



**ILMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL
GRANT APPLICATION FORM 2022/23**

Please Note: Prior to completion of this form please read The Town Council's Grant Policy and Guidelines

1. Name / Title of Organisation ...St John Ambulance
2. Name of person submitting the application Louise Jones.....
Position held in organisation Community Fundraising Manager.....
Address: St John Ambulance, 7-9 Marlborough Court, Manaton Close, Exeter EX2 8PF

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3. Full details of project for which a grant is sought: *with emphasis on how it will benefit the citizens of Ilminster*

St John Ambulance is a volunteer-led health and first aid charity. We empower people of all ages with lifesaving skills and the confidence to use them every day. We are fundraising for a new Community Support Unit (CSU) vehicle for Somerset which will be based in Taunton but be used by all of our volunteers across the County to support First Aid events, responses and community activities.

Every detail of the new vehicle has been designed with our volunteers and for our volunteers, ensuring they have instant access to the lifesaving tools they need. The Community Support Units are spacious four-wheel drive vehicles. They are adaptable for all terrains, so most outdoor locations can be reached.

Up to six volunteers can travel together to an event, allowing briefing and preparation during the journey so they do not waste precious time on arrival. Along with the team members, the van will carry first aid kitbags necessary for the different situations the volunteers might encounter, as well as equipment which can be quickly removed from the van to set up a covered first aid post.

The Community Support Unit contains facilities essential to enable rapid and safe response from our busy volunteers: a water heater for vital regular handwashing, a power supply to charge radios and

mobile phones, a towbar to carry cycles for our specialist cycle responders, a table for setting up communications equipment if needed and four seats for the occasional rest and a cuppa! Improving the environment for our volunteers means improving the quality of our provision to all those who need us.

The vehicle will directly benefit all residents of Ilminster, should they require our services from either support at a local event or from an emergency call-out. Across Somerset we have 127 volunteers based at Units in across the County in Bridgwater, Frome, Glastonbury and Street, Minehead, Taunton, Wells, Wellington and Yeovil. During 2022 we have delivered First Aid support to a multitude of local events including the Taunton Flower Show, Testical Festival (supporting Testicular Cancer Research), many local carnivals, Christmas Lights events and Walk for Life. Our voluntary support has ranged from providing First Aid cover for events such as the recent Jubilee weekends held locally by communities, supporting the NHS and Ambulance services with additional resources through to continuing to support the vaccination programme across the County.

Many of the smaller community events our volunteers attend are undertaken free of charge. Regular people from your community step forward to join St John and learn the skills needed to ensure others can get together and enjoy themselves safely, and your donations support this work. We rely on donations to ensure the volunteers have the skills and equipment they need to do this work.

Being easily accessible to all local communities, our new vehicle will enable residents in Ilminster to be reached in a much more timely and efficient manner, should they need to use our services.

4. Total anticipated cost of project £...80,000.
(Please enclose supporting estimates)

5. Amount of grant sought from Town Council and % of total project cost £ 500....
%

6. Please give details of applications made to other grant making bodies in respect of this project
(eg South Somerset District Council/Lottery. etc)

Date	Organisation	Amount Sought	Granted
Oct 2022	David Medlock Foundation	Match-funding - £40k	Yes – dependent on SJA raising £40k
Jan 2023	Clark Foundation	£5k	Pending
Feb 2023	Persimmon Homes	£5k	Pending
Feb 2023	Barratts	£1k	Pending
Feb 2023	Parish Councils / SDDC	£50 to £1,000	Pending

7. Please provide details of the contribution that will be made by your organisation to the Project.

...The David Medlock Foundation has agreed to match fund by 50% all donations to the CSU Appeal. This is dependent on St John Ambulance raising the remaining 50% (£40k) from community and local sources as the vehicle will be embedded in the community in which it is based. We are actively fundraising in a variety of ways including hosting community events, applications to a number of parishes, town councils and community trusts and foundations and finally from local businesses and corporates.....

8. Has your organisation received a grant from this Council within the last 3 years?

NO If YES, please provide details.

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Please use additional sheets if necessary

Don't forget to include:

- Constitution / rules
- Financial information – accounts
- Evidence project costings are reasonable

Please return the completed form to

Iminster Town Council

Old Magistrates Court

East Street

Iminster

Somerset

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