

Kennington Parish Council

Community Grant Policy agreed and adopted on 10 February 2015 last reviewed on 13 March 2025 (minute No: 557.24)

Kennington Parish Council has the following two stage process for considering all requests for grants.

1. All requests for grant aid will be discussed initially to decide whether or not to offer a grant.
2. Once it has been decided to offer a grant then the following guidelines will be followed in deciding the level of grant aid. Applicants must clearly show how any assistance given will benefit the people living in the parish or will benefit the environment of Kennington.
 - a) National organisations/charities who submit non-specific requests, if approved, would receive a token grant of up to £25. Copies of accounts would not be necessary. Any organisation wishing to apply for a larger grant must follow the application process set out in the Community Grant application form, specifying how they benefit the people or environment of Kennington, as stated above.
 - b) Preference would be given to local groups for special projects and to encourage new groups to start up.
 - c) There should be evidence that district-/county- based groups supply a local need.
 - d) All organisations, if they are local or district-/county- based groups, should provide copies of their latest accounts.

CONDITIONS

- Only one grant per organisation will be given by the Council in any financial year.
- The grant can only be used for the purpose stated in the application and the Council reserves the right to reclaim any grant not being used for the specified purpose in the application. If a group wishes to change the purpose of the grant they must seek approval by writing to the Council, who will consider whether or not to approve the change.
- The grant recipient will be required to inform the Parish Council of full details of how the monies have been spent within three months of receipt.
- Monies will not be paid into personal accounts.
- Grants cannot be awarded to individuals.
- Grants will not be awarded to overseas charities.
- Grants for organisations without a constitution and / or bank account will be considered by Kennington Parish Council, but recipients may be subject to additional reporting requirements.

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- If a grant is awarded to an organisation without a bank account, the money may be paid directly to a supplier / provider on behalf of the recipient, e.g. to pay for room hire or purchase of equipment.

The council reserves the right to reclaim the grant if any of the above conditions are not met.

REVIEW PERIOD

To be reviewed every two years unless there is any specific changes in between.