



WITNEY TOWN COUNCIL

Grant-aid to Local Organisations APPLICATION FORM

(PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM IN BLOCK CAPITALS)

(1) Your Organisation			
Name of Organisation		Lowland Rescue Oxfordshire	
Registered Address*		194 Poplar Grove, Kennington, Oxford.	
Post Code	OX1 5QT	Tel No.	
Contact Name		Alex Bradbury	
Position in Organisation		Fundraising Office & Search Technician <small>(i.e. Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary)</small>	
Registered Charity	YES/NO	Registration No.	1186548
<p><i>What are the activities and/or aims of the organisation:</i></p> <p>Lowland Rescue Oxfordshire is the county's Search & Rescue Team. We work closely with Thames Valley Police in searching for vulnerable missing individuals and provide flood and water support to Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service. During major incidents we aid Oxfordshire County Council's resilience. We are members of the Thames Valley Resilience Forum and the Oxfordshire Resilience Forum. Our charity organisation is comprised of 100% volunteers who, as a team, are available 24/7, 365 days a year to search for vulnerable high risk missing people.</p>			
(2) Membership			
How many members do you have?		104	
Approximately how many of your members live in Witney?		10	
Is membership restricted in any way?		<small>Members are required to pass an annual fitness test and have the ability to drive because our search can be long and arduous and can be situated anywhere within Oxfordshire and beyond into other counties we're call on to assist.</small>	
What is your annual subscription, if any?		£45	
Are you affiliated to a national organisation? If so, which one?		Yes, the Association of Lowland Rescue	
Local venue/meeting place		<small>We currently don't have a dedicated venue for training so we rely on indoor and outdoor venues throughout the county for training and to ensure fairness of travelling distances for our members</small>	

(3) Grants

Purpose for which the grant is required:

Approximately 70% of the missing people we search for, when called out by Thames Valley Police, are deceased when we find them. The Home Office require all emergency services critical incident personnel to be offered TRIM (Trauma Incident Management) after any traumatic outcome. As an expanding and increasingly busy volunteer search and rescue charity, we now require within our team 1 x TRIM Manager and 2 x TRIM Practitioners to enable us to offer greater support to the team. We also require 10X MHFA qualified members of our team to enable us to offer mental health first aid to both the missing people we find, who often are suffering from a mental health crisis, or for our members who have experienced the trauma of being involved in a challenging search - such as that recently in Witney.

Amount of grant applied for

£ 2,500

Has your organisation previously applied to the Town Council for a grant?

YES/NO

If YES please give details

Have you applied for a grant to any other body or organisation?

YES/NO

If YES please give details

We've applied to the Lottery Community fund for a new drone and core expenses.

(4) Financial

Please enclose a copy of your latest audited accounts, a financial projection for the period following the balance sheet or a Business Plan if a new organisation.

(5) Fundraising

What fundraising events or activities will your organisation be holding this year?

1. We provide safety cover boats for several rowing regattas along the Thames over the summer for which we charge for the boat for the day. All boats are manned by our unpaid volunteers.
2. We support Abingdon Lions each December with their Santa Sleigh for which we receive a donation.
3. In addition we are regularly invited to other charitable organisations to give talks on our organisation, for which we receive small donations.
4. We plan to have a carol service in December to raise funds.
5. Witney Fire Station Open Day

(6) General

Recipients of a grant from the Town Council should acknowledge the fact on all relevant literature.

Please provide or attach any additional information which may assist the Council in reaching its decision.

I certify that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I am authorised to make this application for Grant-aid.

Signed: Alex Bradbury

Date: 23rd May 2024

Please return your completed application form to the address overleaf, for the attention of the TOWN CLERK

For office use only:			
Acknowledged		Previously Applied	
Grant Aid Awarded/Amount	Y / N	Chq No.	