

Greywell Grant Awarding Policy

General Information

Greywell Parish Council's aim is to ensure that our grant awarding is open, transparent and fair.

The Parish Council has numerous powers granted under various Acts of Parliament that allow it to spend money.

The General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011, allows Parish Councils more flexibility in how they spend their money within the parish. In order to use this power it is necessary that the council has a qualified clerk, and that at least two-thirds of the councillors have been elected rather than co-opted. Greywell Parish Council does qualify for the General Power of Competence and so each year the Parish Council allow an amount within their budget for grants to voluntary organisations and community groups where:

- The benefit will be to all or part of the area of Greywell
- The benefit will be to all or some of the residents of the Greywell Parish

To ensure proper and fair consideration is given to requests for funding the Parish Council require **all** of the following to be submitted to the Parish Clerk:

- A completed Greywell Parish Council Grant application form
- Up to date set of accounts and/or most recent bank statement
- Any further evidence that the organisation considers will support their application

Applications will be considered under the following criteria:

- The budgeted amount for the total of all grants for the period 1 April 2025-31 March 2026 is £200
- Applications will only be considered from voluntary organisations, registered charities or established community groups
- Applicants must be based in the Parish or proven to benefit the residents of the Parish
- By law the Parish Council cannot consider applications from individuals or for private business projects, charities operating overseas, or funds established to help persons outside of the UK
- Organisations will need to demonstrate that they are applying for the funds to support a specific project and not supporting day-to-day running costs

Further Information

- Applications cannot be made retrospectively for projects already completed
- Applications will be considered at a Full Parish Council Meeting and will only be awarded by resolution of the Full Council. Applicants are required to attend the meeting to answer any questions councillors may have
- It is expected that grant money will be spent during the financial year of receipt
- A representative of successful organisations should submit a report at the Annual Parish meeting detailing how the funds were expended and, if appropriate, how the project went

- If the organisation dissolves or the project for which the grant was awarded does not materialise the Parish Council expect the funds to be reimbursed
- There is no restriction to the amount of times an organisation can apply for grant funding, however, the history of previous applications will be considered in the decision making process
- The giving of grant aid in one year does not set a precedent for the following year

When to apply

The Parish Council prepares its budget during November therefore organisations should preferably apply by the end of October to be considered for grants for the following financial year. Any amount agreed would become available for payment after April the following year.

Ad-hoc requests can be made at any point however there is no guarantee that funds will still be available

Signed Chairman:

Signed Parish Clerk5

Date:

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