

## **S.137 Policy. 2022-23**

### **Brief.**

S.137 of the local government Act 1972 enables a Local Authority to issue grants for what it deems to be in the interest of its public service obligations. Such grants must be demonstrably in the interests of the people within the Parish. The Council cannot donate for any purpose contrary to other legal limitations.

### **Organizations that are applicable for a grant application.**

1.1 The following is a non-exclusive list of organization types that are applicable to submitting a grant application to the Parish Council:

- Charities.
- Not for profit organizations.
- Community groups.
- Local Volunteer groups.
- Unpaid management committees.
- Local start up group.
- Any other type of organization that the Council deems is reasonably definable as being for the public good.

### **Organizations and functions that are not applicable to a grant application.**

2.1 The following is non-exclusive list of organizations or projects types that not permitted to submit a grant application to the Parish Council.

2.2. Prejudicial or sectarian organizations.

These are any organizations which are objectively by action and policy to be negatively discriminatory towards people on grounds of:

- Disability.
- Gender.
- Age.
- Ethnicity.
- Nationality
- Sexuality.
- Political leanings.
- Religion.
- Economic class.

2.3 Other types of organizations which are not applicable are listed here:

Political organizations.

- Religions organizations.
- Groups that have alternative means of funding.
- 'Umbrella organizations' or local branches of larger national organizations.
- Paying off private or corporate debts.
- Private Individuals.
- Branches of public bodies.
- Research centres.
- Animal welfare organizations.

Overseas organisations.  
Maintenance of Church Properties.

2.4 Any project with a dubious reputation or is run by persons of poor standing and a serious criminal record.

2.5 Any project that does sufficiently demonstrate that it directly benefits the community of Pauntley Parish.

### **Application process.**

3.1 The application must have a reasonably provable benefit to the community.

3.2 The following points will be used by the Council upon consideration of any legitimate grant application. Moreover, the Council reserves the right to request evidence from the applicant in support of any of these points:

- General utility and viability of the applicant's project.
- Evidence of financial and managerial competence.
- A functioning bank account.
- Evidence of previous successful grant usage.
- Closed/limited membership.
- Evidence of good leadership and communication.
- The Applicants must demonstrate that they have lawful residency status within the UK.
- The Applicants must demonstrate that they will (if applicable) only hire persons with lawful residency status within the UK.
- The proposal should be clearly written and easy to understand.

3.3 The benefit will be relative to the money given.

3.4 That the grant would be legal.

3.5 That the use of the grant can be observed and reported back on.

3.6 If successful application will be paid in an accountable manner.

### **Proposed process.**

4.1 The application made in writing.

4.2 The Council review of application in the next appropriate meeting.

4.3 The Council resolves on the application. If not, the Council may defer the resolution to a later date if sufficient reason is given.

4.4 If the vote to resolve fails there will be appeal process, consisting of a single repeat of 4.2 after new information has been included into the application.

4.5 The Grant payment is made at an expedient time.

4.6 The Grant cannot exceed the budgeted amount for the financial year, nor the restrictions emplaced on it by s.137(4) and schedule 12B of the same Act.

- 4.7 Periodic review/report of the Grant's use to be arranged between the parties and recorded in writing and minuted.
- 4.8 Final review of the Grant's effectiveness for any future projects.
- 4.9 The payment of a grant must be stated in the minutes as being empowered by virtue of s.137.
- 4.10 S.137 is to have a separate column in the cashbook.

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