such as from having lower feelings of wellbeing, financial hardship, greater restrictions to participation in education and employment, less choice about how they spend their free time, barriers to accessing travel, shopping and other activities.</p> <p>Specifically, over the next year the residents of Liskeard will benefit from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free low vision assessments, receiving free aids such as magnifiers and lighting</li> <li>• Free one-to-one home visits to support their emotional, wellbeing and physical needs</li> <li>• Specialist adaptations at home and free equipment if required e.g. talking microwave, talking clocks</li> <li>• One local drop-in event (already hosted popular event on 4 July 2018 at the Public Hall – 60 people attended)</li> <li>• Support and advice with benefit applications and welfare changes specific to sight loss – we provided an additional £400,000 to claimants last year</li> <li>• Support from our Employ-Ability programme – we supported two Liskeard residents last year with the equipment and training to gain employment</li> <li>• Access to clubs and activities – we support four clubs in the area</li> <li>• Volunteer drivers for eye hospital appointments</li> </ul> <p>We have a very strong connection to local communities and genuinely committed to making a difference by supporting local residents living with sight loss plus working with our volunteers and community groups in Liskeard to achieve more together.</p>
<p>A brief description of your project</p>	<p>Sight loss is one of the commonest causes of disability in the UK. Each person is affected by sight problems in a way that is individual to him or her – it is not the same experience for everyone.</p> <p>We are seeking grant assistance towards our community service for Liskeard residents, particularly for older people living with sight loss and job seekers. We provide one-to-one personalised support to help with the daily challenges of living and working with sight loss.</p> <p>Our work has proven to break down the barriers of transport affordability, social isolation and access to specialist rehabilitation services – currently there is a 12-month waiting list with Cornwall Council. Our services are not time limited and we provide appointments within two weeks.</p>
<p>Have you previously received a grant from Liskeard Town Council?</p> <p>If 'Yes' please indicate</p>	<p><b>No</b></p> <p>(a) When (Date)</p> <p>(b) Amount received £</p>

<p>What is the total cost of your Project?</p> <p>What sum of money are you looking for from the Town Council and what exactly will it be used to support?</p> <p>How is the difference to be funded?</p>	<p>Our aim is to raise £30,152 to support our community work for the residents of Liskeard and South East Cornwall living with sight loss, particularly for older people and job seekers.</p> <p>We are seeking a contribution towards the shortfall of £6,352.</p> <p>We have already raised £23,800 from general fundraising and reserves, the London Marathon 2018, In Memorandum Gifts, Masonic Charitable Foundation and Rotary Club.</p> <p>We are awaiting the outcome of applications to other local councils.</p> <p>We are seeking the Town Council's consideration of grant support of £500.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="639 712 1453 1021"> <thead> <tr> <th>Funding source</th> <th>Contribution secured (£)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Designated reserves – year on year</td> <td>20000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Community fundraising – London Marathon 2018</td> <td>2000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Masonic Charitable Foundation</td> <td>500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rotary Club</td> <td>300</td> </tr> <tr> <td>In memorandum gifts</td> <td>1000</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total secured</b></td> <td><b>23800</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Outstanding</b></td> <td><b>6352</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Funding source	Contribution secured (£)	Designated reserves – year on year	20000	Community fundraising – London Marathon 2018	2000	Masonic Charitable Foundation	500	Rotary Club	300	In memorandum gifts	1000	<b>Total secured</b>	<b>23800</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>	<b>6352</b>
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<p>Charity Number or Registered Company Number (if applicable)</p>	<p>Registered Charity Number 1108761</p>																
	<p>Signed</p>  <p>Carole Theobald</p> <p>Date 9 July 2018</p>																

**IF POSSIBLE PLEASE PROVIDE AN UP TO DATE COPY OF THE ORGANISATIONS ACCOUNTS**