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- 1 **Purpose.** To consider a grant application from Cornwall Air Ambulance.
- 2 **Decision Required.** The Finance and Strategy Committee has delegated authority to consider Community Grant Applications up to a value of £1,000. Councillors are asked to approve or reject a grant application requesting a grant of £1,000.
- 3 **Background.** Council has previously provided a grant of £400 to the Cornwall Air Ambulance in 2020.
- 4 **Community Grant Eligibility Criteria.**

Charity, Not for profit or community organisation	yes
Organisations must have a base or visible presence in Looe or directly contribute to the interests of the residents of Looe.	See application 'eligibility'
The applicant must demonstrate a clear need for financial support.	See confidential financial information
Organisations must have a bank account in their own name that requires two unrelated people to authorise payments and make withdrawals.	Yes
Organisations must demonstrate that they have good governance in place including a management committee/board of directors that includes at least three unrelated individuals.	yes
Grants will only be awarded for forthcoming projects – not retrospectively	Grant for helicopter arriving March 2025



Application Form

Name of Organisation or Group: Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust

Purpose of Organisation or Group: Cornwall Air Ambulance provides emergency medical air response across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

Please confirm the legal status of your organisation

- Registered Charity (local)** Charity #1133295
- Registered Charity (national)
- Membership organisation
- Community Interest Company
- Other

Purpose of Grant

What will the grant be used for?

With the increasing demand on our service, we launched our [#HELi2 Appeal](#) to help purchase a second lifesaving helicopter to support our critically ill and injured patients from across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, including those in the Looe area.

Your new AW169 helicopter is expected to arrive in early 2025. It will enable us to deliver more missions, provide advanced care and, in turn, help us save even more lives. This will be the first time that Cornwall Air Ambulance has owned two aircraft and will put us at the forefront of air ambulance critical care provision in the country.

Cornwall's geographical shape with its rural and coastal landscape can be challenging. Your new helicopter, along with the back-up of our rapid response vehicles, will allow us to deliver the highest level of pre-hospital care to patients regardless of the distance or weather. We have also extended our operational capabilities from 12 to 19 hours, which requires more clinicians and overlapping shifts to facilitate handover between the crew.

It's important to us that we provide the very best possible service to the people of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, and we are constantly looking at ways to advance our care. We want to guarantee that the highest-specification helicopter is always available. A second helicopter will provide resilience to our service, providing aircraft availability every day of the year. When one AW169 undergoes maintenance or develops a fault, we can instantly bolster our clinical provision by launching the second aircraft to avoid going offline.

Eligibility

Please explain how your project directly benefits the people of Looe.

In the last 12 months, our crew have attended 27 missions in your area: 12 trauma incidents and 15 medical emergencies, to patients some of whom were children and their families who may be known in the Looe community.

No one knows when they may need emergency medical support, and our crew is here to help the constituents of Looe in those crucial moments. An ageing population means conditions that become increasingly prevalent with age now account for 33% of missions. We responded to 92 calls to assist children in 2023. Additionally, participation in high-risk outdoor activities in hard-to-reach locations form another significant part of our work.

In 2023, we responded to 1,159 county-wide missions:

- 19 inter-hospital transfers
- 297 medical incidents, e.g. strokes
- 305 medical incidents, e.g. cardiac arrests
- 538 trauma incidents, incl. road traffic accidents and serious falls.

Our service is also vital in transferring patients to out-of-county specialists, such as the Major Trauma Centre at Derriford Hospital in Plymouth, Bristol Royal Hospital for Children, and the Centre for Burns at Morrision Hospital in Swansea. We also take patients with spinal injuries to Salisbury District Hospital.

“You never know when you might need us, but we know that we will always need you.”

Thomas Hennessy Jones, Critical Care Paramedic.

We expect applicants to provide match funding equivalent to the level of grant they are requesting. How will this project be match funded?

We are bringing in funds through retail, legacies and fundraising. We're applying to all 215 town and parish councils within Cornwall as well as for 87 Community Chest funds, which are all at different stages in the application process.

Have you received any funding from the Town Council previously? If so please provide details of the value of the grant (s) and the date the grant (s) were approved.

No.

Please explain how your project will support our vision for an improved quality of life and environment for Looe as a great place in which to live, work, visit and invest.

A new AW169 helicopter will enable us to deliver more missions to the Looe community, provide advanced care and, in turn, help save even more lives.

Costs

What is the total cost of the project: £9.7 million

Amount of grant requested: £1,000.00

If any single item exceeds £1,000 how have you identified that this is the best price? N/A

Description and Value of Funds from Received / Pledged from Other Sources (Identify Sources)

Own resources (secured)	£6,850,000.00
Own fundraising (secured)	£1,260,000.00
Own fundraising (in progress)	£1,590,000.00 (incl. donations, raffle, lottery and events)

Additional Information

For existing organisation and projects, please provide the following with your application

- A bank account with 2 signatories
- A copy of a recent bank statement for the organisation
- A copy of your constitution, articles of association, charitable objects
- A copy of your most recent approved accounts

Please note that this application will not be considered unless it is accompanied by a copy of the relevant paperwork and will be circulated to the Council and considered a public document unless you attach a note to explain why it must remain confidential.

Return this form to enquiries@looetowncouncil.gov.uk