

APPLICATION FORM FOR GRANT 2019/20

Please read the policy on pages 1 and 2 before filling in the form.

1. Name/Address of organisation

FRIENDS OF M.V.FREEDOM

Contact name:

DirkAldous Q.P.M.....

Contact telephone number

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Position in organisation:

Trustee...Chairman of new boat research group.

About your organisation

Does your organisation:

	Yes
Have its own bank account, which requires two unrelated people to authorise cheques and make withdrawals?	YES
Have at least three members on its management committee	YES
Have a constitution, terms of reference or set of rules (<i>please contact for help with this if needed</i>)	YES

2. Are you a registered charity? Yes

If so please give your charity number: ...283955

3. Is your organisation part of, or affiliated to, a larger organisation?

If so, whichN/A....

4. Aims and objectives of your organisation; What does your organisation do and how does it benefit the residents of Weymouth?

Weymouth and Portland are within the top 10 areas of multiple deprivation in the UK. The prime focus of the Charity is to provide a specially adapted boat with which to provide therapeutic and enjoyable seagoing passages around Weymouth Bay, Durdle Door, Lulworth Cove and the Isle of Portland, for those living with any form of disability. Our passengers range between 5 & 85years, and include military veterans, the deaf, blind, and those with learning difficulties, many of whom are in wheelchairs, and often would have no other way of accessing the sea and its benefits. This year we already have over 2200 bookings an increase of 30% over 2018. A clear example of the need and enthusiasm for our service. The lasting benefits of the trips, include confidence building, communication skills, friendships, relaxation and are regularly evidenced from surveys, testimonials, letters of thanks and the increasing bookings.

ii. Where does your organisation meet? Pilgrim House, Weymouth.

iii. How often do you meet? ...The boat trips run throughout April to October 5 -6 days a week. The members of the charity meet regularly through social events and fundraising strategy meetings and activities, as well as crewing the boat. The Trustees meet regularly throughout the year for committee matters. **The skippers are all MCA/RYA qualified and no one receives any payment.**

5. How many members does your organisation have? 55.....

6. How many people will benefit from this funding? In excess of 2000 this year.....

7. How many are Weymouth Town Council area residents? Approximately 85-90%

8. If your application is for over £2,000 please give full details of the exceptional circumstances related to your request.

The charity has been in existence for 36 years and has owned three boats. M.V. Freedom was purchased second-hand in 1994 and is now 27years old. She has served the charity well, but the steadily increasing numbers of passengers, the growing variety and volume of disabilities, and the size of wheelchairs in particular, has prompted the charity to seek a significant enhancement in the service and facilities that we provide. This will be enabled by a new specially designed vessel, that would future proof the charity for decades to come, and eliminate the need for a replacement for at least the age of the current boat i.e. 27 years. Please see also questions 9,10, and 11.

9. How much funding are you applying for? £10,000?...if possible - but para 11 is a "shopping list" of items, all of which are important for the comfort and safety of the disabled. We would of course be delighted and grateful with help for any one or more of the specifics.

10. What is the total cost of your project? Complete boat £260,000. Certain optional extras could increase the total to £300,000 but can be fitted retrospectively as funds become available.

NOTE: WTC will only approve allocations over £2,000 in exceptional circumstances that are clearly detailed in question 8.

11. How will you spend the money you are applying for? Please be aware that WTC do not normally give grants for running costs. If your application contains an element of running costs, please detail your plans to source alternative funding for this in future years. **NB. No running costs are included. They have always been obtained through on going casual/trip donations on and off the boat throughout the year.**

Item	Amount
Man overboard system capable of lifting wheelchair plus occupant	£3694.00p
Extra soundproofing to the engine rooms	£2157.00p

Weather proof canvas panels for all-round wind/rain/spray protection, with plastic windows.	£2380.00p
CCTV system for safety and navigational information flow to the passengers and skipper.	£4640.00p
15 automatic lifejackets for passengers and crew - compulsory wear.	£1500.00p
Wearable electronic audio compass for the visually impaired	£269.00p?
Single contribution to the overall cost of the new vessel	£2000.00
TOTAL	£10,000.00p

12. How else are you funding your project (include grants from other organisations, fundraising and existing reserves)

Source	£	Confirmed?
Existing savings	198,352	YES
Continue the past 3 years successful fundraising strategies into 2019/20 and combine with the increasing recruitment of volunteer fundraisers and ever widening variety of fundraising activities. Please see Charity Commission accounts for past three years, and website/facebook - www.mvfreedom.co.uk	Average income 42,500p.a. Average surplus 26000 p.a.	Awaited
Continue applications for grants - three results pending	30,000	Awaited
Potential sale of current vessel.	40-60,000	Advertised for sale at £75k

13. How will the funding benefit the community or residents of Weymouth?

We have been fundraising for a new boat for the past 8 years, in a wide variety of ways. Fundraising in the local community has been most prominent, and much of this is published on the charity website. www.mvfreedom.co.uk and face book. The response from every element of the local community, residents, businesses, local authority, the church and many caring bodies that serve those living with disability, has grown to the point where the vessels existence is now embedded in the heart of Weymouth. The Trustees, supported by a Business Plan, fundraising and new boat research committees drive the internal activities of the charity, but they are supplemented by a wide range of community interests that believe wholeheartedly in the value of the service that the charity provides for Weymouth.

14. Please tell us how this funding will lead to greater self sufficiency and lessen the need for future applications.

The Charity through its New Boat Research Committee has researched the boat market, visited five shortlisted boat builders and made a selection. A complete boat specification and builders price (£260K) has been obtained and it is hoped will result in an early commitment to contract and the delivery of a superior boat that will secure the charity for decades. I also refer you to my comments at paragraph 8.

15. How is your organisation normal funded. (Not applicable to new organisations)

Mainly by small donations during the boat trips, organised collections and events, occasional small legacies, and a range of community based and organised support through retail businesses, pubs, entertainment venues, golf club, sponsored walks, choir concerts, Weymouth xmas harbour swim etc. The fundraising committee is also increasing the number of applications to grant making bodies.

16. What are your current/planned subs/fees/charges.

There are currently no subs - fees - or charges

17. Have you applied for any other funds/grants towards the cost of the project? Please include details below.

Coop Community Fund - result awaited
St James Place - result awaited

18. What fundraising activities took place in the last 12 months, and what fundraising activities are planned for the next 12 months, if any.

Our website www.myfreedom.co.uk under the dropdown menu "fundraising" contains a long list of our fundraising events and tributes to many of our donors for this year and past years. It is too long to include in this space. Many smaller events also occur spontaneously from our friends and supporters and can miss the annually organised entries on the website.

19. Anticipated Income and expenditure for next 12 months.

Income and expenditure over the past three years have been as follows (As per Charity Commission submissions). On present performance we believe that it will remain similar or improve given the additional effort now available through the increased membership etc.

INCOME:-	EXPENDITURE:-
2017 £43,025 - 2018 £38,949 - 2019 £45,924	2017 £16,198 - 2018 £11,381 - 2019 £17,668

20. Details of any grants received from local authorities in the past three years.

2018 £3000 W and P Council granted **but not received pending** refurb. to galley of current boat.

21. Other grants from any other sources in the last three years with dates, if you have had any.

April 2017 - £2255.78p from the Co-op. - Received - enlargement of boat disabled toilet.
January 2018 - £1200 from the Gannett Foundation - replacement of existing boat equipment.

22. Will you be passing the funding on to any other groups (except to pay for goods and services)? No

Yes (name of contactN/A.....) Not applicable

Please give us details of the bank account that the grant should be paid into if approved.

Name of Account

Account number

Sort Code ..



Please ensure you have read the policy on pages 1 and 2 before signing the form.

**Checklist (please tick the appropriate boxes)
Have you submitted the following?**

- A copy of your most recent accounts
- Your most recent bank account statement & details of any other investments/savings;
- A copy of your constitution / terms of reference / set of rules;
- Details of your organisation's officers;
- A copy of your safeguarding policy if your group works with vulnerable adults, or children;
- A copy of your adopted equal opportunities policy or statement
- Any other documentation you feel may help in assessing your application.

Privacy Notice

In accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), I agree that Weymouth Town Council will process and hold personal information about me only in relation to my grant application. I consent to my personal information, including that contained in this form, being stored manually and/or electronically. It will be held securely and treated confidentially for 6 years after an application is made. I understand that it will only be accessed by authorised staff members to manage the grant application process.

I also understand that WTC may pass details onto an official organisation where required to do so by law or contract. I understand that my data will be disposed of securely 6 years after the application and that I have the right to correct the information at any time. I have been made aware of my rights under GDPR.

Declaration:

I/we declare that the information confirmed in this application is correct and that any grant received will be applied as detailed in the request.

I/we declare that we have read the policy on pages 1 and 2 and that our application complies with the policy.

I/we declare that we have included all of the requested information.

I/we fully understand that if we do not include the requested information and/or if our application does not comply with the policy, the application may be rejected.

Signed .. 

Name

Date

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Grant applications must be checked against the following criteria. Any questions where the answer is no must be reported to the Finance and Policy Committee meeting where the application is being considered and must form part of the formal agenda items list for that meeting.

Assessing officer *J Biscombe*

Date of assessment *29/08/19*

Yes	No (investigate)	
✓		The grant will result in a benefit for the area covered by the Town Council and will contribute positively to the area of Weymouth?
✓		Does the grant exclude ongoing running costs?
	✓	If the application is for running costs has the applicant included plans for where future running costs will be found from?
✓		Is the grant for a group and not for individuals or organisations whose function is primarily undertaken by the health authority or Dorset Council's Social Services?
✓		Is the grant for non-political or non-quasi-political organisations or projects?
	✓	Is the grant application for £2,000 or less?
	✓	For applications in excess of £2,000, has the applicant fully detailed the exceptional circumstances?
✓		Does the application include the required financial and organisational information?
✓		Is this the only application in this financial year from this group or organisation?
✓		Is the applicant based in the Town Council area? If not has the applicant detailed what proportion of beneficiaries of the grant reside in the area?
✓		Is the application for future funding? (ie not retrospective)
✓		Is the grant for the sole use of the applying group and not to pass on money?
✓		Has the applicant demonstrated how one-off grant funding will lead to greater self sufficiency and lessen the need for future applications?

		For applications for funds for security measures, does the applicant have the support of the local police or crime reduction officer.
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Decision (delete as applicable) reject / return for further information / proceed to committee

Approved as agenda item for the Finance and Governance meeting on

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Outcome at that meeting

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Amount - £2,000