



# BURNHAM-ON-SEA & HIGHBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

## GRANTS POLICY

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The Town Council welcomes grant applications and its aim is to ensure that public funds are used to benefit the residents of the community of Burnham and Highbridge. Each year the council will budget for the award of grants. The Policy and Finance Committee consider grant applications for recommendation to Full Council.

### **Who can apply?**

Within the Town Council's area, 'not-for-profit or charitable organisations e.g. voluntary groups, community organisations, societies, clubs (including new start-ups), sports clubs, youth clubs and playgroups to purchase equipment, or schools for special events i.e. for activities not on the normal curriculum. The Council will also consider grants where it feels that to do so will benefit some or all of its residents or some or all of the area e.g. large events.

## **Who cannot apply?**

- Private Organisations operating as a business
- For projects where expenditure has already occurred
- Organisations intending to support or oppose any particular political party or to discriminate on the grounds of race, religion, age, sexual discrimination, marital status or disability
- It is unlikely that an individual would be awarded a grant by this council.

## **What would a grant be given for?**

- Capital Projects – non recurring expenditure e.g. purchase of equipment, works to buildings, improvements to premises
- Revenue grant – towards general running costs, for a specific reason
- A community Event

## **How will the application be assessed?**

- All applications must be completed on the Grants Application Form
- With regard to the amount that can be asked for; consideration will be given to the overall amount of the project and also to other sources of funding, including a contribution of some of their own funds.
- If the request is for a £1000 or more, the applicant will be asked to present their application to the Committee and answer any relevant questions
- The Chairman and the Town Clerk/ Responsible Finance Officer will check that all the supporting documentation has met the Council's criteria. The application form (only) will be circulated to all members of the Policy & Finance Committee.
- Applications must be received 7 working days before the Policy and Finance meeting, to allow checks to be carried out as to completeness and to obtain any further information that maybe necessary
- The Council has the discretion to reduce the amount given from that being asked on the grant application form
- The Committee will take into account any previous grant made to an organisation or group when considering a new application

Recipients of grants from the Town Council may be required to attend a meeting of the Town Council to inform Members how the grant has been expended.

Recognition of the grant from Burnham-on-Sea & Highbridge Town Council must be made in any publicity.