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Organisation: **Self**
Funding Sought: **£10,000.00**

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Section 1 - Project Details

Project Name:

The Maritime Search and Rescue Bibliography

Please provide a short description of your project.

This project will complete an international bibliography listing various documents about maritime search and rescue (SAR), including but not limited to manuals of SAR organizations and selected research papers or books. The former is the primary focus.

Are you applying for funding under Engineering and Skills or Heritage?

☒ Engineering and Skills

Where will the Main project activities be delivered?

US - United States of America

If you are delivering activities in multiple Countries, please tell us where.

United States, Australia, Europe (Italy, etc.)

Please state the problem or opportunity you are going to address.

There is no single or comprehensive bibliography or listing of knowledge sources for maritime SAR in the global theatre. Without at least one such resource, students, practitioners, and enthusiasts spend large amounts of time searching among disparate sources of information. Additionally, each maritime safety organization does not necessarily communicate with others about their own reference documents, or manuals.

What is your proposed solution?

This project will solve this gap by completing such a document, i.e., a bibliography of maritime search and rescue.

It will work because of a few reasons. One is that the requirements, technical and otherwise, are low. Another is that I--the creator--have been active in maritime safety for a number of years, through which I've collected various documents on this topic. I continue to be active, being a member of a volunteer maritime SAR organization with career-goals of a professional (paid) employment in the sector.

Why should the Foundation be interested in funding your proposal?

The Foundation should be interested because the project theme matches that of one of the themes in the Foundation--maritime safety and SAR.

Additionally, the project aims to contribute to the global community, by producing something of value which has potential to improve that theme. Such a product has the potential to become a global reference document for maritime safety organizations. It may foster collaboration by facilitating knowledge sharing.

Funded work should start within four months of signing the agreement and activities should not last longer than 12 months.

Proposed start date (type in or select)

30 June 2024

Proposed end date (type in or select)

30 June 2025

Section 2 - Impact

Explain the change or difference you aim for, by reflecting on the following:

This project aims to create a positive change in the maritime safety community. The latter is sometimes (more often than it should) characterized by barriers to entry, limited communication and data sharing among organizations. The former consists of a resource that serves to potentially facilitate more communication and interaction in order to improve maritime emergency response by increasing awareness of the collective global knowledge thereof.

I expect to change the level of awareness, among all interested, of maritime SAR documents. I expect to potentially foster partnerships therein. I expect to produce a novel document.

The projects communications strategy involves both internal and external aspects. The former involves communicating it within my current maritime safety affiliation. The latter involves social media and internet communications, as well as personal emails to contacts in the discipline. I anticipate soliciting organizations to volunteer listings for the bibliography and to offer recommendations for listing.

The project will influence and benefit all maritime SAR organizations, at least those communicated with. It will also benefit the wider global public by providing a product that anyone can acquire. The knowledge provided may encourage the next generation of maritime first-responders and coordinators. It may serve as a citation or reference for researchers in academia, industry, or other sectors of society.

This will primarily be a single-person project due to its low technical requirements. However, if my communications soliciting contributions to the bibliography is well-received, then that may foster partnerships.

Being award the funding will help in a few ways. One is financial: currently making below national minimum wage, the supplemental finances will help in a general sense, and doing so will better allow me to serve in my current maritime safety organization. Two, it serves as validation for a personal project I've wanted support for, i.e., by demonstrating that there is external value in my idea and work. Some awardees of Lloyds have expressed interest in this project (email available on request), so there is indication that it will have a positive impact. Third, it will hopefully be a step toward my career-goal of operational employment in water search and rescue.

Section 3 - Contact Details

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