

Thurston Parish Council

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APPLICATION FOR A GRANT

*Before completing this form, please read carefully the attached document entitled Thurston Grant Awarding Policy. Copies of the form together with the **latest copy of examined accounts** must be submitted along with any supporting documentation requested.*

General information for applicants

It is Thurston Parish Council's intention (subject to budget restrictions and available resources) to support initiatives from local community groups and organisations. Priority will be given to applicants who have not previously received grants from Thurston Parish Council. The size of any grant awarded is at the discretion of the Parish Council but will not exceed £500 in any one application.

If you have any queries on the completion of this form please contact the Parish Clerk, Thurston Parish Council, New Green Centre, Thurston, IP31 3TG. Email: clerk@thurstonparishcouncil.gov.uk

DETAILS OF YOUR ORGANISATION

Name of Organisation: Suffolk Accident Rescue Service (SARS)

Address – Unit 1b, Woopit Business Park, Windmill Avenue, Woolpit, Bury St Edmunds, IP30 9UP

Contact Telephone No.- 01359 244186

Email: admin@sars999.org.uk

Registered Charity No.: 1168764

If you are part of a larger organisation, enter its name:

Principal aims and objectives: The SARS charity exists to help preserve life and reduce the chances of patients suffering permanent disability before they reach hospital. We achieve this by providing local clinicians who can reach incidents quickly and have additional skills and carry equipment and drugs, which are not found on frontline ambulances. SARS responders are able to undertake advanced procedures at an incident scene which would not normally be possible outside a hospital environment. These can be truly life-saving interventions as well as having a positive impact on reducing the chances of patients suffering permanent disability and providing relief from pain. This service is provided at no cost to the patient. SARS also undertakes other community initiatives, without charge. These include CPR awareness sessions to help improve the rates of bystander CPR in and around our county and help reduce the number of out of hospital cardiac arrests.

DETAILS OF GRANT REQUESTED

Explain your need for a grant with the likely number of beneficiaries, their age profiles and

their location – Our charity and clinical operations continue to grow and in the last financial year we were able to respond to 620 calls to attend serious medical emergencies across the region. This was an increase of 11% on the previous financial year. There remains a real need for our service which is available for the whole community and is provided at no charge. Our responders continue to be active in and around Thurston and once again attended incidents in the area last year. SARS relies on voluntary grants and donations and we would be very grateful for your continued support which helps us maintain our charitable activity.

Grant requested: £500

DETAILS OF OTHER GRANTS

Received in the last two years – 2024 – 500, 2023 - 500

Currently applied for - We make ongoing applications to a wide variety of funders and also run our own events to help support our clinical operations.

Please use this space for any significant information about your organisation not already supplied

We have recruited 4 new clinical volunteers so far, this financial year – a Consultant in Emergency medicine and three paramedics. We aim to start a new recruitment process early in 2026 and hope to bring further clinicians into the charity in the coming months. Our aim is to keep growing our resources in a sustainable manner and to be able to provide more teams on call and help treat more patients. This year we have moved one of our rapid response vehicles to a Bury St Edmunds base and we have already responded to well over 100 incidents in the West Suffolk area

I certify that the foregoing replies are accurate to the best of my knowledge

Signature of applicant



Office Held - Charity Manager Date 12/11/2025