

Marsham Parish Council

Grant Awarding Policy and Application Form

About the Scheme

The Parish Council has a small amount of money each year to allocate to organisations that benefit the parishioners of Marsham. Applications will be considered which support the objectives of the council, for example the maintenance and improvement of the village, reducing rural isolation and deprivation, youth activities, improving road safety, the support of community events. Those organisations need not necessarily be in the parish but must show evidence of our parishioners benefiting from the project.

Eligibility

The following criteria must be met for a group to be considered for a grant:

- The group must be a charity, voluntary or community organisation
- The group must be able to demonstrate that any funding from the Parish Council will benefit the residents of Marsham
- The group must be able to demonstrate that there is a 'need' for the funding
- The group must be formally constituted and have a management committee.

No grants can be made to individuals.

Scope of grants

Applications will be considered for the following purposes (at the discretion of the Parish Council):

- For purchasing equipment either in part or in full
- For funding of transport that will enable group members to participate in a group trip or outing regardless of their incomes
- For training activities or to purchase the expertise of an outside trainer or facilitator
- For activities that raise the profile of the group
- For running costs of a viable group that is experiencing a period of hardship
- For hosting special events or celebrations
- For the provision of recreational facilities
- For funding expenditure required to fulfil mandatory, legal or safety requirements.
- For funding cultural or social activities for the residents of Marsham.

Conditions

- Multiple applications within a 12 month period will not normally be considered
- Prior approval of the Parish Council is required for any change of purpose of the grant. The Parish Council reserves the right to reclaim any grant not being used for the purpose specified in the application
- All awards must be properly accounted for and evidence of expenditure should be supplied as requested. If the Parish Council is not satisfied with the arrangements, they reserve the right to request a refund of monies awarded

Application process

Applications should be made by completing the Funding Application Form available from the Parish Clerk. For established organisations, a copy of the latest set of annual accounts and balance sheet will be required. For new organisations, evidence of a planned budget will be required.

Applicants will be informed of the meeting at which their application will be considered and will be invited to attend. Applicants will be notified of the decision made following that meeting.

The Grant Process

Applications should be made on the grant application form which can be obtained from the Parish Clerk. Successful applicants will be notified following that meeting and will receive a bank transfer at the same time. Note that the maximum amount of any grant is likely to be £500, and organisations can only apply for one grant for any one project.

Promotion

The Parish Council will ask for recognition from successful groups in the form of promotion of the Parish Council in newsletters or any press releases. The Parish Council will also recognise successful groups in its own reports to parishioners.

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Funding Application Form

For all not-for-profit groups and organisations meeting within the parish and operating for the benefit of the residents of Marsham.

Name of Group/Organisation:

Registered Charity Number (if applicable):

Purpose of Group/Organisation:

Current Membership (if applicable)

Age Range	Under 5	5-12 yrs	13-19 yrs	20-54 yrs	55 +	Total Overall	Total from Marsham
Female							
Male							

Current Officers	Name	Address	Tel. No
Chairman			
Secretary			
Treasurer			

Sources of Regular Funding:

Subject of Application:

Other Financial Sources being pursued:

Documents to be sent with application:

- copies of written quotations / estimates for all costs involved

For established groups:

- latest set of accounts and balance Sheet
- details of current financial position

or for new groups:

- a planned budget

Project details and reason for application:

Total Cost of Project £

Amount requested from Parish Council £

Declaration: the above information is submitted to the Parish Council and is correct to the best of my / our knowledge.

Signature of Applicant:

Printed Name:

Position in Organisation:

Date:

Please note that the Parish Council likes to meet with all applicants, the Parish Clerk will let you know at which meeting this application will be considered.

Please send this completed form, together with supporting information to the Parish Clerk: clerk@marsham-pc.gov.uk

Data Protection

The data contained on this form will be retained for the purposes of this grant and, if you are successful, within the Council's accounts for the required seven years. The data is held securely and will not be shared or be used for any other purpose.

More information regarding how the Parish Council handles data can be found in its privacy statement.