



Community Chest Proforma 2015/2016

Organisation	Suffolk Accident & Rescue Service	Application ID	SEBC3
Contact	Mr Ben Hall		
Value	£1,500		
Local Authority	St Edmundsbury Borough Council		

Key points

Suffolk Accident & Rescue Service was set up in 1972 to provide a local specialist critical care response in Suffolk. Their primary aim is to provide help and treatment to patients who need urgent and specialist medical attention in the prehospital environment. They strive to keep patients alive before they reach hospital, and thus help reduce their chances of suffering permanent disability and administer immediate pain relief.

Patients who benefit from the presence of a SARS specialists are normally the most critically injured or seriously ill patients. Serious road traffic collisions is the most common call out they receive followed by cardiac arrests. All SARS responders have specialist skills and carry equipment over and above that of statutory services. This means that they can carry out advanced procedures at the scene which may not be possible outside a hospital environment.

SARS critical care responders volunteer in their spare time and offer their services without charge. A significant number of their call-outs occur in the evening or during the night. They remain the only specialist critical care organisation based in Suffolk.

Suffolk Accident & Rescue Service are seeking funding to help provide two new responders in St Edmundsbury and help with supplying them with equipment.

**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): Suffolk Accident Rescue Service (SARS)

2. Organisation address details

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Ln1		Ln1	
Ln2		Ln2	
Town		Town	
Post Code		Post Code	

About your organisation

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

Suffolk

*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		263238
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)		

5. How many people are involved in your organisation?

Management committee	10	Service users	
Full Time staff / workers	1	Volunteers and helpers (non-management)	27
Part Time staff / workers	1		

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.

We were set up in 1972 to provide a local specialist critical care response in Suffolk. Our aim is to help treat patients who need urgent and specialist medical attention in the prehospital environment. Our objectives are to keep these patients alive before they reach hospital, reduce their chances of suffering permanent disability and provide relief from pain.

Our charity benefits the entire Suffolk community but St Edmundsbury district remains one of our key areas of activity in the county.

Patients who benefit from the presence of a SARS specialist are normally the most critically injured or seriously ill patients. Serious road traffic collisions remain our most common call out followed by cardiac arrests. All SARS responders have specialist skills and carry equipment over and above that of the statutory ambulance service.

This means that they can carry out advanced procedures at the scene which would not normally be possible outside a hospital environment. This can mean truly life-saving interventions particularly when patients are trapped and rapid evacuation to hospital isn't possible. SARS critical care responders volunteer in their spare time and offer their services without charge. A significant number of our call outs occur in the evening or during the night and we remain the only specialist critical care organisation based in Suffolk.

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? 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:

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

We receive no government funding and rely on voluntary grants and donations to support our work. We currently have five solo responders who are active in the St Edmundsbury area. We hope to add to this network with another 2 solo responders by the end of the financial year. We also run weekly team shifts often based from Bury St Edmunds which incorporate a wider group of volunteers. We would like to apply for funding to support the equipment and administrative costs of supporting both these solo responders and the team response when it is active in the St Edmundsbury area.

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.

SARS was established back in 1972 precisely because local GP's thought they could help reduce the number of people dying unnecessarily on Suffolk roads due to a lack of specialist medical help (these were the days before paramedics even existed.)

Although prehospital resources have improved substantially since the 1970's there will always be a need for a local specialist resource. SARS continues to respond to around 250 call outs each year and regularly helps benefit patients who are in serious or life-threatening conditions. We have attended over 40 incidents in St Edmundsbury over the last 12 months with regular additional stand-downs.

Our funding comes entirely through voluntary grants and donations, 95% of this comes from within Suffolk including groups and individuals within the St Edmundsbury area. This shows the level of support we have from within our local community.

Patient testimonials

"I am in no doubt that their quick response and the critical care from the specialist volunteer SARS team saved my life. I can't believe that these dedicated people are willing to give up so much of their time for free to help others and save lives - thanks to these heroes I can now look forward to the rest of mine." **Samantha Turner, patient treated by a volunteer SARS team**

"I can't believe how lucky I am, I am so grateful for the help of the volunteer team from SARS, there is no doubt in my mind that the immediate treatment that I received from them was hugely influential in the outcome, it may not have been so positive otherwise." **Lyndsey Collier, patient treated by a volunteer SARS team**

"Earlier in my career, I spent five years as a sergeant in the Traffic Unit at Bury St Edmunds. During this time, a SARS doctor was present at every major crash that I attended. I now have both professional and personal experience of the service that SARS provides for the people of Suffolk and the surrounding area. I think we are all very fortunate that SARS volunteers are prepared to undertake this difficult work without any financial reward." **Derek Wilding, father of a patient treated by a volunteer SARS doctor**

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

We have several responders who live in the St Edmundsbury district. SARS is very much a community focussed charity it is not unusual for SARS responders to unfortunately know the patients that they are treating.

15. Are you working with any other organisations on this project? No (but see below)

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

Like the air ambulance charities, we are mobilised through a specialist critical care desk run by the statutory ambulance service but we are an independent charity and none of our responders are paid for their response work for SARS.

16. When will the project start? 2015

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

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

We fundraise from all sections of the community and have done for 43 years. We receive support from local charitable trusts, businesses and individuals but the majority of our support normally comes from fundraising events in the local community.

18. Which years funding are you applying for?

19. How many people do you expect to benefit directly from the project on either a weekly, monthly or annual basis? 20-30 over a six month period

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?

Funding helps us buy equipment and provide training for our critical care volunteers. This in turn enables them to provide a higher standard of pre-hospital care to the patients they treat within your local community. It also helps us equip new responders which will result in increased availability to treat more patients. It is difficult to put an exact number/target on this as it very much depends on incidents occurring in the St Edmundsbury area which will fluctuate. However over the last five years we have attended over 200 incidents in this area.

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 (£)
The value of the volunteer hours committed by our clinicians each year is hard to estimate but would equate to many thousands of pounds.	
Monitors/PPE	5000
Replacement equipment/upgrades/new drugs for existing members	6000
Administrative costs	2500
Blue lighting & Insurance x 2 new members	4000
Team Response	5000
Total cost of items listed above:	22500

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

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

Source	Amount (£)
Local charitable Trusts	2600
Public Fundraising	4000
Individual donations	1200
Other	1000
Total fundraising:	£8800

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

Funder	Amount (£)	Timescale for decision
We apply to a large variety of funders throughout the year.		
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?

We received a grant of £1500 from St Edmundsbury Council in August 2014.

