



Grants Policy

The terms under which Appledore Parish Council can award grants and donations to local charities and organisations are governed by legislation. This policy document is drawn up within those terms to provide a fair and transparent process for grants and donations.

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The Parish Council will establish a grants budget at the start of each financial year. No further grants will be awarded once the budget has been spent.

Grants must be spent for the direct benefit of the parish or residents.

Contributions to national charities, bodies and groups providing a public service on a non-profit making basis will only be made when there is a direct benefit to the parish or residents.

Applications will be accepted from local charities and non-profit groups whose work benefits the local community.

Applications from individuals will not be accepted.

Applications must meet the following criteria:

- Grants will only be awarded to help fund exceptional expenditure
- Grants will not be awarded to help fund general operating costs
- Grants will not be made retrospectively
- Applicants must demonstrate a clear need for financial support with a detailed explanation of the reasons for their application
- A set of previous year accounts (preferably audited), a current financial statement and projected income for the remaining part of the financial year must be submitted with the application
- Details of fundraising activities and applications to other bodies must be submitted with the application
- After the award of a grant, proof of expenditure must be provided to the Parish Clerk

The Parish Council will also consider grants of nominal amounts to demonstrate support for local groups or charities seeking funding from other sources for major projects.

Grant Applications

Applications must be submitted to the Parish Clerk using the Appledore Parish Council Grant Application form.

The Parish Council will endeavour to help local organisations and charities in their activities and fundraising even if we are unable to do so financially. To discuss an idea or proposal contact a councillor or the Parish Clerk.