

BCRC Training Coordinator's News November 2016- Jim Davis

The 2015/6 UKSAR training grants:

4 applications were made and were granted successfully.

Derbyshire Cave Rescue Organisation applied for and successfully completed:

- A suitable purpose made confined space training dummy and transport bag (£368)
- A Rescue vehicle C1 driver training course (£556).

BCRC applied for and was partially successful in:

1. Two, one day instructed courses (each for 10 people) on shaft and pitch head rigging with the Larkin Frame (£3,570), one DCRO based, one GCRG based. The feedback from these courses was excellent. **However, they were not filled fully with only 17 (3 of which were SARA) out of 20 places taken up.**
2. One day instructed courses (60 people, two on the same date- 24th Sept 2016) on specialised communications equipment involved in Cave Rescue (£2,756), one MRO based with 30 people, one CRO based with 30 people. Workshops will be on SARCALL, The Heyphone, Nicola 3, France Phone, and Cave Link. **Due to lack of interest, the MRO based course was cancelled and the CRO based course had only 24 out of the intended 30 places filled.**

Conclusions from this have led me to make teams fully responsible for researching and completing their own applications. I shall be submitting one application for the pre-AGM training day.

Your team's new opportunity to apply for a UKSAR Training Grant:

NOTE: Teams are responsible for researching and completing their applications.

When completed, they must be sent to me as BCRC has to submit them together.

Total funding available: £500,000

Focus/theme: General – organisations can apply for any SAR related training for their volunteers – as per the definitions [online](#). For this round training can be part of existing planned and core training activities over the relevant timescale.

Considerations for you as Team Training Officers:

'Ruth Lee' training dummies- these might be available with detachable limbs to make transport easy, if enough teams want them.

Mileage budget for joint training with neighbouring teams.

Deadlines and conditions:

Deadline for applications: 5pm on Monday 19 December 2016

Decisions to be communicated by: Friday 3 March 2017

Training completed/grant spent: within 12 months of the grant offer (unless a different timescale is agreed)

Teams can download application forms using this [link](#):

<https://www.cafonline.org/docs/default-source/about-us-grant-programmes/UKSARFund-ApplicationForm-September2016.doc?sfvrsn=2>