

CHARMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

GRANTS AND DONATIONS POLICY

General

This policy sets out the procedure to ensure there is compliance with general legislation and in accordance with The Local Government Act 1972 and The Bribery Act 2010.

This Policy may only be amended or varied by resolution of the council.

Preference to be given to funding which solely benefits residents within the Parish but consideration and funding may be given to wider charitable causes which include residents within the Parish.

Policy Regulations

1. Due Diligence to be practiced, including, but not limited to: research into the Accounts, Financial Standing, Objectives, Methods, any Political affiliations of the person or body seeking funding.
2. Such monetary amount(s) that are requested and or agreed to be paid, must not jeopardize or detriment prevailing or future Financial Security, Financial Commitments or Financial Arrangements of Charminster Parish Council.
3. Impartiality to be maintained in regard to Race, Gender, Age, Creed, Social Background as governed by the Equality Act 2010.
4. A Grant or Donation cannot be made to an individual for their own use, no matter what use and how good a cause that use may be (e.g. sponsorship)
5. A grant can be paid to an individual where that individual is carrying out a service which benefits the residents within the Parish as defined in the Local Government Act 1972 : 'is in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to, their area or any part of it or all or some of its inhabitants'
6. Grants and Donations cannot be made to fund political activities.
7. Any Grants or Donations made available will be funded directly from the Parish Precept.
8. Any organisation making a Grant or Donation request should be a non-profit making voluntary organisation.
9. All applications for Grants or Donations shall be made using the Grant Awarding Form to the Clerk who will arrange for those applications which meet the Policy criteria to be considered at the next meeting of the Council.
10. Successful applicants shall provide details of to whom payment should be made.
11. Successful applicants must provide a receipt for the payment.
12. Where a request for a Grant or Donation is agreed, the Council shall determine the amount, using the figure stated by the applicant as a guide only.
13. The Council may request that applicants provide written feedback explaining how the Grant or Donation has benefited their group/organisation and the residents of the Parish. If feedback is required, this will be communicated in the decision letter.
14. The Council's decision on any application is final and there is no right of appeal.
15. The Council reserves the right to decline any application without giving reasons for its decision.
16. The Council will not commit to any continuing expenditure.
17. The amount of money that can be spent will be capped under Section 137 of The Local Government Act 1972 at the prevailing monetary amount per electorate or used on the General Power of Competence if appropriate.