



Langton Matravers Parish Council

Grant Award Procedure

Introduction

The Council has a budget for the award of grants. The Council can only award grants using certain legal powers. Where there is no General Power of Competence, the Council may only use Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 to give grants to community organisations. This power may only be used if its use will benefit some or all of its residents or some or all of the area and where the benefit obtained is commensurate with expenditure incurred. This means that grants cannot be given to individuals.

The Council may of its own volition grant awards to local organisations that provide a clear and direct benefit to the Council itself. Otherwise, the Council will consider awarding grants based on the application process set out below.

Grant Criteria

Grants will be considered by the full Council. Grant applications must meet the grant criteria listed below.

1. Applications must be made on the attached form.
2. Organisations applying for a grant should be properly constituted, with appointed officers and bank account.
3. All applications will be considered on their merits.
4. The purpose for which the grant is made must be in the interest of Langton Matravers Parishioners.
5. Groups from outside the Parish can apply for a grant but must be able to demonstrate direct benefit to the area and the residents of Langton Matravers.
6. The Council will take into account any previous grant made to an organisation or group when considering a new application.
7. The amount of the grant will be at the discretion of the Council.
8. Retrospective applications will not be funded where the expenditure has been made, the project has been carried out or the event has taken place.
9. Payments for grants will not be paid to individuals.
10. Grant recipients are required, if so asked, to provide the Council with a brief report, including photographs (if applicable) of how the grant has been utilised, how it has assisted the organisation and what it has achieved. This may appear in the Dubber and/or the Council website.
11. If the grant is put to purposes other than those for which it was awarded without the prior approval of the Council or the award is not spent within a reasonable time then the recipient organisation will be required to repay the grant to the Council.

Assessment and Funding Conditions

The Council will normally consider grant allocation at the February Council meeting. The deadline for applications is 31st December. To ensure as fair a distribution as possible, the Council will take into account the amount and frequency of previous awards. Each application will be assessed on its own merits and will be considered along with other applications at the meeting. In particular, the Council will consider:

- How well the grant will provide benefit to Parishioners.
- How effectively the group will use the grant.
- Whether the costs are appropriate and realistic.
- The on-going financial viability of the organisation.
- What level of contributions has been, or will be, raised in addition to the grant.

Conditions of Funding are as follows:

- Applications will not be considered from any organisation intending to support any political party or to discriminate on any grounds including race, gender, ethnicity, and religion.
- Applications will not be considered from commercial and profit-making organisations.

The Council reserves the right to refuse any grant application which they consider to be inappropriate or against the objectives of the Council.

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Application for a Grant

Under the General Power of Competence or Section 137 of the Local Government
Act 1972

Please return this form to Parish Council Office, 1A High Street, Langton Matravers, BH19 3EU
no later than 31st December.

Name of Organisation
Is the organisation a Registered Charity *YES/NO (*please delete as appropriate) If yes, please indicate the Charity Number: NB Some organisations are entitled to Charity Status through membership of a national organisation. If this applies to you, please name the national organisation
Objects and aims of your organisation (use separate sheet if necessary)
Would the grant that you seek be applied for the general benefit solely of the parishioners of Langton Matravers or for a wider area? (use separate sheet if necessary)

Is the grant requested for a specific project? *YES/NO (*please delete as appropriate)

If NO, please proceed to the next box

If YES, please give details of the project – Detailed estimated/breakdown of costs should be provided. (use separate sheet if necessary)

Cost	£
Funds Raised	£
Funds Promised	£
Balance	£

Commencement Date

Completion Date

Other possible sources of finance

If a grant is not for a specific purpose, please state the amount requested and describe how it will be used (use separate sheet if necessary)

Any other relevant information you would wish the Council to consider in support (use separate sheet if necessary)

Name of Applicant

Applicant's role within the organisation.....

Address

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Signed Date

The following documents need to be attached: Full supporting audited accounts for the last financial year; a copy of a recent Bank Statement.