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

	iSightCornwall
Name of Applicant / Organisation	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'.
	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.
Person to contact	Carole Theobald
Position Held	Director of Operations and Deputy Chief Executive
Address	The Sight Centre, Newham Road, Truro, TR1 2DP
Telephone	01872 261110
Email	ctheobald@isightcornwall.org.uk
How are you funded?	 The Charity raises: 91% of funds through charitable donations, grants and gifts in wills 7.5% from NHS Kernow 0.5% from Royal Cornwall Hospital
	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.
What benefits will your project give to the town, visibly or in the Community? Who in the Town will benefit?	We currently support 103 residents of Liskeard affected by a visual impairment and we aim to support a further 66* residents throughout 2018. (*NHS data).

We are holding an all day drop-in event on 11 February 2019 at the Liskeard Community Centre. We hosted a similar event at the Public Halls on 4 July 2018 (41 people attended).

At the event our staff will provide:

- Free low vision assessments, receiving free aids such as magnifiers and lighting
- Support and advice with benefit applications and welfare changes specific to sight loss
- Support from our Employ-Ability programme we supported two Liskeard residents last year with the equipment and training to gain employment
- Advice from our home help community team top tips on everyday tasks, appointments can be made for free home visits
- Information on four local visually impaired sporting and social clubs, and
- Information on our volunteer driver scheme

An example of an event:









We are also supporting a 40-year-old Liskeard resident who has extensive sight loss following a recent stroke (only 4% sight remaining). We are supporting Ms J and her employer on the adjustments to her workplace. However, Ms J is particularly struggling to cope with everyday tasks at home, e.g. reading her post and medication, and identifying items in the kitchen, so we are seeking to fund a Visolux Digital HD video magnifier at a cost £617.00.

A brief description of your project

As above

Have you previously received a grant from Liskeard Town Council? If 'Yes' please indicate	No (a) When (Date) (b) Amount received £
What is the total cost of your Project? What sum of money are you looking for from the Town Council and what exactly will it be used to support?	The cost of the event is £52. This includes fuel costs and venue hire. The cost of the magnifier is £617. Total cost of £669. We are seeking the Town Council's consideration of grant support of £450.
How is the difference to be funded?	From the Charity's designated "Maintaining Your Independence" fund (£5K per annum) to support people on low income.
Name of your Bank Account (Account Payable to)	The Cornwall Blind Association
Charity Number or Registered Company Number (if applicable)	Registered Charity Number 1108761
	Signed
	Carole Theobald Date 18 September 2018

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