



GOOD EASTER PARISH COUNCIL

Grant Awarding Policy

This policy was adopted at a Full Council meeting on 23rd July 2020.

The grant awarding policy budget will be set as per the precept annually. There shall be no limit to the amount that can be awarded to any applicant, subject to it being within the constraints of the budget.

Good Easter Parish Council has the General Power of Competence and therefore the statutory power to award grants.

When awarding a grant, the Parish Council shall believe it is in the interests of and will bring direct benefit to their area or any part of it or all or some of its inhabitants.

Grants must be formally applied for using the Good Easter Parish Council Grant Application Form together with all supporting documentation as requested in that form. The Parish Council particularly welcomes applications from organisations that can provide evidence of match funding.

Grants may be submitted and considered at any time of the year up to the financial limit of the grant awarding budget.

Grant applications will be assessed on the following criteria, which are in no priority order

- The benefit to all or part of the parish of Good Easter
- The benefit to all or some of the residents of Good Easter parish
- What proportion of the residents will benefit from the grant
- The assessment of the viability and robustness of the application
- The availability of Parish Council funds for grants.

The Parish Council reserves the right to reject applications or to reduce the award made.

The Parish Council wish to encourage applications from a wide range of different organisations and as such, will not guarantee the awarding of a grant to a single organisation on an annual basis.

Grants will not be considered if the applicant has any money overdue to the Parish Council.

Awards will not be made to:

- Commercial enterprises set up to generate profit
- Those supporting party political issues or supporting or opposing a political party
- Health, education or welfare organisations whose services should be provided by statutory funding
- Individuals

The Parish Council reserves the right to request copies of the organisation's audited accounts, or in the case of a charity, their annual return. A copy of the organisation's latest bank statement is required to be included with the application and it will be into this account that the grant will be paid and not an individual account.

Grant applicants if they wish, can address the meeting at which their grant is considered. For further details please contact the Clerk.

If awarded a grant, it will be expected that the funding will be described as coming from the Parish Council in all public communications, such as websites, press releases and newsletters.

Conditions:

1. Applications will not be considered from individuals.
2. Applications will not be considered from organisations intending to support or oppose any particular political party, or to discriminate on the grounds of race or religion.
3. Applications will not be considered from private organisations operated as a business to make profit or surplus.
4. Applications will not normally be considered from national organisations or local groups with access to funds from national 'umbrella' or 'parent' organisations, unless funds are not available from their national bodies, or the funds available are inadequate for a specified project.
5. The organisation must have clearly stated aims and objectives.
6. The organisation must provide or propose to provide an activity or service that is believed to be clearly needed by the local community or by a particular group of residents.
7. The organisation must provide a written constitution that has been formally adopted by the membership, or in the event of a less formal organisation, a similar written document.
8. Good Easter Parish Council reserves the right to reclaim the grant in the event of it not being used for the purpose specified on the application form.
9. Grants will not be awarded on a retrospective basis but only on future funding requirements.
10. Organisations that receive a grant are required to acknowledge the contribution from Good Easter Parish Council on publicity and printed material.

Policy Review Due: July 2021



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Grant Application form 2020-2021

Please continue on a separate page if required or contact the Clerk for a word document version

Your organisation's name and address

This should be as provided in your constitution or set of rules

Main contact and telephone number

This must be someone who we can contact to talk about this application

Contact's position in the organisation

e.g. Secretary, Treasurer

Address for correspondence if different from above

**Please confirm the type of organisation (i.e. Charity, unincorporated association etc).
If your organisation is a registered charity, please give a registration number**

What are the main activities of your organisation?

Please give the reason as to why your organisation has applied for money from the parish council and details of how the money will be used. If it is for a specific project, please provide an intended timetable and outcome for the project

Please explain how the provision of money to your organisation will be of benefit to the community of the parish of Good Easter

Please indicate what your organisation has done to obtain funding from other sources Include completed applications from other bodies, sponsorship from local businesses etc

Please indicate what fund-raising events your organisation has carried out or plans to carry out to raise funds for this project

Tell us how much money you need IN TOTAL for your project and give a break down of what the money is for. Where possible, please include at least two estimates for work or equipment

Item or activity	Cost
Total	

How much are you requesting from the Parish Council?

Please include with this application:

1. Any supporting evidence needed for the project
2. Evidence of secured funding or applications for other funding
3. Estimates or quotes for work / equipment where appropriate
4. A copy of your organisation's latest bank statement

Declaration

I confirm that I am authorised to sign this declaration. The information in it is correct to the best of my knowledge. If this application is successful, the grant will only be used for the purposes specified in this application and in the grant award letter.

Signed

Dated

Position (if applicable)

Please return the completed form to the Parish Clerk at the address or below
Coronation Cottage, The Street, Woodham Ferrers, Chelmsford, CM3 8RQ

Clerk_goodeaster@btinternet.com