

## **Grants Policy**

The criteria for eligibility are as set out below:

1. Applicants must prove that their voluntary run organisations' aims and objectives are for the benefit, and contribute to the life of the parish of Bishop's Waltham.
2. The Council does not grant funding to individuals or businesses; however, these may be considered under the General Power of Competence (Localism Act 2011).
3. The Council does not normally grant fund organisations whose function is primarily undertaken by the Health Authority or Hampshire County Council's Social Services.
4. The Council does not grant fund political or quasi-political organisations or political or quasi-political projects.
5. The Council will consider granting financial assistance to support community events.
6. The Council will consider granting financial assistance for the purchase of capital assets.
7. The Council may consider granting financial assistance to offset regular annual running costs.
8. The Council will consider grant applications in excess of £2000 on an individual basis.
9. The Council will only consider an application if accompanied by the required financial and organisational information.
10. The Council will only consider one successful application in each financial year from individual groups and organisations.
11. The Council will consider providing funding to assist voluntary run organisations that are not based in Bishop's Waltham but benefit residents within the parish.
12. The Council does not make grant funding on a retrospective basis.
13. Grants will not be awarded for organisations to pass on money.
14. All grant recipients will be required to provide a written report to the Parish Council detailing how the grant was spent prior to the next Annual Parish Meeting.

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