



## **LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL**

### **GRANT AWARDING POLICY**

**Aim:** Liskeard Town Council allocates a grants budget annually to assist other organisations within the town to achieve projects, services, exhibitions and events of benefit to the town and its residents.

#### **Eligibility Criteria to assist potential applicants and Councillors on the Finance, Economic Development & General Purposes Committee.**

- Applications can only be considered if they can demonstrate that the grant aid will be of benefit to the community of Liskeard.
- Grants will only be given to non-profit making organisations.
- All grant applications must be accompanied by the latest set of accounts, failing this, a current statement of the funds and balances.
- An individual may not receive a grant, although a club or association can apply.
- A single business cannot receive a grant, although a Trade Association or Chamber might put forward an eligible project.
- Grants will not be awarded retrospectively to any project.
- Grants will not be given for normal repairs or maintenance.
- Grants will not be paid against the normal operating costs of an organisation, e.g. wages, rents, stock etc.
- Normally awards of grant will be in the range of £50 - £500. For applications which the Committee considers are exceptional, the Committee can reserve the right to approve a grant of up to £5,000. The approval of a larger sum would need to be ratified by the Town Council under Financial Regulation 5.8 of the Revised Regulations adopted on 20 October 2015.
- The money must be used within two years of being awarded.

- Should a grant be awarded the Town Council requires as a condition of approval that the support of the Town Council is acknowledged in all relevant press releases, social media posts etc. and that the recipients of grants give feedback to the Town Council on the use of the monies awarded. This could include presenting information at the public annual meeting.
- Applications are welcomed from community groups, social enterprises, trusts and charities.
- Should the project be appropriate the Town Council would encourage applicants to seek the support of other grant bodies including from those outside of the town. This will help to draw down the maximum amount of external investment into the town.
- That a project seeking town council grant assistance should not already have been approved for the award of a Town Forum grant. (Note – funds held by the Town Forum have been provided by the Town Council).
- Each applicant will only be permitted one grant approval per financial year.
- Should the grant fund the purchase of an asset or service, which could be used by other community groups when not required, the applicant is encouraged to share the benefit.
- Applications must be made on the form supplied.
- Applications to be sent by e-mail to the Town Clerk [townclerk@liskeard.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@liskeard.gov.uk) or posted or handed into the Town Council Offices at 3-5 West Street, Liskeard PL14 6BW
- Correctly completed applications will be considered by the Finance, Economic Development & General Purposes Committee of the Town Council. The applicant may attend the Committee and present their application to the Committee if the applicant wishes.
- If the proposed project does not comply with the above guidelines, it will not be considered by the Committee.

Adopted: 19 March 2019

Modified: As circumstances require



Review March 2021

## 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 send it to:  
The Town Clerk, 3-5 West Street, Liskeard PL14 6BW**

Name of Applicant / Organisation	Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust
Person to contact  Position Held	Cath Collier  Fundraising Officer
How are you funded?	Through charitable donations and grants from the community, earned income from our charity shops, events and lottery. The air ambulance is funded for and by the people of Cornwall.
What benefits will your project give to the town, visibly or in the Community? Who in the Town will benefit?	<p>Cornwall Air Ambulance attended 35 time-critical patients in the Liskeard area during 2019 (averaging almost 3 per month). Our highly trained Critical Care Paramedics provided advanced medical care at scene and air transfers to mostly Derriford Hospital. This life-saving care costs approx. £3,400 per patient.</p> <p>We want to ensure that every seriously ill or injured adult and child receives the highest possible clinical care within what is termed in the industry as the 'golden hour'. Treatment within this time improves survival rates and reduces the long-term impact of the trauma or medical episode, i.e. patient recovers more fully and more quickly.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <p>In 2019, the crew were tasked to 172 road traffic collisions; Harry was one of those patients.... Following a serious the teenager suffered a life-threatening head injury. Harry was treated by Critical Care Paramedics at scene and transferred to Derriford Hospital in Devon, where he spent more than eight weeks. Bryan, Harry's father, said <i>"We are so grateful to have Harry here. No one knows when they might need the air ambulance. It really does save lives."</i></p>

A brief description of your project

Thanks to the support of our local community, like yourselves, a new AW169 air ambulance helicopter went into service from April 2020. It is allowing us to get to the seriously injured and ill faster, provide diagnosis and advanced clinical treatment at scene and transfer the individual to the most appropriate specialist hospital unit. The new helicopter was a vital piece in strategic plan to radically improve pre-hospital critical care for some of the most seriously injured or ill. However, it is just one piece in a plan to save even more lives.



We currently fly from 7am to 7pm. Over the last two years we have piloted a Rapid Response Vehicle (RRV) until 2am, four days per week to test the demand for extending the air operation. Despite a significant number of limitations (like our road distance to Liskeard), in 2019 the Rapid Response Vehicle out of hours and daytime back-up service led to 380 missions. With the new AW169 air ambulance we have the opportunity to extend air operations until 2am, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Flying an extra seven hours a day will allow the crew to reach an average of two more seriously injured or ill adults and children a day.



To fly an extra seven hours we need to make some significant investments in additional resources which the charity is unable to do without help, especially given the current economic climate:

- Pilots: We are recruiting and training two new Pilots; this will double our Aviation Team to four.
- Paramedics: We are expanding our Medical Team from six Critical Care Paramedics to ten, with four new recruits. We will need to invest in their training to upskill these Land Paramedics to Helicopter Emergency Specialist Paramedics in Critical Care.
- Night-flying: To extend into night flying, we will need to purchase our own weather stations at strategic points across the county (as MET systems go off-line at 10pm), crew helmets with lip lights and helipad lighting systems.



Have you previously received a grant from Liskeard Town Council?

**YES**

If 'Yes' please indicate

(a) When (Date): April 2015

(b) Amount received £300

<p>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?  How is the difference to be funded?</p>	<p>Excluding the set-up costs, to increase our hours by 7 a day will increase our operating costs by one third. In sharp contrast the charity is facing a significant loss of annual income as a result of the Covid-19 restrictions: our charity shops are closed, community and events fundraising has ceased, and our business partnerships will be severely impacted by the wider economic impact. Having recently purchased the AW169, our reserves are now depleted to operating costs.</p> <p>The capital elements are:</p> <table data-bbox="635 533 1321 651"> <tr> <td>Weather Station</td> <td>£24,560</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Crew Helmets with lip lights</td> <td>£32,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Paramedic Training @ £6,250 each</td> <td>£25,000</td> </tr> </table> <p>A £300 grant from the Council would be used towards any of these items; the Councillors would be welcome to specify any preference.</p> <p>We are the early stages of funding the extended hours service. Due to Covid-19 we have delayed our public appeal however we will continue to work with schools, community groups, councils, businesses, and individuals across Cornwall to raise vital funds to extend our operational hours during 2020.</p>	Weather Station	£24,560	Crew Helmets with lip lights	£32,000	Paramedic Training @ £6,250 each	£25,000
Weather Station	£24,560						
Crew Helmets with lip lights	£32,000						
Paramedic Training @ £6,250 each	£25,000						
<p>Charity Number or Registered Company Number (if applicable)</p>	<p>1133295  Date: 23/04/20</p>						

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