



GRANT APPLICATION FORM

with

Guidance Notes

And

Conditions of Funding

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Guidance Notes

Aim of Williton Parish Council Grants Policy

The aim of the Parish Council's Grants Scheme is to promote an active community in Williton. The Parish Council recognises and supports the valuable contribution made by the voluntary sector to the well-being of the community. We provide financial support for community organisations working for the benefit of Williton parishioners, with the intention of improving the range of services and activities in the village.

The Definition of "Grant and Donations" means monetary funding.

Grants for consideration should be submitted to Williton Parish Council.

Once submitted to the Parish Council, all applications will be scrutinised by the Parish Clerk using a well-established points-based assessment system to assist Parish Councillors reach their decision.

Who can apply for a grant?

Below, examples are given of types of organisations to which grants may be given:

- Charitable Organisations
- Youth/Senior Citizen Groups
- Sports Clubs and Arts Groups
- Advice Organisations
- Organisations assisting the Disabled

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

The organisation must be based within the Parish of Williton and must be able to demonstrate that it benefits a significant number of people living in Williton and how.

What can grants be used for?

Grants can be used for capital projects (e.g. lasting assets) or for running costs. Examples of what grant might support include:

- Equipment
- Development
- Health
- Projects
- Publicity

The Grants and Donations Scheme is unable to support: -

- Costs of routine maintenance and repair of equipment (unless in exceptional circumstances)
- Salary or routine administration costs
- Individuals
- Hospitality

Applications will be considered under one of the following categories: -

Older People (50 and over)

To maximise opportunities for independent living and to provide support and assistance when deemed appropriate.

Young People (0 – 25)

To support a wide range of activities to empower young people and meet their social, educational or leisure needs.

Arts and Culture

To support community involvement in local arts and cultural activities and to promote cultural services which benefit the Parish of Williton.

Sports and Recreation

To support community participation in local sports and leisure activities to enable clubs to develop and improve the sporting infrastructure.

Health

To support health related issues.

Highways and Transport

To facilitate access and sustainable transport schemes by community and voluntary activity.

Enhancing the Environment of Williton Parish

To improve the environment of Williton Parish; safeguard and enrich its heritage resources / biodiversity and to sustain community life. (e.g. nature conservation, recycling, local history)

Charitable and Advice Organisations

Organisations who offer advice free of charge and charitable organisations that are of benefit to the residents of Williton Parish.

Organisations assisting the disabled

Organisations that offer support and assistance to the disabled residents of Williton.

How much grant is available?

Only one application from any group or organisation will be considered by the Parish Council in any financial year. The Parish Council maintains a register of successful applicants to prevent multiple awards each year. The total amount of grants made in any one year will be restricted to the amounts set out in the Parish Council's annual budget under Sections 137 and 145 of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Council gives variable grants. Although there is no maximum limit set on the amount that can be applied for, the annual grants budget is limited, and the amount requested usually exceeds the amount available. It is important that all questions on the application form are answered as fully as possible to provide a detailed picture of the activities of your organisation within the village.

We are not able to provide grants for:

Because this fund is for projects that will benefit Williton parish residents, there are some cases where we are not able to provide grants, including, but not limited to:

- General appeals (e.g. national/international disasters)
- National organisations without a locally based group
- Individuals (e.g. sponsorship for individual sportsmen and women)
- To 'branches' that could be funded by their main organisation
- Commercial enterprises which aim to generate profit
- Projects with party political links
- Projects which discriminate on the grounds of age, colour, impairment, marital status, lifestyle and culture, nationality, race, gender or sexuality, or on the grounds of economic or social status
- Services which should be provided by statutory funding
- Projects considered to be the responsibility of the principal authority
- For buildings that are uninsured

Conditions of Funding

Applicants are required to supply: -

A completed application form available from the Parish Council Office or it may be **downloaded from the Parish Council website www.willitonparishcouncil.org** and be accompanied by the documentation requested below: -

- Audited accounts or accounts that have been independently examined by a suitably qualified person, for the previous financial year (or in the case of a newly formed organisation, a comprehensive budget and business plan, also a Committee structure and bank account details)
- Latest bank statement
- A statement in support of your request (including photographs and plans if applicable)
- A copy of your organisation's constitution.

The organisation should have a bank account in its own name with at least two authorised representatives required to sign each cheque. The Parish Council reserves the right to request any additional information to aid determination of the grant.

All applicants completing an application form will be deemed to have read and agreed to the requirements outlined in these Guidance Notes and Conditions of Funding'.

All sections of this application form must be completed and returned with the necessary documentation not later than 8 working days prior to the meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee. Applications received after that date will be carried forward to the next meeting.

Applicants should be aware: -

- If the project is relying on funding from the Parish Council, it should not be started until the award of a Grant or Donation has been confirmed in writing by the Parish Clerk.
- **If a project has already started, it cannot be funded through this scheme.**
- Grants will not be awarded retrospectively.
- Grants may be for less than the amount requested.
- If the group is unable to use the grant for the stated purposes and within the stated timescale, monies must be returned to the Parish Council.
- The Grant must be used only for the purpose for which the application was made. To support the grant the Parish Council will ask for an end of project report. Where projects extend beyond a 12-month period, an interim report will be required.
- Award for funding which are not for projects within the current financial year will be considered on a case by case basis.
- The Committee's decision will be final.

Who can I contact for more information or advice?

If you have any questions, require further information or would like help filling in the form please contact:

Mrs Michelle Francis
Parish Clerk
Williton Parish Council
2 Killick Way
Williton
Taunton
Somerset
TA4 4PY

Tel: 01984 633979

Email : clerk@willitonpc.org.uk

PLEASE READ THIS PRIOR TO COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION

To avoid the Parish Council making inappropriate grant of public funds it is a requirement that the following documents MUST accompany your application.

- 1 A copy of your organisation's **CONSTITUTION**.
- 2 Copies of your organisation's AUDITED OR INDEPENDENTLY EXAMINED ACCOUNTS and balance sheet, together with up to date **STATEMENTS** of all current and investment account balances held by the group, if the accounts are for a period ending more than six months prior to the application date. (Independent checks can be carried out by anyone not associated with your organisation. The accounts then need to be signed and dated by that person).
- 3 In the case of a newly formed organisation, a **BUDGET and BUSINESS PLAN** must be submitted.

The Parish Council is committed to operating within an equal opportunities framework. If you are a newly formed group, you may want to use the following equal opportunities statement until you develop your own.

This group/project is committed to working in a way which value and treats all people with respect and dignity and celebrates diversity. The group/project, through its practices, will ensure that no member, service, user, employee, volunteer , job applicant will receive less favourable treatment or suffer unlawful discrimination on the grounds of age, colour, impairment, marital status, lifestyle and culture, nationality, race, gender or sexuality, or on the grounds of economic or social status.

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL GRANT APPLICATION FORM

To enable this form to be photocopied please complete **all sections** using black ink

(*Delete as appropriate)

Name of Organisation:

Correspondence Address:

Name and Address of Person Making the Application:

Name: (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)

Address:

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Postcode:

Email address:

Telephone Number: Daytime **Evening**

Preferred method of contact, please tick appropriate box

Tel: ☐

Email: ☐

Post: ☐

1. When was your organisation formed?

2. What does your organisation do?

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3. Is your organisation a registered charity *YES/No (If yes, please give number)

State Registered Charity Number:

4. Is your organisation part of, or affiliated to, any national organisation? *YES/NO

If yes, please give details

5. Where does your organisation meet?

6. If rented, what is the approximate annual cost?

7. What are your present charges/subscriptions/fees:

8. Briefly describe the project or purpose for which you require a grant and how the project or purpose will benefit the community or residents of Williton.

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9. Approximately, how many people do you expect to benefit from this project?

Age Group	In Williton Parish	Outside Williton Parish
0 – 2		
26 - 49		
50 and over		
All ages		
Special or minority groups (please specify)		
TOTAL		

10. How do you think your application matches to Parish Council Grants Policy?

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11. Category under which you would like your application to be considered

Older People		Young People	
Arts and Culture		Sports and Recreation	
Enhancing the Environment of Williton		Highways and Transport	
Charitable and Advice Organisations		Organisations assisting the Disabled	
Health			

12. What is the identified need for your proposal?

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13. Please include a brief statement in relation to the environmental impact of your proposal

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14. When do you intend your project to start?
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15. How will you measure the success of your project?
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16. What size of grant are you seeking?
£ (The Council cannot make a determination if the amount is not included)
17. What is the total cost of the project for which you are seeking a grant?
£ (please include budget)
18. If you are not applying for the full amount, please specify where the remaining funds will come from:
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19. Have you applied for, or do you plan to apply for a grant in respect of this project to any other organisation (including Local Authorities)? * YES/NO
- If YES, please give the following details:
Please include details of all applications both successful and unsuccessful.
- | Organisation | Purpose | Successful/Unsuccessful
(If money is not yet received but
promised, please include) | Amount Received |
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20. Please give details of your organisation's own fund-raising efforts:
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21. Please add any supplementary information in support of your application. (Additional literature, leaflets or recent annual reports may be enclosed with the application)
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22. Have you previously received, or applied for a grant from Williton Parish Council?
*YES/NO
If YES, please give details of amount(s) and year(s) and purpose:
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23. **BANK DETAILS**

Name of Bank:

Name of Account:

Sort Code:

Account Number:

Number of signatures required to issue cheques

24. Where did you learn you could apply for a Williton Parish Council grant?

Noticeboard		Website	
Press		Minutes	

Other (please specify)

25. **DECLARATION**

I declare that:

I have read and accepted the Guidance Notes and Conditions of Funding and have answered all questions fully and truthfully. I also declare that any grant made will be used solely for the purpose outlined in this application.

Williton Parish Council will be recognised on any materials produced and in any form of publicity as a result of this grant.

I understand that:

Williton Parish Council reserves the right to request a list of names and addresses of members of your organisation.

Williton Parish Council may ask for additional information at any stage of the application process. I will be required to submit details showing how the grant funding was used. Williton Parish Council reserves the right to reclaim the grant in the event of it not being used for the purpose specified.

The application form and supporting information will be copied and placed on the public agenda for Parish Council meetings. Personal data that has been supplied will not be disclosed and will be held by Williton Parish Council in accordance with the Data Protection Act.

Name Signed

Position Date

26. Have you found this application straightforward to complete? *YES/NO

If No, please let us know of any improvements we can make to assist applications.

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APPLICATION CHECK LIST

The following checklist has been prepared to assist you in completing your Grant Application Form. Applicants are advised to read the list below before submitting the completed application form.

- Yes/No Have you completed **ALL** section of the form?
(If you are unable to complete any part of the form, please indicate why in a supporting statement, or write 'not applicable' where appropriate).
- Yes/No Does your application set out how your organisation meets the requirement of the 'eligibility criteria'?
- Yes/No Have you signed the statement on the last page of your application form to certify that all the details are correct?

Please return your application form with the documents as listed as soon as possible **and NO LATER THAT 8 WORKING DAYS BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MEETING.**

When completed, this form together with supporting document should be sent to

Parish Clerk
Mrs Michelle Francis
Williton Parish Council
2 Killick Way
Williton
Taunton
Somerset
TA4 4PY

Or e-mail clerk@willitonpc.org.uk

Please note you will be required to provide the Parish Council with details and/or photographs of how the Parish Council grant funding has been spent should you be successful in your application.

Acknowledged		Statutory Power	
Decision		Informed	

Signed (Chairman)