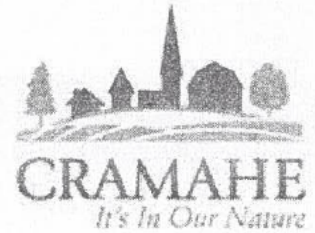


Township of Cramahe  
Community Grant Application

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Organization: Brighton Marine Rescue.	
Amount Requested \$ 1,500.00	
Contact: Len Kuipers	
Position: Executive Director	
Telephone: (Office) [REDACTED]	Telephone: (Other) / Same.
Email: [REDACTED]	
Address: [REDACTED]	
City: Brighton	
Province: Ontario	Postal Code: K0K1H0
Contact Address: (If different than above)	
Have you received a grant from this program in the past? <i>For 2024 application</i>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
If YES, when: <i>March 2025</i>	
Are you incorporated? <i>8 June 2008</i>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
If YES, Registration#: [REDACTED]	
Are you a registered charity?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
If YES, Registration#: [REDACTED]	

**Project Outline: Please provide an overview of the proposed project.**

Our mission is to **Save Lives on the Water**. We provide marine rescue services and support to distressed people on the water at no cost to anyone who requires assistance as per the Canadian Coast Guard Association rules and guidelines.

David Clark headsets is a major expense for the unit at over \$31,000.00. But this purchase has been a game changer, influencing better reaction times and communication on the rescue vessel. Not only has it limited danger to the crew due to miscommunication but has enhanced our rescue capabilities through better sound (hearing instructions through headsets, instructions from land. It is critical in an emergency situation that instructions are clear and everyone is on the same page during a rescue.

**Objectives: Please provide a brief description of the projects' objectives to be achieved and how this project meets the objectives outlines in this policy.**

We provide an essential marine "first response" capability with a mission of "**Saving Lives on The Water**." We respond to distress calls for persons and vessels involved in on-the-water activities.

Water sports and recreation are becoming more popular each passing year. There are approximately 2,000 local boaters and an equivalent number of tourist boats that transit the area annually. Being so close to "the County" as well as the Trent Severn Waterway and hosting fishing derbies such Walleye World there is an increase in participation every year.

We feel we add a significant safety aspect and value to the communities we serve providing "on call" service, 24/7 during the regular boating season. As the nearest Canadian Coast Guard station is over an hour away in Cobourg or Kingston, Brighton Marine Rescue is a local essential service equipped to deal with these situations. We partner with QSAR in our responses at times out of Belleville. We have responded to marine incidents many times in the Bay of Quinte waters and the mouth of the Trent river up to the train bridge.

**Economic Benefits: Describe the benefits of the project to the local economy.**

Any improvements made to our organization as a whole makes us better able to handle a marine emergency. Good communication in wind, rain and other elements have the potential of lifesaving capabilities when your communication system, when seconds matter is clear and in real time.

We feel we add a perceived value to Cramahe by adding a level of protection to boaters, demonstrating our care for those visiting our waters. Having on-the-water “first responders” is like having St. John’s Ambulance at an event. People feel safer and therefore will shop, boat and recreate in Cramahe, thereby giving the community an economic boost.

**What is the projected number of Cramahe residents that this funding would benefit?**

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As any event grows in popularity it’s essential to have the Municipality support a Marine search and rescue unit.

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**Partnerships: Is the project being done in conjunction with other group(s)? NO**

If YES, please list the other groups.

But we do partner with Brighton Fire and Rescue for injury or marine-related fire incidents. We have a dedicated radio for liaison with Brighton Fire. We work jointly and alongside the Fire Department, 424 Squadron, the OPP and the Canadian and U.S. Coast Guard.

**Outline the number of volunteers involved with the event / project:**

Brighton Marine Rescue is “on call” 24/7 during the regular boating season. We work in collaboration with the Canadian and US Coast Guard, 424 Squadron and CFB Trenton. We cover over 600 square miles including Lake Ontario from Colborne to the Murray Canal to the U.S. border, Weller’s Bay and Presqu’ile Bay.

We have 26 volunteers consisting of four (4-6) person water crews and land-based support. Our crew trains with the 424 Squadron, CFB Trenton, the Fire Department, Municipality of Brighton and other Canadian Coast Guard units.

**Alternate Funding: Is the project funded from another source?**

**If YES, please indicate the group and amount.**

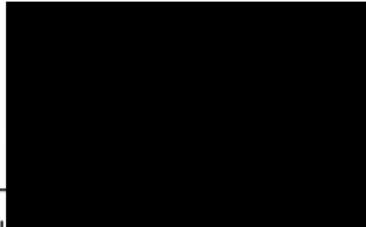
We are always sourcing funds. We hope to be successful with other grant-in-aid applications. We have yet to hear if we have been successful.

Previously, in this year 2025, we have a surplus of \$10, 000 that went towards the \$31,000.00 David Clark head set.

**What will be the outcome/results of this funding?**

This commutation system integrates all VHF Radio conversations keeping the entire crew up to speed with development and instructions during a mission when time save is paramount! It will influence better reaction times and communication on the rescue vessel.

Applicant Signature:



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Len Kulpers, Executive Director, Brighton Marine Rescue

Enclosed: 2024 Financial Statement