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Community Grant Scheme, Granted to You 2018 - Application Guidance

What is the 'Community Grant Scheme, Granted to You'?

The Community Grants Scheme is a unique way of distributing grants for projects which help improve communities by giving residents the power to decide. Community groups can bid for a grant to help them run a small local project and residents will vote to make the final decision on which projects will be delivered in their neighbourhood. The funding has been made available by Chandler's Ford Parish Council and is allocated to community groups in Chandler's Ford.

Who can apply?

Community or voluntary organisations that provide a service to, or specifically benefit residents within the Chandler's Ford Parish Council area. Organisations should be not-for-profit and hold a bank account requiring at least two signatories. A member of your organisation must be available to attend and present your project and take part in your local voting event.

How much can I apply for?

Organisations may apply for small grants between £200-£1,500 (Funding must be allocated by 31 October 2018 and spent within 4 months). A total of £10,000 is available as the unallocated funds from 2017 have been carried forwards.

The closing date for applications is the 1st September 2018

How will the money be distributed?

A Voting Event will be held on 17 September 2018 to which residents are invited:

Event - Chandler's Ford Parish Council – 17 September 2018 Fryern Pavilion, Greenways
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Where can projects be delivered?

Projects must be delivered in, or benefit residents from, the area for which the funding is applied, as described above. This funding aims to support small, local projects. As there was no event in 2017 successful applicants in 2016 are able to participate in the scheme.

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What are the Aims of the “Granted to You” Scheme?

The Community Grant Scheme will fund small projects that specify clearly how they will improve local communities. This could include aims such as:

- Environmental benefits
- Healthier lifestyles and activities
- Support for disadvantaged people

Important points to consider when making an application

1. Ensure your project is benefiting the community;
2. Applications for both new and existing activities are welcome;
3. Remember, you can apply for a grant between £200 - £1,500
4. Ensure you are able to deliver your project and spend this funding before 1 April 2019
7. If your application meets all the criteria it will be put forward for consideration at the appropriate Local Event. Ensure a member of the organisation will be available to attend the event and to give a short talk (3 mins max) about the project.
8. If your application is successful you will be required to complete a monitoring and evaluation form.
9. All applications should include estimates of the costs involved (including VAT if not recoverable), evidence / receipts will be required as part of the monitoring and evaluation at the end of the project.
10. Funding will not be provided for completed projects
11. Organisations should not commit themselves to any project reliant on the funding before any final decision is made.
12. Decisions made by the public at the Local Voting Event are final.

‘Granted to You’ will not grant fund:

- Projects which relate solely to religious purposes,
- Projects which discriminate in any unreasonable way between sections of the community,
- Projects which will only benefit individuals, (5 or less)
- Political activities,
- Organisations applying on behalf of a third party.
- Any ongoing running costs of an organisation. (i.e. utility costs etc)

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What if I need further support to apply?

Support is available to help groups to develop project ideas and offer guidance on presenting their ideas at the events. Please see the contact details below.

What happens after I submit the application form?

Before the events, applications will be assessed to ensure forms have been completed correctly, that the criteria has been met, and check the applications for legal or practical delivery issues. This is NOT a pre-selection process – all applications that meet the criteria will go forward.

If your application meets the criteria, your organisation will be invited to the Local Voting Event in November 2016. You will have five minutes to introduce your project and you must be prepared to answer questions from the public. The public will also have a sheet on the day which will include information about your project taken from your application form.

The public will then vote on the proposals. The projects with the most votes will receive funding and subject to conditions in the 'who can apply' section above being met, monies will be issued to groups as soon as possible. The money must be allocated by 30 September 2018 and spent no later than end of March 2019, after which a monitoring and evaluation form will need to be completed.

If you have any queries or require further help, support is available by contacting the Parish Clerk on 023 8026 6612 or via email on clerk@chandlersford-pc.gov.uk