Thurston Parish Council

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APPLICATION FOR A GRANT

Before competing this form, please read carefully the attached document entitled Thurston Grant Awarding Policy. Copies of the form together with the **latest copy of examined accounts** must be submitted along with any supporting documentation requested.

General information for applicants

It is Thurston Parish Council's intention (subject to budget restrictions and available resources) to support initiatives from local community groups and organisations. Priority will be given to applicants who have not previously received grants from Thurston Parish Council. The size of any grant awarded is at the discretion of the Parish Council but will not exceed £500 in any one application.

If you have any queries on the completion of this form please contact the Parish Clerk, Thurston Parish Council, New Green Centre, Thurston, IP31 3TG. Email: clerk@thurstonparishcouncil.gov.uk

DETAILS OF YOUR ORGANISATION

Name of Organisation: Suffolk Accident Rescue Service (SARS)

Address Unit 1b Woolpit Business Park, Windmill Avenue, Woolpit, IP30 9UP

Contact Telephone No 01359 244186

Email: admin@sars999.org.uk

Registered Charity No - 1168764

If you are part of a larger organisation, enter its name - n/a

Principal aims and objectives – The SARS charity exists to help preserve life and reduce the chances of patients suffering permanent disability before they reach hospital. We achieve this by providing local clinicians who can reach incidents quickly and have additional skills and carry equipment and drugs, which are not found on frontline ambulances. This enables SARS responders to undertake advanced procedures at an incident scene which would not normally be possible outside a hospital environment. These can be truly life-saving interventions as well as having a positive impact on reducing the chances of patients suffering permanent disability and providing relief from pain. This service is provided at no cost to the patient. SARS also undertakes other community initiatives, without charge. These include CPR awareness sessions to help improve the rates of bystander CPR in and around our county and help reduce the number of out of hospital cardiac arrests.

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DETAILS OF GRANT REQUESTED

Explain your need for a grant with the likely number of beneficiaries, their age profiles and

their location – SARS has again increased its activity this year responding to 561 call outs in the financial year 2023-24. This includes attendances in Thurston and other locations in the immediate vicinity to the village. We would like to request a small contribution from the council to help cover some of the costs of replacing equipment and drugs used in the treatment of patients over the next 12 months. SARS relies on voluntary donations to support and maintain our clinical activity. We are extremely active in the West Suffolk area but due to patient confidentiality we cannot go into specific details on the incidents attended.

Grant requested: £300

DETAILS OF OTHER GRANTS

Received in the last two years - £500 - 2023, £300 - 2022

Currently applied for – We make ongoing applications to a wide variety of funders.

Please use this space for any significant information about your organisation not already supplied

I am pleased to inform the council that since our last application we have managed to add six new clinicians to our team. This includes a consultant doctor, two advanced clinical practitioners, a specialist registrar and an experienced paramedic. This has provided a significant boost for our team resources, one of which is based locally at Woolpit. These new additions have only been made possible through the support we have received from local funders, thank you!

I certify that the foregoing replies are accurate to the best of my knowledge
Signature of applicant Sen Holl
Office Held - Charity Manager Date 23/10/24

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