

# **General Grants Policy**

**2015**

## **Devizes Town Council General Grant Policy**

The Town Council's "General Grant Policy" provides financial aid to organisations

Before considering a grant request, consideration should be given to determine if it meeting the Councils ""Grant Policy". Where it does this should be used

The Council will distribute the majority of the general grant budget at the October meeting of the Community & Civic Resources Committee. Any residue budget can be distributed at the following March meeting of the same committee.

The Council will consider earlier applications if it feels there financial position of a organisation warrants it.

Applications must be submitted on the approved applications form supported by the most recent copy of audited accounts.

Application will be initially reviewed by the Community Grants Working Party, who will make recommendation for the Community & Civic Committee to consider including if a grant should be awarded and if so to what level.

Organisations will be eligible to apply for free venue use if they meet the following criteria:

- *The applying organisation must be either non-profit making voluntary or of charitable intent. Individuals are not eligible for a Town Council Grant.*
- *The applying organisation will be able to demonstrate it has an open membership to the majority of the residents of the parish of Devizes with no prohibitive barriers to entry.*
- *Such an organisation's activities will benefit the residents of the parish of Devizes.*
- *Applications need to be made using the Council's "Applications for a Community Grant" form.*
- *Applications forms must be submitted by the published due date each year.*

The Community & Civic Resources has discursion in the following areas;

- *The value of the grant to be awarded.*
- *Defer a decision pending further information*
- *Refuse a grant Application*

Organisation which are awarded free use of Council Venues must acknowledge it.