

Compton Bassett Parish Council reveals new Community Grant scheme.

Compton Bassett Parish Council has launched a new grant scheme designed to support village initiatives that enrich the life and wellbeing of all those living and working in the Parish.

It is asking for applications for financial support from local community groups, voluntary organisations, non-commercial clubs, and individuals. All grants must demonstrate a clear benefit to residents of Compton Bassett.

The Council's policy explains that grants are **normally awarded for specific projects rather than ongoing running costs**, and applications must show how the project will *"benefit the community, improve quality of life, enhance the environment, and support the interests of the parish."*

Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include:

- Local community groups
- Voluntary organisations
- Non-commercial clubs
- Individuals

What the Council Considers

Applications are reviewed at a Parish Council meeting and assessed on their merits. The Council may take into account:

- Previous awards
- Other funding sources
- Overall budget availability
- Evidence of community benefit
- Evidence of fair procurement for capital projects (normally three quotations)

Funds must be used only for the purpose stated in the application. *"Otherwise, the monies shall be returned to the Council"* unless prior written consent is given.

Information Required

Depending on the nature of the application, the Council may request:

- Accounts for the last two years and recent bank statements
- A project budget and supporting evidence
- A copy of the organisation's Constitution or Rules
- The number or percentage of members living in Compton Bassett
- Evidence of other fundraising
- Proof of progress for larger grants

Reclaimable VAT cannot be included in grant funding

Conditions

The Council cannot award grants for:

- Political activities
- Restricted-membership organisations
- Religious activities unless open to all and of direct community benefit
- Retrospective funding
- General running costs or overheads
- Loan repayments
- Projects that should be funded by statutory bodies
- "Upward funders" whose income is passed to a central HQ

Each approved project will be assigned a Parish Council mentor to oversee expenditure and progress.

Reporting Requirements

Recipients must:

- Submit a progress report within six months
- Acknowledge the Council's support in publicity and, where appropriate, display signage

Failure to report may result in the Council requesting the return of funds.

How to Apply

Applications must be made using the official Parish Council grant application form. Normally, only one grant is awarded per applicant per financial year.

PLEASE APPLY VIA :

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