



Grant Awarding Policy

Adopted at a Meeting of the Council on Wednesday 20th February 2019.

Terms of reference:

Great Addington Parish Council will consider applications for grants from voluntary, community and charitable organisations. Grant applications will be considered only at meetings of the full Council. Applicants are encouraged to support their written claim at the Council Meeting where it is being considered. All grant applications must be able to demonstrate that their purpose will directly benefit the Parish, or residents of the Parish and be commensurate with the expenditure incurred, for example, spending a large amount for the benefit of only one or two people would not be acceptable. Grants will be considered at any time of the year.

Applications will be considered for the following purposes: -

The Council prefers to provide funds for capital investment or specific projects but requests for support towards running costs will also be considered. The following list is given for guidance.

1. Purchasing equipment.
2. Running costs of a viable group which is experiencing hardship.
3. Provision of recreational facilities.
4. Training activities or to hire the expertise of an outside trainer/instructor.
5. Activities raising the profile of the area.
6. Special events or celebrations taking place within the Parish.
7. Funding of transport for groups partaking in an outing.

Conditions: -

1. Grants will not be awarded to individuals.
2. Only one application from a voluntary, community or charitable organisation may be considered in any twelve month period at the discretion of the Council. Applications must be made in writing and clearly state the purpose of grant funds and be supported by sufficient detail of the project's financial budget to demonstrate a "bona fide" need.
3. The award must be used for purposes stated in the application.
4. Any unspent grant award must be returned to the Council within six months of the grant being awarded.

5. Evidence of expenditure must be supplied as requested. The Council reserves the right to request a refund of monies spent if unsatisfied with the evidence provided.
6. Donations to charities in response to general fundraising appeals will not be considered.

Eligibility: -

1. Any charitable, voluntary or community organisation that is “not for profit”.
2. Applications will not be considered from organisations intending to support or oppose any particular political party, or from any organisation that discriminates against protected characteristics defined in the 2010 Equality Act. Applications from religious groups will be considered where a clear benefit to the wider community can be demonstrated, irrespective of their religious beliefs. Compliance with this requirement will need to be demonstrated.
3. No community organisation operating within the responsibility of a statutory authority will be funded by a grant award.
4. No school activity which takes place within the school day shall be funded.
5. The Council will not fund activities outside its powers and functions.