

REDBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

GRANT APPLICATION CRITERIA 2020-2021

Please read these notes carefully before completing the form.

1. Not all the questions contained in this application form are relevant to all organisations, but it is important to receive as much information as possible to help the Parish Council decide upon your application. The Parish Council welcomes any supporting information that you believe will better explain and assist your application. If there is insufficient space on any part of the application form, please indicate and attach a separate note.
2. When making your application the Parish Council will consider requests that adhere to some or all of the following criteria:
 - a) The grant can be for capital expenditure, running costs (but not staff costs) or a special event
 - b) Any project, time specific or ongoing can be considered for a grant.
 - c) The grant must be spent in accordance with the approved application and not for any other purpose.
 - d) The grant should be for a bona fide organisation and not an individual
 - e) The grant is for non-political reasons.
 - f) Where a grant is given to a voluntary body, the body must be required within 12 months to state in writing the use to which the money has been put.
 - e) Only one application per financial or calendar year from each organisation can be made.
3. Requests for grant aid will only be considered from the following categories:
 - a) A Redbourn-based charity.
 - b) An organisation serving the needs of the citizens of Redbourn.
 - c) Citizen(s) of Redbourn requesting grant aid with a project/event, which will be for the benefit of a wider group.
 - d) A Redbourn-based club/association/organisation serving a specific section of the community, or the community as a whole.
 - e) The Parish Council as a body does not affiliate to any political party and therefore will not provide grant aid to support activity of this type in the Parish.
 - f) Any award of a grant must give direct benefit to all or some of the inhabitants, and the size of the grant should be commensurate with the benefit delivered.
4. Supporting Documentation:
 - a) A copy of the full accounts of the organisation (if applicable showing all general and special balances) must be sent with the application form.
 - b) All applications for a grant must declare any other grants that have been received in connection with the submission.
5. No grant will be considered for private or commercial societies or organisations or closed clubs (those clubs that have a selective/restrictive membership policy).
6. The applicant must declare the full purpose of the grant and clearly define benefits derived from the funding.
7. Invoices or documentation **must** be supplied as evidence of the expenditure of the grant for the purpose for which it was awarded. You will be required to complete and return a grant evaluation form within 6 months of the award being made. Failure to comply may jeopardise future grant applications.

8. There will be no change to the intended use of the grant without express written authority of the council.
9. Failure to achieve the specified purpose of the grant or unauthorised variation shall require the recipient to return the entire grant to the Parish Council.
10. Grants will be considered by the Finance Committee who will give their recommendations to Full Council for approval. Grants will not be awarded retrospectively.
11. Where funding is given for an event, the organiser must indemnify the Parish Council against any claim from any party as a result of any incident or accident associated with the said event. Where funding is awarded for any other purpose the Council cannot be held responsible or liable in any capacity.
12. Redbourn Parish Council reserves the right to purchase items on behalf of any club, society or organisation.
13. The Parish Council makes grants to voluntary, cultural, charitable and sporting organisations for the benefit of the local community. They will take account of the objectives of the association and the degree of benefit arising from the grant in assessing its priorities.
14. Please detach and return the form to:

*Chris Kenny, Clerk to the Council
Redbourn Parish Council
The Parish Centre, The Park
REDBOURN AL3 7LR*

15. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the application, please contact the Parish Clerk on 01582 794832.