



## COMMUNITY GRANTS FUND APPLICATION

Please answer all questions which are relevant to your organisation – failure to do so may result in a delay in the determination of your application

<b>PROJECT</b> (In no more than 25 words)	<b>Help Keep Us Rolling!</b>	<b>GRANT AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>£2964</b>
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### Contact Details

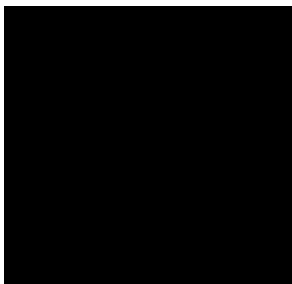
**Q1 Name of organisation making application:** Evolution Roller Derby

Name of contact for this application

Title: Miss      First Name: Sarah      Surname: Evans

Position held in the organisation: [REDACTED]

Contact Address, including full postcode:



Contact Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

Email address: [REDACTED]

### About your organisation

**Q2 What type of organisation are you?**

Tick (✓) relevant category:

Registered Charity:                      ( ) Charity Registration Number .....  
Voluntary Organisation:                ( )

Company Limited by Guarantee: ( ) Company Number .....  
Other – Please specify: Sports team

**Q3 When was your organisation established?**

2010

**Q4 Briefly describe your organisation.**

Describe your organisation, including how many members/users you have, whether there is a subscription fee and the usual activities/services you provide.  
If you are a new organisation, describe the services/activities you plan to provide.

We are a Shrewsbury-based all-gender roller derby team run by its members, for its members. We pride ourselves on providing a fun, friendly and inclusive environment to anyone over 18 who wants to meet new people, get a bit fitter and learn a new skill. We train at all levels from the basics of rollerskating to full-contact drills. We particularly provide a safe environment for members of the LGBTQIA+ community, those who are neurodiverse and those who would not feel welcomed in 'traditional team sports' spaces due to their abilities, sexuality or gender. We have 20+ members who pay monthly fees (£30) to skate at as many of our weekly 2-hour sessions as they can. There is an additional charge of £7 for kit hire. We train at Shrewsbury Sports Village on Wednesday nights, all throughout the year - we never want to stop!

**Q5 If you are a subsidiary of a larger organisation, please state which one.**

N/A

**Q6 Does your organisation have an agreed Constitution or Memorandum of Association?**

Please state which and attach a copy: We have a constitution, last reviewed in February 2024.

**Q7 What is your primary source of funding?**

Our only source of income is the fees which team members pay every month. We manage our cashflow based on the minimum number of dues-paying skaters we need to break even and see any additional income for guest skaters and kit hire as a bonus. We adjust the membership fees up and down depending on the club's financial position as we do not aim to make a profit from our members. At present, our fees are the highest they have ever been due to the continual increase in the hall hire fees charged.

**Details of the project or activity you are planning**

**Q8 Describe the projects/activity you plan to use this grant for.**

i. Try to be specific about what you will do and how you will do it.

The fees to hire half the sports hall at Shrewsbury Sports Village have constantly increased since we returned to training following the pandemic. Often this is without warning and non-negotiable. We have trained in a range of venues around the town centre, firstly at the Grange before it was suddenly turned into a gymnastics club. We then moved to the Sundorne Games Hall where we were constantly deprioritised in favour of more 'traditional sports' such as netball and cricket, despite them training seasonally and us booking the space all year round. Both venues were substantially cheaper than Shrewsbury Sports Village and since we have been there, we have struggled to stabilise our finances. We pride ourselves on being an incredibly inclusive sports space, and particularly attract those who would otherwise not be active at all due to the barriers created during sports engagement at school and concerns over gendered spaces, toxic masculinity and 'cliquey' behaviour. Our fees increasing to the current level have meant we are struggling to attract new members and our current members are finding it harder than ever to pay the monthly fees. Taking the pressure off our finances

by supporting our hall hire costs would massively change the current climate within the team and reduce the stress felt by its committee who are all volunteers alongside being team members.

- ii. Please state how you have identified this need and how the project will benefit the people of Shrewsbury, together with the estimated time span. If you are seeking continuation funding for this project, please provide evidence for this continued need.

This grant would allow us to cover 6 months of hall-hire. This would, in turn, allow us to reduce our monthly dues to a more affordable level and make the club a more attractive option to new members for the foreseeable future. Our club is often a space people say they never knew existed and that they've 'found their clan' in the friends they have met. We don't take ourselves too seriously (check our Instagram for evidence!) and whilst you're on wheels, we're trying to distract you from the fact every muscle in your body is working hard to keep you upright! This sports team is incredible for physical and mental wellbeing and is a much-needed alternative sport within the town. We are the only roller derby club in Shropshire and have survived a global pandemic where much bigger and more affluent clubs have fallen. We are well-known in the roller derby community for being the friendliest team and the one people are always surprised to hear is still going! Any continued funding would be welcomed as our club is keen to expand into social prescribing and our kit, especially essential protective equipment, urgently needs replacing. Keeping a store of well maintained, good quality equipment relieves the pressure on new skaters to feel they have to invest immediately in expensive gear, which can cost upwards of £250.

- iii. How many people from the Parish of Shrewsbury do you expect to benefit directly from your project or activity?

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**Q9 What criteria will be used to measure the success of the project and how many people from the Parish of Shrewsbury do you expect to benefit from it?**

Being able to initially maintain our current membership levels alongside growing our membership to bring in the much-needed extra income. We run a couple of 'new skater intakes' a year where we teach up to 10 new participants to skate from scratch in a number of weeks. We will be able to gather feedback from them about the club, why they have joined, where they come from and how they feel being part of the club impacts their lives.

## Health & Safety

### **Q10 What, if any, special safety issues are related to your project/activity?**

Please provide the following information:

- i. What kind of insurance does your organisation have?

We have public liability insurance up to £10 million and professional indemnity insurance up to £1 million.

- ii. Do the leaders have the relevant qualifications and/or experience?

I hold a level 2 certificate in Coaching Generic Skating Skills from the BRSF (British Roller Sports Federation). At the time this was acquired, this was the only qualification available in the UK for any kind of roller skating sports.

- iii. What policies does your organisation have in place (i.e. Health and Safety, Child Protection/Safeguarding, working with vulnerable adults, Equal Opportunities, CRB Checks etc.)? *You may be required to submit copies of your policies.*

As head coach, I have a DBS to work with children and adults. We have an EDI policy and a 'New Skater Agreement' alongside our constitution.

## Funding of your project

### Q11 Previous Applications

If you have applied for and received funding from Shrewsbury Town Council in the past please provide details of the amount, the year and briefly what the funding was used for.

Year	Project Description	Award £
N/A		

### Q12 Project Funding

Please provide details of the amount of funding you need for your project and give us a breakdown of what the money is for (please enclose any relevant estimates or details).

Tell us the amount of grant requested £2964 and provide a detailed breakdown as to how you have reached this figure

Project Expenditure Please list all items of expenditure for your project	Amount of Project
26 X 2-hour hall hire fee at Sundorne Sports Village (£114)	£2694
	£
	£
	£
	£
<b>Total</b>	£2694
<b>Project Income</b> Please list how the project shall be funded	
N/A	£
	£

	£
	£
	£
<b>What is the difference?</b> This should be the same as the amount of Grant you are applying for	£2694

**Q13 Covering a Shortfall**

If the Town Council makes an offer less than the amount requested, how will that impact on the Project and how will you cover the shortfall?

Any grant the town council were able to support us with would be greatly appreciated.

At present, we are not experts in grant funding and as a club run completely by volunteers and current skating members of the team, any contribution would relieve some pressure currently felt by us all. We will continue to keep our monthly fees at the higher level and continue to recruit skaters in the hope we manage to survive. We will also look to apply for other funding if other members of the team can gain some confidence in applying.

**Q14 Sustainability**

What plans do you have in place to ensure that your organisation becomes more sustainable and less reliant on grant funding, particularly from the Town Council?

Up until now, it has been! We have never asked for any support from STC and have tried to be completely independent, meaning we can truly say the club is run by the skaters and for the skaters. We change the club in any way we want to without any external influences which can often come with specific grant funding to cover specific activities or to reach certain demographics. Our hope would be that the financial climate will stabilise again and we will be able to offer membership to our team out to a less affluent

audience. We are losing money and aim to keep at least £2000 in our reserves which equates to a few month's hall hire should we be in arrears at any point.

### Your Accounts

**Q15 Please provide the following details from your most recent annual accounts**

Total Income	£5708
Less Total Expenditure	£6281
Surplus / Loss	-£573
Savings (Reserves, Cash, Investments)	£2435

*Please provide a copy of your most recent annual audited accounts or, in the case of newly established organisations, the projected income and expenditure for the next twelve months.*

**You need to include these documents with this application.**

### Account Details

**Q16 Please provide your bank or building society account details**

You can only apply for grant if you have a bank/building society account in the name of your organisation. We will only pay grants into an account which requires at least two people to sign each cheque or withdrawal. **These people should not be related.**

Account name: [REDACTED]

Sort Code: [REDACTED] Account Number: [REDACTED]

Bank/building society name: [REDACTED]

Bank/building society address: [REDACTED]

Who are the signatories and what position do they hold in your organisation?

- 1 Name [REDACTED] Position Treasurer
- 2 Name [REDACTED] Position Treasurer



## Any Other Information

### Q17 Any other information which you consider to be relevant to your application.

Our accounts are not audited. We are a small grass-roots sports team and have therefore only recently had the skills within the team to report on finances more professionally.

## Declarations

### Q18 Declaration

Please give details of a senior member of your organisation.

For example, this may be your Chairperson, Treasurer or Secretary. They must read the application and sign below. **(This must not be the main contact name in Q1).**

*I confirm, on behalf of Evolution Roller Derby (insert name of organisation):*

*That I am authorised to sign this declaration on its behalf, and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all replies are true and accurate.*

*I confirm that I have read the Terms and Conditions set out in the Notes which accompanied this application and further confirm that this application is made on the basis that if successful, the organisation will be bound to use the grant only for the purpose specified in this application, and will have to comply with those Terms and Conditions and any others which the Council might attach to the Grant.*

Post held in organisation: Treasurer

Title: [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Surname: [REDACTED]

Organisation address: [REDACTED] (address of other treasurer who has recently moved out of county but still skates with us!)

Postcode: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Signed: [REDACTED] Date: 4/07/2024

Q19 [REDACTED] Signature of Person Completing the Application

This must be the signature of the person named in Q1 as the main contact and **not be the same person who has signed in Q18**

*I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all the information in this application form is true and correct. I understand that you may ask for additional information at any stage of the application process.*

Signed:            Date: 4/07/2024

## Checklist

1. Have you answered every question? Y
2. Have all signatures been completed? Y
3. Have you included a copy of your constitution? Y
4. Have you included a copy of your most recent audited accounts? Y
5. Please state any supporting documents you are submitting: N/A

Please return your completed application form to:

**Town Clerk  
Shrewsbury Town Council  
Livesey House  
7 St John's Hill  
Shrewsbury  
SY1 1JD**

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