

Community Chest Application Summary 2016/2017

Local Authority	St Edmundsbury Borough Council
Organisation	St Edmundsbury Sailing & Canoeing Association
Amount Requested	£23,653.96
Total Project Cost	£48,133.96
Match Funding	In kind volunteer time of £24,480
Partnerships	None
West Suffolk Bid?	Yes

Key Points

- The St Edmundsbury Sailing and Canoeing Association is a registered Community Amateur Sports Club providing dinghy sailing, windsurfing and canoeing opportunities for the local community. The only sailing club in West Suffolk is based at Lackford Lakes just outside Bury St Edmunds.
- The aim of the club is to ensure that dinghy sailing, windsurfing and kayaking are affordable for everyone in the local community.
- The club have been very successful with increased membership over recent years but they are seeking support to further grow and maintain the facilities enjoyed by the disabled, youth and family community in an open, countryside environment assisted by a volunteer workforce.
- Resources required include new boats, volunteer training and senior instructor costs.

**St Edmundsbury Borough Council
Community Chest Grant Application Form
Part A**



Community Chest funding supports voluntary and community groups who make a contribution to improving the quality of life for people in West Suffolk. The information you provide will help us consider your application. If you have any questions, please give us a call on 01638 719763. Before completing this form, we ask you to please read the guidelines, which are available on:

<http://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/community/community-grants.cfm>

Please return your completed, signed form and supplementary documents to:

richard.baldwin@westsuffolk.gov.uk

1. Name of your organisation(s): St Edmundsbury Sailing & Canoeing Association

2. Organisation address details

Address Ln1	Lackford Lakes		
Address Ln2	Mildenhall Road		
Address Ln3	Lackford		
City/Town	Bury St Edmunds	Postcode	IP28 6HX
Main phone	01284 728850	E-mail	sesca.admin@gmail.com
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Main Contact Person		Second Contact Person	
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Forename	Debs	Forename	Fliss
Surname	Steele	Surname	Elsom-Cook
Role	Member	Role	Welfare Officer & Training Officer
Daytime Tel No.	██████████	Daytime Tel No.	██████████
Mobile No.	██████████	Mobile No.	██████████
Email	██████████	Email	██████████
Address Details (if different from Org address)		Address Details (if different from Org address)	
Ln1	██████████	Ln1	██████████
Ln2	██████████	Ln2	
Town	██████████	Town	██████████
Post Code	██████████	Post Code	██████████

About your organisation

3. What local authority area(s) does your organisation work in?

St Edmundsbury Borough Council

*Community Chest funding is offered by both Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury councils. As the decision making process is different any projects applying for funding across West Suffolk, must apply separately.

4. What is the status of your organisation?

Registered charity		Charity number:
Applying for charitable status		
Company limited by guarantee		Company number:
Community Interest Company		
Part of a larger regional or national charity (Please state which one)		
Constituted Community Group		
Social Enterprise		
Other (Please specify) Community Amateur Sports Club		CASC Registered number: CH02887

5. How many people are involved in your organisation?

Management committee	11	Service users	
Full Time staff / workers		Volunteers and helpers (non-management)	50
Part Time staff / workers			

6. What is the purpose of your organisation? Please briefly describe why your organisation was set up, its aims and objectives and who primarily benefits from your organisation.

The St Edmundsbury Sailing & Canoeing Association (SESCA) is a registered Community Amateur Sports Club providing dinghy sailing, windsurfing and canoeing opportunities for the local community. Inaugurated in 1981, it is the only sailing club in West Suffolk and is based at Lackford Lakes just outside Bury St Edmunds. As a Community Amateur Sports Club, membership is open to all in the community, without discrimination on the grounds of ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, sex, age or disability.

SESCA is a registered Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Training Centre and a Sailability (disabled sailing) Centre.

The aim of the club is to ensure that dinghy sailing, windsurfing, and kayaking are affordable for everyone in the local community. This is achieved by setting the lowest possible subscriptions and by maintaining a fleet of club hire craft. The current family membership fee is £72.00 per year. Youth Group membership is £125.00; this covers the entire group, irrespective of the number of members within the group.

SESCA maintains a fleet of club sailing dinghies, windsurfers and kayaks, which are for hire to club members. The hire rates range from £5.00 per half-day for a single-handed craft, to £10 per half-day for a two-person craft. This means that members need not purchase their own dinghy/kayak in order to sail or canoe, thus continuing the club's aim of ensuring affordability and accessibility for all. SESCOA has 9 Group Members. Their usage is: WASH Sailability (disabled sailing) 48 members; Young People Afloat (ages 9-18 years) 45 active members sailing each week plus a waiting list of 60 young people; 2 x local schools with 18 pupils per week sailing; 3 x Sea Cadet units: Bury St Edmunds, Mildenhall and Newmarket – with a combined usage of 70 cadets per week; Suffolk Scouts about 40 scouts per week; Suffolk Guides about 85 young people per year. In total, over 200 young people, cadets, adults, pensioners, disabled people and families use SESCOA facilities each week throughout the season. In addition, SESCOA runs 'Have A Go' sessions on one Sunday every month for the general public to experience sailing and kayaking. SESCOA is entirely volunteer-based, with no paid staff. We run a number of RYA accredited training courses for cadets/youths and adults with fully qualified volunteer instructors, each season.

7. What was your organisation's total income for last financial year?
8. What was your organisation's total expenditure for last financial year?
9. Does your organisation have more than six months running costs? Yes / ~~No~~
10. What are your organisation's current unrestricted reserves or savings?
11. West Suffolk prioritises building resilient families and communities that are healthy and active. Please indicate which of the following areas your project contributes towards:

X	A thriving voluntary sector and active communities who take the initiative to help the most vulnerable.
X	People playing a greater role in determining the future of their communities.
X	Improved wellbeing, physical and mental health.
X	Accessible countryside and green spaces.

About your project – why are you applying for this funding?

12. What do you want the funding for? Please be specific. Please note that 'project' is meant to describe the project for which you are seeking funding, and not your organisation.

A hugely successful public awareness campaign and membership drive during the last five years has doubled SESCOA membership. However, this has led to a lack of facilities to cater for the multiple uses by a diverse membership. The aim of this project is to provide the resources that have been identified as lacking, in order to better fulfil SESCOA's purpose of bringing affordable sailing, windsurfing and kayaking to the community. And thus to help to further grow and maintain the facilities enjoyed by the disabled, youth and family community in an open, countryside environment assisted by a volunteer workforce.

13. How has the project been developed out of the community's desire to improve the lives of local people? What evidence do you have that there is a need for this project? Please include sources of evidence, including any public/user/community consultation.

- a. Young People Afloat, a SESCA Group member, has a waiting list of 60 young people aged between 9-18 years. This waiting list means that young people are unable to access on-the-water activities at their first opportunity – indeed many undergo a 2-year waiting period.
- b. The number of RYA training courses run at SESCA is limited by the number of qualified volunteer instructors, the level of their RYA instructor qualification and their willingness to freely donate their time. SESCA' runs five courses per year (three for adults and two for cadets/youths) and these are fully subscribed. This means that many are unable to access an affordable training course. The seasonal employment of an RYA Senior Instructor would allow: summer holiday courses to be run for school-aged children; and increase the number of disabled sailors able to be taken on to the water; and term-time sailing instruction for local schools (who either do not sail at all or currently travel 1 ½ hrs for sailing lessons at Alton Watersports Centre). Additionally, funding RYA instructor training would enable an increase in qualified volunteers.
- c. The current training craft are insufficient to cater for the diverse membership, as they are either too small - single-handed (Toppers) or too large to allow double youth/cadet use (Wanderers). SESCA needs to provide a middle-level training craft for use by both youths and adults. This has been identified as the Hartley 12 training dinghy.
- d. SESCA's outside facilities do not properly cater for the weekly wheelchair-bound visitors. The purchase of recycled plastic tables and benches specifically suitable for wheelchair users would promote greater inclusiveness during waiting times and enable the disabled to reach their food more easily.
- e. SESCA's two rescue boats are in constant use. A reliable outboard engine would ensure the continuation of a vital safety facility.

14. How will the project help local people to support one another?

This project helps on multiple levels. It brings in volunteers to help with young people. It provides a healthy, outdoor environment. It brings in volunteers – who have little or no experience - to help disabled people. It promotes team-work and raises awareness about parts of society with which they may otherwise have little or no contact. It provides a happy experience for those unable to help themselves and their joy is communicated and spread to those around them. It allows local schools to access water sports locally (rather than not at all or via travelling to Alton Water Sports Centre).

15. Are you working with any other organisations on this project? ~~Yes~~ No

If yes, please state the names of these groups and the nature of the relationship.

16. When will the project start?

17. When will the project finish? or is the project ongoing?

If this is an ongoing project, how will it be funded and continue going when the funding ends?

We are seeking support to better equip SESCA now in order to lay the foundations to enable the organisation to raise additional funds in future seasons by providing additional training. It is envisaged that the income raised would enable the future seasonal employment of an instructor (or instructors). In the past, SESCA has been asked by local schools whether we are able to provide term-time instruction. To-date this has not been possible. Part of our forward plan is to address this shortfall.

18. Which years funding are you applying for? Financial Year 2016/2017.

19. How many people do you expect to benefit directly from the project on either a weekly, monthly or annual basis?

20. What results (including targets/numbers) do you expect to see as a result of the funding and how do these relate to the Community Chest funding criteria?

An increase in the number of qualified people who are able to provide safe access to on-the-water activities. Target: 4 qualified instructors.
 An increase in the number of personnel attending training courses. Target: 60 additional places.
 An increase in the number of local schools using SESCA facilities. Target: 2 schools.
 An increase in the satisfaction level from the disabled community using SESCA. Results assessed via survey.
 An increase in availability of the safety ribs throughout the season. Target: 95%.

21. What is the total cost of the project?

Please provide a full breakdown of the total cost of this project, including VAT if applicable along with any in-kind contributions such as volunteer hours.

Item or activity	Cost (£)
1. Seasonal hire of RYA Senior Instructor. 40 days at £120 per day	4,800.00
2. RYA Instructor training for volunteers	1,500.00
3. 4 x Hartley 12 training dinghies (special grant deal from Hartley for 4 dinghies at a discounted price), including VAT	10,000.00
4. 4 x Outside tables & benches, specifically adapted for wheelchair use from British Recycled Plastic at £435.20 plus VAT each	2,088.96
5. Yamaha 40HP outboard engine. Price from BHG Marine includes VAT.	5,265.00
Total cost of items listed above:	23,653.96

22. How much funding are you applying to us for?

23. What funds have you raised so far for this project?

Source	Amount (£)
<p>SESCA is entirely volunteer run. Members who are qualified instructors and/or sailors and/or safety boat qualified have contributed the following time, without payment, during the 2015 season:</p> <p>RYA Training Courses: 43 days Public 'Have A Go' Sessions: 13 sessions Youth Sessions: 14 sessions Safety boat provision: 168 days Sailability: 170 days</p> <p>This volunteer effort, calculated at an average, equates to £24,480.00 of in-kind funding</p>	
Total fundraising:	In kind: £24,480.00

24. What other funders have you applied to for further funding for the project?

Funder	Amount (£)	Timescale for decision
N/A		
Total:		

25. What other grants and contracts has your organisation received over the past year from either Forest Heath District Council or St Edmundsbury Borough Council?

Funded	Amount (£)	Reason for funding
St Edmundsbury Borough Council – Locality Funding	£582.00	Purchase of new cover for safety rib
Total:	£582.00	