



FELBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

CRITERIA FOR APPLICATIONS FOR S137 GRANTS

S137 grants are intended to be used to fund projects or small-scale capital expenditure for 'not-for-profit' organisations where there is no other option for funding; or for charitable donations. Where an organisation has the ability to generate income, they must show that they do not have funding available themselves to cover the cost.

Eligibility

- Applications must be submitted from recognised "not for profit" community groups.
- Applications will not be considered from individuals.
- The Council may not support applications for revenue expenditure. Revenue expenditure covers day to day running expenses such as rates, gas or electricity costs; grounds maintenance; salaries; or rent/hire costs.
- The Council will consider applications for small scale capital expenditure such as purchase of special equipment.
- Only one grant should be awarded to an organisation in any one financial year, unless there are exceptional circumstances.
- Applications cannot be made retrospectively for projects or capital expenditure items.

Procedure

- Applications for grants should be made to the Council in writing (email accepted) to the Clerk
- Applications must be made using the FPC S137 Application Form
- The Clerk will notify applicants in writing of the Council's decision

Submitting Applications

- The applicant/s must state clearly the purpose for which the grant is to be used. Successful applicants may use the grant only for the purpose stated on the application form.
- All applications should be accompanied with an up to date set of accounts and the organisation's current Constitution or Rules. A copy of the organisations latest bank statement may be requested. (This only applies to organisations who are income generating).
- The Council may request the applicant/s to make a presentation outlining the project proposed and the benefits accruing to the community prior to the award of the grant.

National Guidelines

- Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 permits councils in England which do not have the general power of competence to incur expenditure for purposes for which they do not have a specific power.
- Councils should first try to identify a specific power for expenditure (including grants):
- Section 137, unlike the general power of competence, is a 'power of last resort'.

