

LYMPSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

GRANT AWARDING POLICY

Introduction

Lympsam Parish Council awards grants, at its discretion to organisations which need financial support; it will consider applications from voluntary groups and charitable organisations, but not from individuals.

All Parish Councils may incur expenditure for the benefit of the locality for all or some of its residents.

Any application will be considered by the full Council.

The Council reserves the right to refuse any application or to offer a lesser amount than is requested as funds are limited.

A budget for grants will be agreed by the Council as part of the annual budget setting process in December of each year.

Application Qualification

To qualify the application must clearly demonstrate that the funding will benefit the Parish or some of its residents by:

- Providing a service.
- Improving sports or recreation facilities.
- Improving the environment.
- Hosting special events and celebrations.
- Positively increasing the profile of the Parish.
- Enabling local groups experiencing financial hardship to continue.

Eligibility

- The Council will not support commercial businesses and bodies that receive funding from other authorities.
- The Council will consider a donation to a major charity or organisation if it is felt there is a benefit to residents in the Parish.
- The Parish Council will not fund projects outside its powers and functions.

Conditions

- The money awarded must be used for the purpose for which the application was made, unless written approval has been obtained from the Council for a change to the original purpose on the application form.
- A new application should be made each year for ongoing commitments; this will be considered by full Council on its own merits.
- The Council reserves the right to ask for a refund should the money not be spent on the original stated purpose.
- The recipient will be required to complete the Application Form and to acknowledge any award made in writing, addressed to the Clerk of the Council
- The Council will not award funds to any organisation that discriminates on any grounds.
- Grants will not be given to Individuals.

Application Forms are available from the Clerk (Tel: 01934 750480) or online on the website: Lympshamvillage.co.uk.

This policy will be reviewed at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.
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