

**grants to
voluntary
organisations**

application for funding

complete this form as fully as possible and return it to:

Deborah Edwards, Grants to Voluntary Organisations
Neighbourhood Division, Sefton MBC, 1st Floor,
Magdalen House, Trinity Road, Bootle L20 3NJ

Name of responsible person/group
Crosby Scout and Guide Marina Club

Relationship to the group
Honorary Secretary

Contact person
George Simpson

Daytime telephone number
07775 608 294

Contact address

108 Park Road
Formby
Liverpool
L37 6AQ

Address where group meetings/activities take place

Crosby Lakeside Adventure Centre
Crosby Marina
Cambridge Road,
Waterloo,
Liverpool,
Merseyside L22 1RR

Are you

Other

a registered charity

an unregistered voluntary group

a community group

Company limited by guarantee

What does your group do?

Since 1974 we have provided sailing and kayaking at very low cost to the children of Sefton so that everyone may be included regardless of financial means. We are aware that we operate in a deprived area and that some children would not have the opportunity to sail and kayak if they had to pay normal market fees. Although we function under the umbrella of Scouts and Guides we are open to all children of Sefton.

We provide experience and tuition to Nationally recognised standards. We are a recognised Royal Yachting Association Training Centre and maintain a number of qualified volunteers certificated to RYA and British Canoe Union (BCU) standards. Tuition is provided free.

The children benefit by learning new skills, both practical and interactive. Their health and well-being is improved through increased physical fitness and being outdoors. They learn to take care of boats and equipment and thereby to take responsibility for their own safety and that of others.

Does your project involve children or vulnerable adults?

Our club is focused on children from the age of 10 years to about 20 years.

We do offer "taster sessions" for other local children's groups to try out our water-sports both to give them experience and to, hopefully, attract new members.

What is the money for, how many people are you planning to benefit and how?
(please give description of the proposed project)

The club was a thriving community of about 100 children until a few years ago. We had teams sailing in the Scout National Sailing competitions, the Southport 24-hour race and the Junior 12-hour race. We brought home many certificates and numerous trophies. Many of our members have gone on to sailing, navy and maritime careers.

Over the last 5 years our numbers have fallen to about 20 members. This was due to falling water quality and the occurrence of toxic blue-green algae each summer when the Council closed the lake to us for prolonged periods. This was followed by the demolition of our premises and our move into poor, temporary accommodation for the last 2 years. Without any services, showers, etc. our ability to operate has been severely hampered and the club could not attract new members.

Our current problem is that we are being asked to find fees for storage and service charges amounting to £1000 each whilst the previous Council grant to us of £750 has not been paid for 2 years. Coupled to this is our loss of membership income – currently only £700 per annum.

Our intention is to move into the new premises and build up our membership again to 100. For this we need some financial help to pay the Council's fees which we have never had to find before and which our shoe-string budget cannot support. The money will enable us to concentrate on building up our club activities to the benefit of local children.

How do you know the community need and want this to happen?

The Club has been popular with local people for over 30 years.

It has a strong parent and helper support group made up of Sefton residents who have not only been active at the club in many ways themselves, but been vociferous in the press and Council meetings in support of our club when times have been difficult.

How will you make sure that people know what is going to happen and have a chance to get involved?

We actively inform and involve all our parents and helpers all the time. We have meetings whenever necessary to discuss issues. We encourage involvement as we could not operate without it. Every person involved in the Club is a volunteer who gives their time and assistance free.

We also have a website to keep people informed on a daily basis and to attract new membership. Please see www.crosbymarinaclub.org.uk.

How will you be able to prove how many people have benefited?

By looking at the rising number of members, attendance and the number undertaking formal training courses. However we anticipate only a gradual rise in membership over the next 5 years as we re-establish ourselves.

Give start and end date and any key dates or events

The new accommodation is being made available to us incrementally over the next 2 weeks. We hope to be operating out of the new premises by the first weekend in October 2009.

Total cost of project
£6900 for the coming 3 years.

Amount of grant requested
£3000.00

Please give a break down of what you are planning to spend this on and when

New Storage Fees £1000 - due on request of centre operator. Not clear when.

New Service charge for club room £1000 - due on request of centre operator, probably April 2010

To make up Sefton MBC Grant shortfall of £775 which helped to cover some of our day-to-day expenses. (see accounts) such as:

*Boat insurance £1000+ due annually. (see accounts).

*Repairs, maintenance and miscellaneous equipment £510 approx. (see accounts).

*Training, *utility bills, *competition entries, *bank charges, etc.. (see accounts).

Have you asked any other organisations of applied to Sefton MBC for this under any other funds?
I'm sorry but I don't understand this question.

If the total cost of the project is greater than the amount requested have you secured the additional funds required? Please give a break down of whether you have confirmation from the funder that it is available.

No.

Do you receive other money from Sefton MBC and what is it for?

We have a long-standing agreement with Sefton MBC to provide an annual sum to enable us to offer our club facilities to all children of Sefton (within our specified age range). However this has not been forthcoming for the last 2 years and we cannot find out why.

Bank Name and Address

HSBC, 80 Coronation Road, Great Crosby, Liverpool, L23 5RH.

Group's Account Name

Crosby Scout and Guide Marina Club

Sort Code

40-29-17

Account Number:

11215027

If your application is deemed to meet the criteria, the following supporting information must be provided:

- A copy of the group's latest bank statement plus end of year accounts.
- A copy of your organisation's constitution or aims and objectives or last recorded decisions.
- Copies of any supporting information which you have obtained to show that the amount of the grant you are requesting and the total cost of the project is accurate.
- If you are requesting funding for equipment/services above the value of £250 three written quotations are required. Please contact us if you need further clarification on this point.

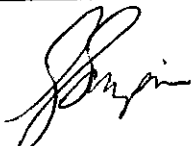

important information to remember

If the application is successful you will be expected to provide information backed up by evidence showing what your project has achieved. Every six months you will be asked to do this and, if you have funding for more than one year, you will have to provide a more detailed report to show what has happened over the previous twelve months as well. The information in this will be used by Sefton MBC to see whether your next years grant will be released.

declaration

This must be signed by two members of the group, one of which must be the named contact on the first page of this application. We confirm that the information in this application is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and any grant received will only be used for the project named in the application. We also confirm that we will complete the evaluation form provided and return it on or before the agreed date and will provide written evidence of how the money has been spent.

We confirm we have submitted this form on behalf of the organisation and we are authorised to represent it. We accept that by completing this form, the name of the organisation, the amount and type of any grant awarded, how the money will be spent, the decision date of the grant, the area and the people who will benefit, will be on public record. These details are stored on a database for use by Sefton MBC and its partners to monitor grants paid to community and voluntary organisations. We accept and agree that the council may publish these details.

 Signature One	 Signature Two
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Signed
George Simpson
Date 19/9/09

Signed C.H. Lloyd
Date 19/9/09

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