



Watton Town Council

GRANT POLICY AND APPLICATION PACK

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What are the eligibility criteria for, and conditions relating to grants?

The Town Council requires all applicants to comply with the following eligibility criteria. Please read this carefully before submitting your application.

The applying organisation should be a properly constituted voluntary or public sector body and should be either based wholly in Watton, or able to demonstrate that its beneficiaries are resident in Watton.

The organisation concerned should demonstrate that it is providing a service outside the scope of or in addition to normal public or private provision.

Grants or donations are not payable to organisations or charities operating abroad.

Grants or donations cannot be utilised to "sponsor" named individuals e.g., aspiring sportsmen etc.

Where a grant is awarded towards a capital project, the organisation concerned should be able to demonstrate that it has clear plans for raising the remainder of the necessary finance.

Where a grant is given towards the purchase of equipment or as a contribution to building works etc., the grant will only be paid once an invoice has been received from the organisation concerned, or upon the production of other equivalent evidence to the satisfaction of the Town Clerk.

If a grant is made in advance of a copy of any invoice being submitted the invoice copy should be forwarded to the Town Council within 90 days of the expenditure being made.

A condition of any grant is that the Town Clerk reserves the right, on behalf of the Council, to inspect any purchase of furniture and equipment, etc., or any building work that has been carried out, to verify that the grant has been used for the purpose authorised.

Where a "starter grant" is provided, the Town Council will need to be satisfied that the organisation concerned has proposals to become self-supporting.

Organisations applying will need to provide a set of audited accounts for the previous financial year (except in relation to new organisations).

Help and advice

The Town Clerk can be contacted for further details about grants. The Town Council's offices are situated at Wayland Hall, Watton. You can contact the Town Council by telephone on 01953 881007 or e-mail clerk@wattontowncouncil.gov.uk.

WATTON TOWN COUNCIL GRANT APPLICATIONS

What are grants for?

The Town Council allocates a yearly fund to give grants to charitable, voluntary and public sector organisations. This is to support the work carried out by groups who undertake activities that benefit Watton residents. This fund will be divided quarterly.

Who can apply for a grant?

The types of organisation that can apply for grants are, for example, Charitable Organisations, Pre-school Playgroups, Youth Clubs, Sports Clubs, Art Groups, Advice Organisations etc.

The fund is intended for projects that will benefit Watton residents as a whole, and so there are some cases where we are not able to provide grants.

These include:

General Appeals (e.g. national/international disasters)

National Organisations without a locally-based group

Individuals (e.g. sponsorship for individual sportsmen and women)

How much grant is available?

There will be a maximum of **£500** per grant application. The Town Council will consider each application on its merits, and the sum awarded may vary from that requested.

How do I apply for a grant?

If you think you might qualify for a grant, complete the enclosed application form and return it to the Town Clerk. You will also need to send a copy of your latest accounts.

How is the decision made?

If you are awarded a grant, you will be advised as soon as possible after the decision has been made at a meeting of the Full Town Council. Grants are considered at the end of the month meetings in June, September, November and March.

Successful Applicants

The Town Council requests all successful applicants to give a short presentation at the Annual Town Meeting on how the grant money has been spent.

Application Checklist

The following Check List may assist you in completing your Grant Application Form. Applicants are advised to read through the list below before submitting their completed forms.

Have you completed **ALL** sections of the form?

(If you are unable to complete any part of the form, please indicate why in your supporting statement, or write "not applicable" where appropriate).

Does your application set out how your Organisation meets the requirements of the 'eligibility criteria'? **(See page one)**.

Have you enclosed your Organisation's latest set of accounts?

(If you are unable to provide these for any reason, you **MUST** indicate why in your supporting statement).

Have you signed the statement on page 4 of your application form to certify that all the details are correct?

Does your application explain how Watton residents would benefit from any grant awarded to your organisation?

Please return your form as soon as possible to the Town Clerk, to enable your application to be considered by the Full Town Council.

Data Protection Act 2018

To comply with this Act, we require you to consent to Watton Town Council using personal data supplied by you in the processing and review of this grant application and in any other legitimate activity of Watton Town Council: this includes transfer to and use by such individuals and organisations as Watton Town Council deems appropriate.

Watton Town Council requires your further assurance that personal data about any other individual is supplied to Watton Town Council with his/her consent.

Your signature on the Application Form confirms this assent and assurance.

WATTON TOWN COUNCIL GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Please complete **all sections** of this form clearly using black ink.

A. Your Application

1. Name of organisation in full:
2. Name of Contact (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other):.....
3. Name and address of person making the application (to whom all correspondence *will* be sent):
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4. Daytime telephone number:
5. E-mail address:
6. Name of person/organisation cheques should be made payable to:

B. Your Organisation

7. Registered charity number (where applicable):
8. Year organisation established:
9. What does your organisation do? *Please give aims and objectives. If you have a publicity leaflet, please attach this too.*
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10. Please state whether your organisation is:
Watton based for Watton people? Yes/No Watton branch of a national organisation? Yes/No
Watton based serving a wider area? Yes/No Local organisation partly serving Watton? Yes/No
11. Where are your organisation's headquarters?
12. What is the total Membership of your organisation?
13. How many Members live in Watton?
14. Please give the names and addresses of the Officers of your Organisation?
Chairman
- Treasurer.....
- Secretary.....

C. Grant Request

- 15. How much grant are you asking for? £
- 16. What is the total cost of the project? £
- 17. What will you use the grant for?
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- 18. How many people in Watton do you estimate will be receiving help from the grant?
- 19. Are funds available from other sources?
(If yes, please give details)
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- 20. What fund raising efforts will your organisation be making?
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D. Additional Details

- 21. Please indicate the age range of the beneficiaries of any award - e.g., young children/youth/adult/senior citizens.
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- 22. Please provide a set of your organisation's latest **AUDITED ACCOUNTS**, together with details of income and expenditure for the current year. If a large reserve and/or surplus is indicated in your latest annual accounts please explain below why you are applying for additional funds.
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- 23. Please use the space below to include a **STATEMENT** in support of your request. *(This must include details of how your organisation meets the 'eligibility criteria' set out in the information pack included with this form. In addition you should include details of the ways in which you would publicise how the Town Council has assisted you, if your application is successful).*

E. Statement in Support of Grant Request

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F. Certification

I certify that the above information and the contents of the attached documents are correct at the time of applying. I understand that if any of the information is subsequently found to be incorrect this may lead to the organisation being disqualified from consideration and/or the withdrawal of any grant awarded. I agree to my organisation being bound by the eligibility criteria and any conditions set by the Town Council.

SIGNED: **DATED:**

For Official Use Only:

Approved: **Yes / No (Please circle)** **Date:**.....

Resolution:

Proposer: Councillor.....Seconded: Councillor.....

For:.....Against..... Abstentions.....Date.....