

General Grants Policy

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Devizes Town Council (“DTC”)

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DTC’s “General Grants Policy” regulates the provision of financial aid to organisations either based in, or working with individuals based in, the geographical area covered by DTC

Before considering a grant request, consideration must be given to determine whether it meets the criteria set out herein.

DTC will distribute the majority of the general grant budget at its October meeting, referring to the recommendations of the Community Grants Working Party of the Community & Civic Resources Committee. Any residual budget can be distributed at the meeting normally scheduled for March in the following year.

The Council will exceptionally consider more urgent applications if it feels the financial position of an organisation warrants it.

Applications must be submitted on the approved application form supported by the most recent copy of audited (or as the case may be, independently examined) accounts.

Applications will be initially reviewed by the Community Grants Working Party, who will make appropriate recommendations to the Community & Civic Committee. Grants will not typically exceed £500.

Organisations will be eligible to apply to the Community & Civic Resources Committee for Grants and/or free venue use if they meet the following criteria:

- An applying organisation must be either not-for-profit, voluntary or a Registered UK charity.
- Individuals are not eligible for a grant under this policy.
- An applicant must be able to demonstrate it has a membership open to residents with no discriminatory barriers to entry.
- Such an organisation’s activities must be to the public benefit of residents.
- Applications must be made using the Council’s “Applications for a Community Grant” form.
- Applications forms must be submitted by the published due date each year.

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The decision to give a grant or free use of a venue is at the sole discretion of the Community & Civic Committee.

The Community & Civic Resources Committee has sole discretion in the following areas;

- the value of any Grant to be awarded
- the timing and conditionality of any such Grant

Organisations which are awarded a Grant or free use of a Council Venue must acknowledge it in their promotional material.

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