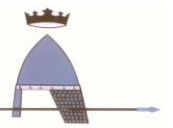




BATTLE TOWN COUNCIL



POST-COVID-19 RECOVERY GRANT APPLICATION FORM 2020

Please read the attached guidelines before completing this form. Please use black ink and block capitals.
You may continue on a blank sheet if necessary, but please put the name of your organisation on any additional sheets.

A. Your organisation

Please give us the following information about your organisation:

Name of organisation Battle Festival
Address 16 Virgins Lane, Battle, East Sussex
Post Code TN33 0JH

Description of your organisation. Please list your aims and objectives.

We are a Registered Charity (No. 1168104). Our stated charitable aim is to advance education in all aspects of the creative arts, in particular, but not exclusively, by running an open access arts and culture festival in the town of Battle each October for public benefit. To enrich the lives of residents in Battle and the surrounding area by the promotion and encouragement of all forms of art.

Details of account that grant cheque should be made payable to:

Battle Festival

B. Contact Details

Name of contact David Furness
Position Chair of Trustees
Address for correspondence (if different from above)
 As above
Post Code As above
Daytime telephone number 01424 772657
Email dfurness@mail.com

C. Your Application

Brief description of project or scheme for which grant is intended

A Summer Community Day comprising a series of open-air activities, designed by Battle residents, for residents. We want to bring people together and celebrate our community, offering a free, high-quality, joyous day of enthralling and diverse entertainment, storytelling, music, dance, and workshops for people of all ages and backgrounds. These activities, and their planning, are designed to bring everyone in the Battle community together safely after an extended period of isolation, improve wellbeing, foster teamwork, and build community resilience following the major shock of COVID-19.

Who will benefit from the proposed project or scheme and how many of these are Town Council area residents?

Residents living in the town of Battle.

Total cost of project or scheme: £10850.00

How much are you applying for? £500.00

C. Your Application - continued

Please give an itemised breakdown of the expenditure for which this money which is being applied for. Please include evidence (e.g.. suppliers' estimates or price lists) of the likely cost of all items of expenditure where possible.

ITEM	COST £
Venue Hire	200
Barriers and Crowd Management	150
First Aid	150
Publicity	100

Have you made any grant application to any other body for grant aid for this project? Yes. If yes please give details:

Name of organisation applied to	Amount applied for	Amount Received
National Lottery Community Fund	£10,000	Awaiting decision

D. Additional Information

Are there any other comments you wish to make to support this application? Please give this information below, or attach a separate sheet:

See separate sheet for detailed proposals.

By submitting this application you are agreeing to Battle Town Council's Grant Awarding Policy terms and conditions and also agree to allow The Town Council to use the awarding of a grant to your organisation, to publicise The Council's work in the community when your project is completed.

Signed

Date

Please return to Carol Harris, Town Clerk, Battle Town Council, The Almonry, High Street, Battle, East Sussex TN33 0EA. All applications will be considered as soon as possible. Successful grant payments will sent to the named contact above.

If you have any queries, please contact the Clerk on 01424 772210 or email clerk@battletowncouncil.org.uk. The office is open Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 2.00pm.

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Date received:.....

Grant awarded:.....

Amount:.....

Cheque No:

Battle Festival Community Day Proposal

We request funding for a Summer Community Day comprising a series of open-air activities, designed by residents, for residents. We want to bring people together and celebrate our community, offering a free, high-quality, joyous day of enthralling and diverse entertainment, storytelling, music, dance, and workshops for people of all ages and backgrounds. Residents will carry out a range of tasks in developing and managing this project, having a stake in the ownership of the Festival. The Day is provisionally scheduled for Saturday, 17th July 2021.

Being a predominantly rural community, with a significant proportion of residents who are or have been self-isolating, we are particularly vulnerable during the pandemic; with lockdown measures still in force, there continues to be an immediate and pressing risk of a permanent decline in the quality of life.

These activities, and their planning, are designed to bring everyone in the Battle community together safely after an extended period of isolation, improve wellbeing, foster teamwork, and build community resilience following the major shock of COVID-19.

The colourful, engaging programme includes:

- Live music performances
- Acrobatic displays
- Puppetry shows and workshops
- Dance shows
- Circus shows
- Theatre performances

All events are COVID-safe. We will observe social distancing guidelines as mandated by Public Health England.

The programme is free of charge to maximise inclusion. Residents will help us plan and run the programme through volunteering opportunities. Meetings will take place using Zoom, and we will help familiarise those new to Zoom with virtual meetings.

We will gather ongoing feedback with residents during this project, to inform our future work as we continue to support the rebuilding of our community.

Project Outcomes

Our project will support vulnerable and isolated people by involving residents from all backgrounds in the management and delivery of this project, safely connecting them with others to develop their teamwork and communication skills, improving life chances. Zoom familiarisation will offer new opportunities to keep in touch.

Therefore, this whole process will enable residents to improve their social networks. It will provide an exciting and uplifting mental focus for residents after many months of isolation and cognitive decline. People will feel healthier and happier, being part of a stronger community, thanks to this project.

It will increase civic participation through celebration. The open-air activities will help improve the appearance of our public spaces and encourage more positive use of these during the rebuilding of our community, as the focal point for safe, socially distanced collaborations between local groups.