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## **THE BEAR SEARCH AND RESCUE FOUNDATION**

Feel free to call 732-713-6298 for any advice in making out this form.

### **I. Introduction**

On September 11, 2001, Captain Scott Shields and his eleven- year-old golden retriever, Bear, traveled to Ground Zero from Greenwich, Connecticut to help in the rescue efforts at the World Trade Center. Bear was one of the first canines to search the rubble. He worked eighteen-hour days, and he is credited with finding many victims, including the beloved FDNY Chief Peter Ganci. Bear was injured while working the site and the periphery of his wound became cancerous. Although Bear recovered from this illness, he died one year later of multiple forms of cancer.

The Bear Search and Rescue Foundation was established in Bear 's name in the fall of 2002

The Foundation was created to address the needs of both canine and non-canine search and rescue (SAR) teams across the country.

### **Our Mission**

- To provide instruction in Emergency Management to Search and Rescue Teams
- To equip these teams around the country
- To provide free air transport where possible

### **II. Grant Application**

Grants are given quarterly and there are no limits but be practical. The funds must be used for proactive SAR training and/or equipment, and the Bear Search and Rescue Foundation must be listed as a funding organization on the grantee 's website.

**Eligibility**

The applicant must be an organization already in existence that serves Search and Rescue functions in the course of its work. Grant award will be determined by several factors including: the amount requested, the purpose and experience of the organization, and how the funds will be utilized. (Note: documentation must be produced that the grantee has requested three (3) bids from different suppliers for the services and/or equipment purchased through grant monies.)

**III. Application Format**

**A. Introduction Materials**

1. Name of Organization

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2. Tax I.D.# \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address (no P.O Box number) \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Organizational Focus \_\_\_\_\_

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Amount Requested \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of the Grant

What will the grant monies be used to purchase?

§ Training — from whom/what kind/where/when?

§ Equipment — what kind/from where?

**B. Background of the Organization**

Mission statement and a brief history of the organization\_\_\_\_\_

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Include a description of how the organization will acknowledge the support provided by the Bear Search and Rescue Foundation.\_\_\_\_\_

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**C. Finances**

1. Include a detailed budget describing how the funds will be allocated to program support, administrative costs, and any other budgetary needs.

2. List any other sources of funding the organization has and the amount(s) received.

**D. Attachments (these materials will not be returned)**

1. A copy of the IRS tax exempt 501(c) 3 letter.

2. A list of the Board of Directors and their affiliations
3. A copy of the organization s IRS Form 990
4. Annual Report (if available)
5. Brochures or other materials