

Parish Clerk

From: Rachel Harradine <rachel.harradine@cornwallairambulancetrust.org>
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To: Rachel Harradine
Subject: Council Grants 2026/2027 Formal Grant Application from Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust

Dear Clerk

We are writing to formally apply to your Councillors for a grant as part of your 2026/2027 community funding programme. We fully appreciate the financial pressures on local budgets, but we hope you will consider supporting a service that is vital to both your residents and our many visitors.



In 2025 we became the proud owners of a second helicopter. This offers us greater resilience to provide a like-for-like service when one aircraft is undergoing maintenance alongside our rapid response vehicles which are used when flying is unfeasible due to location or weather conditions.

In 1987, we were the first air ambulance service in the country. As we begin to look ahead to our 40th anniversary in 2027, we also look forward to continuing to provide the best care with the best equipment. This is only made possible by the generosity of the people of Cornwall and those who choose to visit our beautiful county.

Invitation to see the impact your support will have

We would love to welcome you to our Headquarters in Newquay so you can see for yourselves how your support will help us to help our communities. We all hope we'll never need the service of the air ambulance but there is comfort in knowing it will bring hospital level care to those who do. If you would like to arrange for councillors to visit Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust please email rachel@cornwallairambulancetrust.org

Our Missions in 2025

- In 2025, Cornwall Air Ambulance responded to 962 missions, 72 of which were emergencies involving children. Our missions included:
- 21 inter-hospital transfers
- 513 medical emergencies (e.g. strokes)
- 428 trauma incidents (e.g. road traffic collisions, serious falls)

Our service is essential for transferring patients to specialist centres such as Derriford Hospital (Plymouth) for major trauma, Bristol Royal Hospital for Children, Morriston Hospital (Swansea) for

burns, and Salisbury District Hospital for spinal injuries. We also provide critical transfers from the Isles of Scilly to the mainland.

Why We Need Your Support

Cornwall's rural and coastal geography presents unique challenges. Our service operates 19 hours per day and so requires critical care paramedics, doctors and pilots with access to first rate equipment, enhanced training facilities and quality rest areas for our crew to comply with night operation regulations. To fully equip both our aircraft and continue delivering world-class care, we are seeking support from councils across Cornwall. Your grant could help towards funding:

Laerdal Compact Suction Unit c.£700

- this piece of equipment efficiently clears the airway of any patient, from newborns to the most challenging adult obstruction with an adjustable suction range. As well as being powerful, it is compact and lightweight making it an ideal portable piece of kit for crew to carry.



Facial trauma kits c£500

- facial trauma kits potentially reduce the severity of injuries including fractured bones, broken teeth, significant soft-tissue injury and bleeding. Such injuries can cause a potentially life-threatening obstruction of the patient's airway. A facial trauma kit works by nasal balloons applying pressure to bleeding and bite blocks help to keep the airway open.



Syringe Pump c£3000

- the pump enables the paramedics to deliver small amounts of fluids and drugs into a patient over a period of time rather than a one-off injection. This is particularly useful for drugs which require a precise dose over a precise period and reduces the amount of time the Paramedics require to calculate dosage, ultimately reducing 'human error risk' in pre-hospital emergency critical care.



Be the Difference

Time is everything in an emergency. Your support could be the difference between life and death for someone in your community. We would be honoured if your Council would consider a grant to help us continue this vital work.

If you would like more information please don't hesitate to get in touch.

With kindest regards,
Rachel Harradine