

EAST FARNDON PARISH COUNCIL – GRANT POLICY

This Policy sets out the Parish Council's position and procedure with regard to the award of grants under S137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

General information for applicants

S137 enables a Parish Council to spend a restricted amount of money on projects which will be of direct benefit to its community, either as a whole or in part, when there is no other legislation allowing it, provided there is clear evidence that local people support the project and are involved in carrying it out. If the council is specifically prevented by legislation from spending money on an item or service, it cannot use S137 to circumvent the restriction.

Eligibility

The Parish Council will award grants at its sole discretion to organisations within the parish that demonstrate a clear need for financial support to benefit the parish by providing a service, enhancing the quality of life of East Farndon residents by improving recreational facilities or the environment or through positive promotion of the Parish of East Farndon.

What will not be considered?

We will normally reject applications from:

- Projects which are the prime statutory responsibility of other government bodies or would normally be funded by a local or regional authority
- Projects which improve or benefit privately owned land or property
- Support for individuals or private business projects
- Applications by "for – profit" commercial organisations
- From regional and national organisations unless it can be clearly demonstrated that the grant would be used specifically for East Farndon residents
- From organisations with political affiliations or those established for the purpose of forwarding a party political agenda

Level of funding

This process is intended to support organisations in small projects, typically below £100. There is no lower limit.

When and how to apply?

- An application should be made in writing to the Parish Clerk
- An application can be made at any time, and your application will be considered at the following Parish Council Meeting
- An Applicant may make only one grant application per financial year

How will decisions be made?

All applications will be considered on their merit and the amount of any grant awarded will be at the sole discretion of the Parish Council and there will be no right of appeal.

Conditions of grant

The Parish Council may make the award of any grant subject to all or some of the following conditions:

- As a minimum, you will write to confirm receipt of the grant for audit purposes
- In order to fully understand your project or activity, Parish Councillors may wish to visit your project or activity, prior to it commencing. They may also wish to conduct a site visit once your funded project is underway
- Funding must only be used for the purpose agreed with the Parish Council and if the monies are not spent on the items agreed, they must be returned
- Should a project be cancelled for example, or the funds, or part of, not be required, then any surplus grant funds must be returned

- The Parish Council would ask that you acknowledge its support in your publications, publicity and annual reports.