



**EVENLEY**  
PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Grant Awarding Policy and Procedure** **Adopted on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

### **Introduction to Policy**

A grant is any payment or gift made by the Parish Council to an organisation for a specific purpose that will benefit the Parish, or residents of the Parish, and which is not directly controlled or administered by the Parish Council. The law requires that Section 137 grants must be “in the interests of or will directly benefit the area or its inhabitants, or of part of it, or some of it” and “the direct benefit should be commensurate with expenditure”. Similar considerations will apply when considering applications for other grants.

### **Policy**

The Parish Council awards grants, at its absolute discretion, to organisations which can demonstrate a clear need for financial support to achieve an objective which will benefit the Parish by:-

- Providing a service,
- Enhancing the quality of life,
- Improving the environment, and promoting the Parish of Evenley in a positive way.

The Parish Council will NOT award grants to:-

- Private individuals,
- Commercial organisations,
- Purposes for which there is a statutory duty upon other local or central government departments to fund, or provide to “Upward funders”. (ie. local groups where fund-raising is sent to a central HQ for redistribution),
- Political parties,
- Religious organisations: unless for a purpose which does not discriminate on grounds of belief.

This list is not exhaustive, and may be added to at the council’s discretion.

Only one application for a grant will normally be considered from any organisation in any one financial year.

The Parish Council will not make ongoing commitments to award grants in future years. A fresh application will be required each year. This will be at the discretion of the council.

Grants will not be made retrospectively.

## **Application Procedure**

Organisations requesting financial assistance are required to submit by 1st November in the year preceding their funding requirement:

- A completed application form,
- Copies of their last year end accounts,
- The number, or percentage, of members that belong to the organisation, or that use the organisation's facilities, and that live within the Evenley Parish Area,
- Details of any restrictions placed on who can use/access their services,
- Confirmation (on the application form) that it agrees with the Parish Council's Equal Opportunities Policy, or give details of their own policy.

Organisations will normally be expected to have clear written aims and objectives, a written constitution, and a separate bank account controlled by more than one signatory.

Projects notified and included in the Parish Council's budget will only have the funds released on completion of the work.

All grants awarded will be subject to regular 'report back' to Evenley Parish Council as to progress and/or community benefit.

## **Assessment Procedure**

At the Parish Council's annual budgeting meeting an amount will be set from which grants will be awarded during the following financial year. Once the grants budget is exhausted, the Parish Council will only consider emergency requests for assistance, and generally only from organisations with whom it has close links.

An unplanned grant request, once received in writing, will be considered at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Each application will be assessed on its own merits. However, to ensure as fair a distribution as possible of available funds, the Parish Council will take into account the amount and frequency of any previous awards, and the geographical spread within the parish. Due account may also be taken of the extent to which funding has been sought or secured from other sources or fund raising activities.

The Parish Council may make the award of any grant or subsidy subject to such additional conditions and requirements as it considers appropriate. The Parish Council reserves the right to refuse any grant application which it considers to be inappropriate, or against the objectives of the Council. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Parish Council from exercising, at any time, its existing duty or power in respect of providing financial assistance or grants to local or national organisations under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972, Section 137.

## **Successful Applications**

A grant award must only be used for the purpose stated on the application. If the organisation is unable to use the money, or any part of it, for the purpose stated, then all monies, or unexpended part of such monies must be returned to the Parish Council.

Organisations receiving grants are required to advise their users/members that the grant or equipment has been received from Evenley Parish Council.

Where equipment is gifted to an organisation, the Parish Council requires that it be insured and maintained at the expense of the user.

## Grant Application Form

Please complete this form and attach the relevant information and send to:

The Clerk to Evenley Parish Council, 10 Orchard Place, Westbury, Brackley, NN13 5JT, or e-mail to: [clerk@evenleypc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@evenleypc.org.uk)

<b>Name of organisation:</b>	
<b>Contact details:</b>	
<b>Telephone No</b> <b>E-mail</b>	
<b>Position within organisation:</b>	
<b>Is your organisation a registered charity?</b>	
<b>If yes, what is the charity number?</b>	
<b>Please provide details of the project for which funds are required:</b>	
<b>Total cost of project:</b>	
<b>Grant requested from Evenley Parish Council:</b>	
<b>Have any funds been requested/agreed from other sources?</b>	
<b>When will the funds be required?</b>	

Signed..... Date.....