



COLNEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

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GRANT AWARDING POLICY 2020

POLICY STATEMENT:

A GRANT OR SUBSIDY IS ANY PAYMENT MADE BY THE COUNCIL TO BE USED BY AN ORGANISATION OR INDIVIDUAL FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE IN THE FURTHERANCE OF THE WELL BEING OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, EITHER GENERALLY, OR FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE AND WHICH IS NOT DIRECTLY CONTROLLED OR ADMINISTERED BY THE COUNCIL.

GENERAL

1.1 The contribution made by the many organisations and individuals to the well being of the local community is recognised by the Council as important to our society. The purpose of any grant or subsidy given by the Council is to support initiatives in the local community and to help create opportunities for the residents of Colney Heath Parish that are not, as a matter of course, funded by the Council.

1.2 These notes have been prepared to explain the main details of the Council's Grants/Subsidy Scheme. Please read them carefully before you complete the application form.

1.3 Although the Council will give as much help as possible, the administration of and accounting for any grant or subsidy shall be the responsibility of the recipient.

1.4 There is a limited budget each year and guidance will be given to applicants as to how much money is available in a specific financial year. For 2020/21 this amount has been agreed as £6,500. It is important that all questions on the application form are fully answered and that any appropriate additional information, which supports an application, is provided. It is expected that applicants will seek advice from Council Officers on these matters.

1.5 The scheme provides start-up awards for new as well as grants for existing organisations.



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1.6 Grants/subsidies are awarded once a year in April. The deadline for applications is Wednesday 1st April 2020. If monies remain in the budget there will be a second round of applications and the deadline for these applications will be Wednesday 14th October 2020.

CONDITIONS OF FUNDING

1. Applications will be considered from individuals as well as organisations.

Applications will be considered for day-to-day running expenses and individual projects.

2. Applications WILL NOT be considered from:

- Organisations intending to support or oppose any particular political party or to discriminate on the grounds of race, religion or sexual orientation.
- Private organisations operated as a business to make a profit or surplus
- “Upward funders”, i.e. local groups whose fund raising is sent to their central HQ for redistribution.

3. Applications will not normally be considered from national organisations or local groups with access to funds from national “umbrella” or “parent” organisations, unless funds are not available from their national bodies, or the funds available are inadequate for a specified project.

4. Applications from religious groups will be considered where a clear benefit to the wider community can be demonstrated irrespective of their religious beliefs. Compliance with this requirement will need to be demonstrated throughout the project.

5. Applications from education, health or social service establishments will be considered where the organisation can demonstrate that it is working in partnership with other groups and where there are benefits to the wider community within the Parish.



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6. The organisation will normally be expected to have clearly written aims and objectives, a written constitution and membership rules, copies of which should be submitted as part of the application. In addition, an organisation must demonstrate that it is properly managed and able to run its affairs responsibly. Individuals should include references to back their application.
7. All applications must demonstrate clearly how a grant or subsidy will be of benefit to the local community within the Parish.
8. An organisation is required to submit audited accounts or accounts that have been independently examined by a suitably qualified person, for the previous two financial years or, in the case of a newly formed organisation, a detailed budget and business plan.
9. An organisation is required to have a bank account in its own name with two authorised representatives required to sign each cheque.
10. Ongoing commitments to award grants or subsidies in future years will not be made. A fresh application will be required each year.
11. Each application will be assessed on its own merits and will be considered along with other applications and must be submitted by the deadline. To ensure as fair a distribution as possible, the Council will take into account the amount and frequency of previous awards.
12. Due account will be taken of the extent to which funding has been sought or secured from other sources or own fund-raising activities.
13. The Council may make the award of any grant or subsidy subject to such additional conditions and requirements, as it considers appropriate.
14. The schedule for the allocation of grants, payment of awards and all other details will be proposed and agreed at the April Full Council meeting.



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Schedule for Application, Notification and Payment of Grants 2020

Date	Action
7 th November 2019	Budget process commenced, and allocation of grant amount approved – 2020/21 £6,500
20 th February 2020	Council to agree documentation and timetable
24 th February 2020	Applications for 2020/21 open
1 st April 2020	Deadline for 1 st round of applications
16 th April 2020	Full Council to decide and assess applications
w/c 20 th April 2020	All applications notified of outcome
21 st May 2020	Payment of successful 1 st round applications
If money remains 2 nd round process will be as follows:	
20 th July 2020	Applications for 2 nd round 2019/20 open
14 th October 2020	Deadline for 2 nd round of applications
5 th November 2020	Full Council to decide and assess 2 nd round applications
	Budget process commences, and allocation of grant amount approved – 2021/22

This Policy, the grant application form and schedule for allocation of grants was adopted by Full Council at its meeting held on 20th February 2020.

**Signed by Lisa Chaplin LCGI (Hons) CPFA CiLCA
Clerk to the Council**