



WYTON ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL.

GRANT AID TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Funds are allocated annually to provide grants to cultural, sporting and community groups serving Wyton on the Hill.

COUNCIL AIMS

- To enable local people to participate in voluntary groups and activities.
- To help voluntary groups in the parish to improve effectiveness.
- To ensure the provision of services, needed by parish residents, via the voluntary sector.
- To support organisations which meet the needs of people experiencing social and economic difficulties.
- To ensure that there is equality of access and opportunity for all parish residents to the services it provides and funds.
- (The Parish Council defines a voluntary group as a non-profit making organisation, set up and run by a voluntary, unpaid management committee.)

CAPITAL PROJECTS (SPECIAL PROJECTS)

As a general rule the Council will apply a scale of up to one third of costs for projects up to the current maximum amount of grant aid of £5,000 with the following priorities:

1. projects for the provision of facilities where none currently exists.
2. projects for the correction of health & safety failures.
3. projects for the replacement of provision which has come to the end of its natural life.
4. projects for the improvement or replacement of existing facilities.

Low interest loans may also be available.

REVENUE GRANTS (GENERAL GRANTS)

Small grants available to assist with purchase of equipment or the provision of services and, in exceptional cases can be made available to help with operating costs.

Applicants must:

- be 'not for profit' organisations, (commercial undertakings cannot apply)
- be undertaking work within the Wyton on the Hill Parish and must demonstrate a need for the service within the community that it operates
- be properly managed and able to demonstrate that they are able to achieve the objectives for which the grant is applied for
- normally be seeking funding for a one-off projects or events

- be prepared to provide detailed financial information

PARISH COUNCIL CRITERIA

- Grants are made only to organisations or clubs meeting the needs of residents of the Wyton on the Hill Parish.
- Grants are made only to non-profit making organisations or projects.
- Applicants should apply to all other relevant statutory bodies and show evidence of their own fund-raising.
- All applicants must provide annual accounts and a copy of the group's constitution to support their application. Balances held by the organisation will be taken into consideration when deciding levels of grant aid.
- Grant aid money will only be released against proof of expenditure for the project approved.
- Grants will not be made to cover money already spent.
- Organizations will be required to return grant-aid if they close, or if a project or services funded by the Council, is not satisfactorily provided.
- Groups will be required to report back on their activities
- Groups will be required to acknowledge the Parish Council's support in annual reports.

TIMETABLE FOR APPLICATIONS

Applicable only for Capital Project grants. Organisations can apply for Revenue Grants at any time during the financial year but will only be granted if affordable from in-year fundingResources.

January

Information and application forms available

31 October

Closing date for applications

November

The Council consider the applications when setting their budgets for the following financial year.

Following the meeting applicants will be informed of decisions.

April

Grants will be available for successful applicants (subject to any special conditions).

Approved grants will then be valid until the end of the financial year following their approval. If not taken up by 31st March following approval, the grant will be lost and reapplication necessary.