



Westerleigh & Coalpit Heath Parish Council

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Please ensure that you read the Grants Policy (including terms and conditions) before completing this form. Please complete all questions. If a question does not apply then please indicate this on the form.

1. PART 1 About your organisation

1.1 Organisation

Name of organisation:	Great Western Air Ambulance Charity
Website address:	www.greatwesternairambulance.com
Correspondence address:	Great Western Air Ambulance Charity County Gates, 3 rd Floor, Ashton Road, BS3 2JH

1.2 Person making this application

Name:	
Position in the organisation:	Supporter Engagement Coordinator
Address:	Great Western Air Ambulance Charity County Gates, 3 rd Floor, Ashton Road
Post Code:	BS3 2JH
Email address:	
Telephone number:	0303 4444 999

1.3 About your organisation

When was the organisation formed?	2007
Does the organisation have a constitution?	YES (please attach)/ NO
Is the organisation a registered charity? If YES provide registration number:	YES/ NO 1121300
Is the organisation part of, or affiliated to, a national organisation? If YES please give details:	YES/ NO

1.4 Bank details (for payment of any grant awarded)

Account name:	Great Western Air Ambulance Charity
Account number:	31562711
Sort Code:	401424

1.5 How is your organisation funded?

Great Western Air Ambulance Charity (GWAAC) is entirely reliant on charitable income to fund our lifesaving service. Our income comes from a diverse range of sources, including individual donations and regular giving, community fundraising and sponsored events,

charity shop and retail income, grants from charitable trusts and foundations, corporate partnerships and sponsorship, major donors, legacies and fundraising events.

We receive no government or National Lottery funding towards the delivery of our lifesaving service. Our annual operating costs are approximately £5 million, so support from local communities, businesses and charitable funders is essential to keeping our specialist Critical Care Team, aircraft, vehicles and equipment ready to respond 365 days a year.

1.6 Please give an overview of what your organisation does and how it currently benefits the residents of Westerleigh & Coalpit Heath Parish:

Great Western Air Ambulance Charity (GWAAC) provides lifesaving specialist pre-hospital emergency care to people experiencing life-threatening illness or serious injury. Our highly trained Critical Care Team responds by helicopter and critical care car, bringing advanced medical treatment directly to patients at the scene when every second matters.

GWAAC directly benefits residents of Westerleigh and Coalpit Heath Parish. Our team responded to 4 residents in 2025 and has already responded to a further 6 residents in 2026, demonstrating the ongoing need for our service within the local community. Across South Gloucestershire, GWAAC responded to 323 people in 2025.

Our service operates 365 days a year and is available to anyone who experiences a life-threatening emergency within our operating area. Alongside our emergency response, GWAAC supports local communities through CPR and defibrillator training, community engagement, volunteering and fundraising. As we receive no government or National Lottery funding towards our lifesaving service, support from local communities is vital in ensuring we can continue to provide this service when residents need us most.

2. PART 2 About your project and its participants

2.1 Give a description of the project or purpose for which you require a grant.

We are seeking grant funding towards the cost of GWAAC's lifesaving emergency missions. Our specialist Critical Care Team responds by helicopter or critical care car to people experiencing life-threatening illness or serious injury, bringing advanced pre-hospital emergency treatment directly to patients at the scene.

Each emergency mission costs an average of £2,200. Funding will contribute towards the clinical team, specialist medical equipment, aircraft, critical care vehicles and operational costs required to keep our service ready to respond.

2.2 Where will the project take place?

The project will take place across South Gloucestershire and the wider Great Western Air Ambulance Charity operating area. GWAAC is based at its airbase in Almondsbury, South Gloucestershire, and its Critical Care Team responds to emergencies by helicopter and critical care car. The grant will support the delivery of lifesaving pre-hospital emergency care to residents of Westerleigh and Coalpit Heath and communities across the region, wherever a patient requires our specialist care.

2.3 Project start and end dates

Planned project start date mm/yy	n/a
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Planned project end date mm/yy	n/a
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2.4 How will the project/ grant benefit the community of Westerleigh & Coalpit Heath Parish?

The grant will directly support Great Western Air Ambulance Charity's lifesaving emergency response, benefiting residents of Westerleigh and Coalpit Heath when they experience a life-threatening illness or serious injury. GWAAC responded to 4 residents of the parish in 2025 and 6 so far in 2026, demonstrating a clear and ongoing local need. Across South Gloucestershire, GWAAC responded to 323 people in 2025. The grant will contribute towards the £2,200 average cost of a mission, helping fund our specialist Critical Care Team, medical equipment, aircraft, critical care vehicles and operational costs. As GWAAC receives no government or National Lottery funding towards delivering its lifesaving service, support from local communities is vital in ensuring this specialist care remains available 365 days a year.

2.5 How many residents of Westerleigh & Coalpit Heath Parish will benefit?

Estimate the total number of parish residents that will engage with and benefit from your project. If people from outside the parish will benefit, please estimate the total separately.

There is no fixed number, as GWAAC provides emergency care to any resident who experiences a life-threatening illness or serious injury and requires specialist pre-hospital care. In 2025, GWAAC responded to 4 residents of Westerleigh and Coalpit Heath Parish, with a further 6 residents benefiting from the service so far in 2026. The wider community also benefits from having access to a specialist Critical Care Team that is available 365 days a year.

2.6 How does your project align with the Council's grant funding priorities? (Your project should support at least one of the priorities below)

	How will your project support this?
arts/ heritage/culture	
sports/ recreation	
work with/for disadvantaged groups	
work with/for older people	
work with/for young people	Great Western Air Ambulance Charity works with young people through our Great Western Hearts education programmes, including Heartstarters and Junior Hearts. These programmes teach children and young people essential lifesaving skills, including how to recognise an emergency, perform CPR and use a defibrillator. By giving young people the knowledge and confidence to respond in an emergency, we help build a safer and more resilient community. Alongside our emergency response service, this education work means

	GWAAC supports young people not only when they may need specialist medical care, but also by equipping them with skills that could one day help save someone else's life.
community safety	GWAAC directly supports community safety through both our lifesaving emergency response service and our Great Western Hearts programme. Our Critical Care Team provides specialist pre-hospital emergency care to people experiencing life-threatening illness or serious injury, responding by helicopter and critical care car. Through Great Western Hearts, we also help make communities safer by supporting the installation and availability of publicly accessible defibrillators and delivering CPR and AED awareness training. This helps local people be better prepared to respond to a cardiac arrest before emergency services arrive. Together, these programmes strengthen the community's ability to respond to medical emergencies and help save lives.
nature/ environment	
community outdoor space enhancement	
community buildings enhancement	
heritage assets enhancement	

3. Part 3 – Project Funding

3.1 What is the size of the grant you are seeking?

Grant	£8,800
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3.2 What is the total cost of the project for which you are seeking a grant?

Total cost of project	£8,800. This represents the average cost of four lifesaving GWAAC emergency missions, at approximately £2,200 per mission. GWAAC has annual operating costs of around £5 million to maintain our specialist emergency service 365 days a year.
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3.3 If you are not applying for the full amount, please specify where the remaining funds will come from:

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3.4 If you have you applied to any other organisation (including Local Authorities) for a grant in respect of this project, please give details below:

Organisation	Purpose of grant	Successful/ Unsuccessful	Amount £
Yes. We apply to a range of parish and town councils, charitable trusts, foundations and other community funders. Further information about our funding and supporters can be found in our Impact Report .			

3.5 In the table below give details of the items/ services* you will spend the grant on:

Item	Amount £
4 life saving mission	£8,800
Total grant requested	£8,800

3.6 If you plan to purchase capital items or services which **will cost more than £500 (but less than £3,000)** please ensure that you supply evidence of **three cost estimates** e.g. website print-out, catalogue pages.

If you plan to purchase capital items or services that cost **more than £3,000**, please ensure that you supply copies of **three written quotes**.

Please list the evidence you have supplied:

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3.7 Have you previously received, or applied for, a grant from Westerleigh & Coalpit Heath Parish Council? If YES please give details below:

Year	Purpose of grant	Amount £ (if unsuccessful state £0)
2024	Mission Costs	£6,600
2023	Mission Costs	£5,000
2022	Mission Costs	£5,000

4. Part 4 – Permissions

4.1 What external permissions are required for your project? (e.g. planning permission)

N/A

4.2 Have these been granted? (Please delete as appropriate)

N/A

5. Part 5 - Declaration

I confirm that:

I am authorised to complete this application and sign on behalf of the above named organisation.

I have read and agree to the Grant Awarding Policy and Terms and Conditions of Funding.

I agree to the use of my personal data in line with Westerleigh and Coalpit Heath Parish Council [Privacy Notice](#).

To the best of my knowledge all information provided in connection with the application is true and accurate.

Your name:	Eloise Skidmore
Signed:	Eloise Skidmore
Position:	Supporter Engagement Coordinator
Date:	05/10/2026

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS WITH YOUR APPLICATION

	Tick to confirm enclosure
Organisation constitution (if applicable)	✓
A copy of the accounts for the most recent financial year	✓
Copy of most recent bank statement*	✓
New groups only - a statement of aims/ objectives and a business plan or budget	
<u>Other supporting information</u>	
Evidence of three costs estimates for capital items/ services over £500 (but less than £3,000)	
Copies of three written quotes for capital items/ services over £3,000	

*Bank statements are treated as confidential documents and are not published or made available to the public

Application forms and supporting information should be sent by email (preferably) to: The Parish Clerk – clerk@wchparish.gov.uk

Or posted to: The Parish Clerk, Westerleigh & Coalpit Heath Parish Council. c/o 22 Inglestone Road, Wickwar Glos GL12 8NH

The Clerk will acknowledge receipt.