



CAMBOURNE

CAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

1 Name of Organisation:

Cambourne Branch of ISKCON (International Society for Krishna Consciousness)

2 Name, address and telephone number of correspondent (and office held):

Sushant ; Prachi

Tel-

3 What are the objectives of your organisation?

ISKCON as an organisation aims to share the Ancient Knowledge of Life Management / Stress Management/ Meditation (Kirtan) and make this available for all irrespective of cast/ colour/ background for free. The main aim of our Cambourne Group is to engage individuals in spiritual development and assist this process by holding Community based festivals and celebration events (open to all).

The main 7 Aims of the organisation as a whole are as below:

1. To systematically propagate spiritual knowledge to society at large and to educate all people in the techniques of spiritual life in order to check the imbalance of values in life and to achieve real unity and peace in the world.
2. To propagate a consciousness of Krishna (God), as it is revealed in the great scriptures of India, *Bhagavad-gita* and *Srimad-Bhagavatam*.
3. To bring the members of the Society together with each other and nearer to Krishna, the prime entity, thus developing the idea within the members, and humanity at large, that each soul is part and parcel of the quality of Godhead (Krishna).
4. To teach and encourage the *sankirtana* movement, congregational chanting of the holy name of God, as revealed in the teachings of Lord Sri Caitanya

Mahaprabhu.

5. To erect for the members and for society at large a holy place of transcendental pastimes dedicated to the personality of Krishna.
6. To bring the members closer together for the purpose of teaching a simpler, more natural way of life.
7. With a view towards achieving the aforementioned purposes, to publish and distribute periodicals, magazines, books and other writings

4 Is membership/support open to any resident of Cambourne, regardless of sex, age, ethnic origin, religion, disability or sexual orientation? If not, please give reason:

Yes, our biweekly events are open for all to attend.

There is no restriction and these have always been free and will continue to be. Costs are borne by ourselves/ voluntary contributions for the last 5 years.

5 Amount of grant applied for £ 1000

6 Purpose for which the money will be used. Please explain clearly and simply the reason for your request. (a separate sheet can be used if required)

This application is to assist in running the larger event (Janmashtami) on 15th September as well as another couple events before this.

We wish to apply for this grant as our main aim is to include as many people as possible. If there is an admission cost then this might prevent the individuals with limited means to attend. The grant will assist us in keeping this a free event.

Grant will be used for the following expenses

- 1) Hall Hire (£300+)
- 2) Cost of Disposables (Plates/cups/ spoons etc..) (£100)
- 3) Cost of visiting musician transport (they usually do not charge us)(£100)
- 4) Kids drama costumes/ hall hire for practice sessions before event (£200)
- 5) Catering costs (food and drinks – various preparations) (£400+)

We all volunteer our time and efforts to ensure all get a chance to work together.

We have never requested any funding support before- and have ran it using voluntary contribution as well as funding the costs ourselves. This is the first time we have applied as the events are very well received and

7 Have you applied for grant aid to any other organisation (including local authorities)? If so, to whom (please give details of the decision on your application): (a separate sheet can be used if required)

No

8 Is there anything else you wish the Parish Council to take into account

when considering this application? (a separate sheet can be used if required)
We have been organising functions for the community since 2007. We started this as a home programme. But due to increasing numbers have had to move to a local venue. We hold a bimonthly programme where we encourage people from all backgrounds to get together to discuss various aspects balancing spiritual and material lives.

we also hold festivals from time to time which encourages participation from the wider community.

All these years we have been covering all costs personally and recently, through some individual donations from participants.

We hope to continue to keep the community involved in a similar way even in the future.

9 Please ensure that you have attached up to date examined accounts in support of this application.

No

If no please explain why not.

As explained above, we have been personally funding most of the programmes and using any voluntary donations towards these programmes.

10 Bank Details If Grant approved can be paid directly.

Bank Name: (

Account Number:

Sort Code:

Account Name:

Supporting Documents to be supplied with this Application.

Constitution

Committee Membership

Financial Information