



Lawley & Overdale Parish Council (the Council) will consider applications for grants from voluntary or community groups, and charitable organisations.

To qualify for an award the applicant must be able to demonstrate that any funding from the Parish Council will benefit:

1. The residents of the Parish
2. Regional/National Charitable organisations providing a service, which may benefit the local community.

The Clerk to the Council (The Clerk) will review all applications received and they will then be considered at the next meeting of the Full Council. Applications are welcome throughout the year.

In determining the validity of an application, the Full Council will refer to the following guidelines:

Applications will be considered for the following purposes: -

1. For the purpose of purchasing equipment either in part or in full.
2. For the funding of transport that will enable group members to partake in a group trip or outing regardless of their incomes.
3. For training activities, or to purchase the expertise of an outside trainer/ instructor/ facilitator.
4. For activities that raise the profile of the area.
5. For running costs of a viable group that is experiencing a period of hardship.
6. For hosting special events or celebrations.
7. For the provision of recreational facilities.
8. For costs associated with starting up a new community group or charity.

Determining Applications

All grants made to organisations will take into account the following criteria: -

1. The number of local people benefiting from the grant.
2. The nature of the benefit to local people.
3. The annual income of the organisation.
4. The annual expenditure of the organisation.

Conditions: -

1. Grants will not be awarded to individuals.
2. Additional applications within a 12-month period will not be considered.
3. Applications must be sent to the Clerk.
4. The award must be used for the purpose for which the application was made.
5. If the group is unable to use the award for the stated purpose, all monies must be returned to the Parish Council.
6. Financial status as per item 16 on Grant application form "Please supply details of your most recent Annual Accounts below or attach a copy of your last audited accounts". We regret that a grant will not be considered without this information.
7. A member of the organisation may be asked to attend a Council meeting or contact the Clerk to discuss the application.
8. All awards that are made must be acknowledged upon receipt and it is expected that the Council will be acknowledged for their support in any publicity connected with the project.
9. In reaching a decision about an application, the Council will consider the sustainability of the applicant.
10. All awards must be properly accounted for and evidence of expenditure should be supplied as requested.

11. Successful applicants will be required to submit a monitoring form on the success of the project. Failure to meet this requirement may result in a request for funds to be returned.
12. If the Council is not satisfied with the arrangements per item 19 on the grant application form, they reserve the right to request a refund of monies awarded.
13. Grant funding will be limited to £500 per application. However, consideration will be given to applications exceeding this amount in exceptional circumstances. Please contact the Clerk directly to discuss.

Eligibility: -

1. The Parish Council will not fund activities outside its powers and functions.
2. The Parish Council will not fund projects that are already underway or have been completed.

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