



Application for Grant for Voluntary Organisations

Please note that this application will not be considered unless it is accompanied by a copy of the latest set of annual accounts showing the organisations income, expenditure and level of balances. If the organisation does not prepare annual accounts, copies of the bank statements covering the previous six months must be enclosed.

Name of Organisation	St Wilfrid's Hospice
Name, Address and Status of Contact	[REDACTED]
Telephone Number of Contact	[REDACTED]
Is the Organisation a Registered Charity?	Yes
Amount of grant requested	£250
For what purpose or project is the grant requested?	<p><u>The Hospice Community Team</u></p> <p>For the last 38 years, adults in our community with life-limiting illnesses have been able to depend on St Wilfrid's Hospice to provide them with specialist palliative care. Patients and their loved ones have access to a range of services that provide holistic support, this includes; a 14-bed inpatient ward, Hospice Community Team, Family Services & Bereavement Support Team, and Rehabilitation Team.</p> <p>Since receiving our first patient in January 1987, we have been developing our services to meet the complex needs of our growing community. Though we predominantly care for people with a primary diagnosis of cancer, we are now seeing much more complicated cases, with people presenting varied symptoms and diverse diagnoses. As an organisation, we are dedicated to evolving our knowledge and subsequent support in order to fulfil our patients' need for complete care.</p> <p>For too long, the diagnosis of a terminal illness has resulted in patients being left bedridden in pain and discomfort. But, at St Wilfrid's Hospice, we know that this doesn't have to be the case. Using a multi-faceted approach, we considerably create a bespoke care plan for each patient to help them manage their symptoms and address any concerns. We understand that the time patients have is precious, and our care should focus on the areas which are most important to the patient. Through this kind of specialist support, we can make this time as comfortable as possible and ensure patients are empowered to do what is right for them.</p>

As the only palliative and end-of-life care specialists in our region, we receive over 1,010 referrals every year from people in desperate need of support. Since our inception we have cared for over 23,000 local people, and the demand for our services is only increasing due to a growing aging population.

At any one time, our dedicated teams are supporting 330 patients and their loved ones - with everyone receiving personalised care to meet their specific needs.

Anybody within our catchment area is eligible for our support, this area covers from Emsworth in the west to Arundel in the east and stretches from south of the Downs to the coast, taking in Chichester and Bognor Regis. Our purpose-built Hospice - housing the Inpatient Ward & Rehabilitation Team - is based in Bosham in Chichester.

Over 90% of the palliative and end-of-life care we provide takes place out in the community; patients often choose to stay in the comfort and security of their own home, and our Community Team are able to provide specialist nursing care and support wherever it is needed. This care includes: symptom management, medication support, nursing care, personal care, and emotional support. The team are also equipped to provide help and advice for families to support them through these distressing times. Each patient receives a bespoke medical care plan which is tailored to provide the care they want, as well as need.

What will be the total cost of the above project?


Annual Expenditure Budget 2025/26	
<u>Hospice Community Team</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Salaries	£1,150,509.00
Bank Staff	£45,510.00
Travel and Expenses	£23,500.00
Equipment Purchase	£1,700.00
Equipment Maintenance/Service	£3,540.00
Clinical Waste	£816.00
Staff Uniforms/H&S Clothing	£500.00
Nursing and Therapy Consumables	£4,080.00
Sundry Expenses	£404.00
Total Expenditure	£1,230,559.00

If the total cost of the project is more than the grant, how will the residue be financed?

As an independent charity, we rely on donations to ensure we can continue to provide support and stability to those who need us. We have grown our fundraising to utilise as many income opportunities as possible; this includes donations from trusts, individuals and businesses, as well as retail income and legacy donations. We also host multiple events every year in an effort to generate income and raise awareness within our community.

However, our financial circumstances are becoming more and more challenging, and we cannot avoid the fact that our costs are increasing at a rate which we will be unable to cover without additional funding.

Between the financial years of 2023/24 and 25/26, the annual expenditure budget for the Hospice Community Team has increased from £1,015,637 to £1,230,559 - this is a growth of

	<p>£214,922 (equating to a 21.2% increase). This growth can largely be attributed to staffing salaries and comes as a result of the rise in National Insurance contributions, as well as needing to keep salaries competitive in order to retain our team to meet the needs of our patients.</p> <p>You may have seen recently that Hospice Care has had a spotlight in the media. This has arisen due to Hospices across the country struggling to find the funds they need to continue operation, with particular attention being given to the level of government funding provided.</p> <p>St Wilfrid's has one of the lowest levels of state funding in the whole of the UK. Our NHS grant covers around 16% of our costs, meaning we rely more heavily on alternative income streams to ensure patients receive essential care.</p> <p>Up to now, the board at St Wilfrid's has carefully managed our expenditure and reserves to ensure that - despite the increasing financial pressures - our patients and services are not affected. However, in 2025/26 we are facing a deficit budget; this shows that, despite our efforts, we are feeling the effects of the funding gap more and more - and unless we can secure funding, our patients and services may suffer in the long term.</p> <p>The UK Government have committed to a £100 million funding project for Hospices as a consequence of the National Insurance contribution increases; whilst this funding is hugely appreciated, it is restricted to only be spent on capital projects, such as infrastructure - therefore not addressing the issue of rising costs for essential daily care. For this reason, we are looking to funders such as Earnley Parish Council to provide the support we critically need to deliver impactful care to patients.</p> <p>In addition to these funding challenges, the need for our services has never been greater, with the demand only expected to increase as the number of older people living in the UK is predicted to double by 2045. In West Sussex, the aging population is projected to grow at the fastest rate - with more than 30% of residents anticipated to be over 65 by 2039. This aging demographic will lead to a greater demand for our services, meaning our resources will be stretched even further.</p>
<p>Have you applied for grant for the same project to another organisation?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>If so, which organisation and how much?</p>	<p>Successful grant applications= 15 applications £42,766 Pending outcome grant applications= 36 applications £87,550</p>
<p>Who will benefit from the project?</p>	<p>https://stwh.co.uk/our-services/care-in-the-hospice/care-at-home/ Your parishioners that are in need of palliative and end of life care in their own homes, plus support for their families.</p>
<p>Approximately how many of those who will benefit are parishioners?</p>	<p>In 2024/25 we received 27 referrals from your parish</p>
<p>If your grant application is successfully - the bank details for account transfer or name cheque payable to.</p>	

You may use a separate sheet of paper to submit any other information which you feel will support this application.

Signed:

Dated: 05/01/2026

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