



Lymington &
Pennington
Town Council

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GRANT POLICY

The Council makes limited funds available on its budget to assist community organisations that directly benefit the residents of Lymington and Pennington.

The Council is committed to providing assistance and support to local community groups or organisations serving the community which it does not support in any other way. The Council's financial support is made by way of grants.

The Council's grant making policy aims to:

- Help the Town's voluntary groups and organisations improve the general wellbeing of the Town.
- Support organisations which meet the needs of people experiencing social and economic difficulties.
- Ensure there is equality of access and opportunity for all residents to the services it provides and funds.
- Enable the local community to be involved with and participate in local clubs and organisations.

Applicants should consider the following guidelines carefully when deciding whether to submit an application.

1. The membership or service provided by organisations/groups must be open to anyone and benefit the people of Lymington and Pennington.
2. All organisations/groups must forward a copy of their constitution which outlines their aims and how it is organised, controlled and administered.
3. Organisations must provide a copy of their previous year's audited accounts.
4. Organisations/groups must be non-profit making.
5. Grants should be considered as a one-off donation and organisations should not expect further grants.
6. Applications will be considered for projects at all levels of ability. Projects should ideally be run by a cross-section of abilities and cultural backgrounds.
7. The organisation/group shall provide the Council with evidence that the grant has provided benefit for the funding awarded for the purposes identified in the request and Application.
8. It should be noted that if all criteria shown is met, there can be no guarantee that your application will be successful.

Failure to fulfil criteria, incomplete forms or failure to produce additional information upon request may result in the application being unsuccessful.



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Grants will be assessed considering the following:

- The complete Application Form and additional information;
- If a grant has been received before;
- The set up and management of the organisation/group applying for the grant;
- The organisation/group's finances and the financial requirement for funding;
- The need/demand for the project for which funds are being applied;
- Whether the project provides value for money for residents of Lymington and Pennington;
- Whether the project supports and involves the wider community;
- Information regarding efforts to secure other sources of funding.

All applications are to be submitted to the Town Council by 31 October in any given year.

The Grants panel will then meet to consider the allocation of grants in November of any given year. Recommendations will be approved and organisations that have been successful with their application will be notified and invited to a meeting of the Council to receive the grant.