



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*	[REDACTED]		
Post Code	[REDACTED]	Tel No.	[REDACTED]
Contact Name	Alex Bradbury		
Position in Organisation	Fundraising Officer & Search Technician (i.e. Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary)		
Registered Charity	YES/NO	Registration No.	1186548
<p><i>What are the activities and/or aims of the organisation:</i></p> <p><i>Lowland Rescue Oxfordshire is the county's Search & Rescue Team. We work closely with Thames Valley Police in searching for high risk missing individuals and provide flood and water support to Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service. During major incidents, such as natural disasters and during extreme weather, we provide aid to Oxfordshire County Council. WE are member of the Thames Valley Resilience Forum and are affiliated to the National Association of Lowland Rescue. Our charity organisation is comprised of 100% volunteers who, as a team, are available 24/7, 365 days a year to search for high risk missing people in our communities.</i></p>			

(2) Membership	
How many members do you have?	97
Approximately how many of your members live in Witney?	11
Is membership restricted in any way?	Members are required to pass an annual fitness test and to have the ability to drive. Our searches can be long and arduous and can be situated anywhere within Oxfordshire as well as neighbouring counties we're on call to assist.
What is your annual subscription, if any?	£15
Are you affiliated to a national organisation? If so, which one?	Yes, the National Association of Lowland Rescue
Local venue/meeting place	We currently don't have a dedicated venue for training, due to lack of funds, so we rely on the kindness of indoor and outdoor venues throughout the county for training and to ensure fairness of travelling distances for our members.
(3) Grants	
<p>Purpose for which the grant is required: Approximately 95% of our searches for missing people in Oxfordshire involve water. In the last twelve months we have been called out to search for a missing person approximately 90 times with 8 of those searches being within the town of Witney. We would like to purchase a new water trailer that would provide a number of functions for the team. It would enable the team to use it as a sonar data analysis area, providing a space to sit and review captured data during deployments. In addition, it would be set up as an office and kit hub which could serve as a secondary incident control point. This dual functionality would enhance our operational flexibility and readiness in case of vehicle breakdown or multiple deployments. The water team also believe that having a craft within the trailer to deploy the sonar, without needing to bring a separate boat, would be a huge operational benefit. This would streamline our process and improve efficiency during deployments.</p>	
Amount of grant applied for	£ 2,495
Has your organisation previously applied to the Town Council for a grant?	YES/NO
If YES please give details	Last year we received a grant from Witney TC for TRiM training for our team.
Have you applied for a grant to any other body or organisation?	YES/NO
If YES please give details Foyle Foundation grant	

(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) A Spring Walk
- 2) Carol Service
- 3) Witney Fire Station Open Day
- 4) Thames Regatta safety boat cover
- 5) Abingdon Lions Santa Sleigh support
- 6) Charitable talk to organisations for which we receive a donation

(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: Alexandra Bradbury

Date: 20th January 2025

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.	