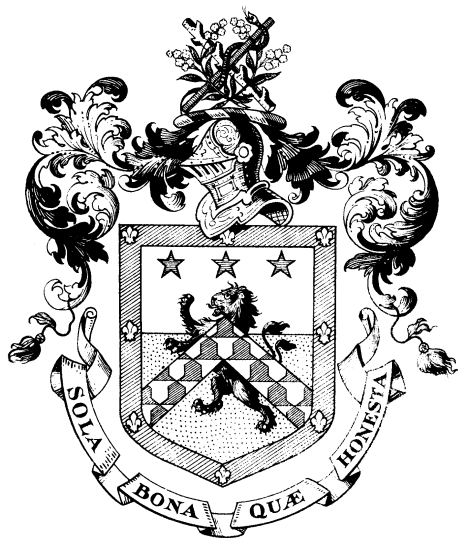


TOWN COUNCIL OF ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA



COMMUNITY GRANT FUND

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APPLICATION FORM

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15th May 2023, 4th August 2023, 10th December 2023

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Community Grant Fund has been established as a means of helping Community and Voluntary groups with projects that are of benefit to the wider community. It will contribute to the Town Council's objective of involving community representatives in identifying local needs and support positive collaboration between the Council and partner organisations.

Applications must meet the following conditions to be considered for a grant:

- (1) Bids should be made for projects which will be of benefit to the whole community or a specific group whose principal objectives are not those of a single individual. Applications will not be entertained where the benefit is to a single individual.
- (2) The project should be of benefit to a significant number of persons living within the Parish of Royal Leamington Spa. If you are unsure of the boundary of the Parish, please contact us for further guidance.
- (3) Applications should normally be for sums up to a £2,000 maximum. Applications will be considered for revenue funding subject to the applicant indicating the time frame over which this funding will be used and identifying how the service will be sustained in the long term after the Council Grant has been exhausted.
- (4) Applications to the Community Grant Fund can only be made by constituted groups/organisations with an appropriate bank account.
- (5) Where a project or scheme is subject to applications to other funding sources (lottery fund, other local authority etc), applications will need to be supported with appropriate details of such other potential funders.
- (6) Projects should lie outside the responsibility of any single agency or service. They will not be funded if they are eligible for funding through conventional statutory means, unless there is matched funding or an agreement with other agencies to meet on-going costs after the initial contribution from the Town Council. Where this is the case, applications should be supported with details of the third party funding.
- (7) Applications must be supported with the audited accounts of the relevant organisation for a period of **two financial years prior to the date of application**, and indicate expenditure, income, assets and liabilities, together with funding obtained from other public bodies, if appropriate. Additionally, your application should be supported with a clear and comprehensive breakdown of all proposed expenditure and, **for items in excess of £500, two quotations must be provided.**
- (8) Start-up organisations will be eligible to apply to the fund, subject to such applications being supported by bank statements and evidence that they are formally constituted and financially accountable.

- (9) Applications must be submitted in advance of the project to which funding is to be applied. The Council will not consider retrospective applications.
- (10) Applications must be made in the name of the organisation to which the agreed project funding is to be granted and be supported by those persons authorised for such purposes in the relevant Constitution and/or Articles of Association of the organisation concerned.
- (11) Applications will be considered only from “*not for profit*” organisations.
- (12) Applications must be made on the relevant application form and must be fully supported by the required documentation.
- (13) Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:
- **Reducing social inequality or disadvantage**
 - **Promoting health and wellbeing**
 - **Addressing unemployment and providing opportunities for skills development**
 - **Providing positive activities for young people**
 - **Addressing Covid-19 recovery**
 - **Promoting community spirit and cohesion**
 - **Addressing social isolation and loneliness**
 - **Enhancing or protecting the natural or built environments**
 - **Promoting equality and diversity across Leamington**
 - **Supporting arts and cultural opportunities**
 - **Addressing climate change through measures such as reducing carbon emissions and projects which provide for environmental sustainability**
- (13) The Grant Fund does not support applications that promote or encourage any political or religious belief.

Applications will be assessed according to how they satisfy the above criteria. Few applications will meet all these but those that are likely to be successful will demonstrate a commitment to a number of these factors.

Successful applicants will be expected to provide the Council with an assessment of the project subsequent to its implementation. This will be in the form of a written assessment and individual feedback can also be provided to the Cultural and Community Committee at one of its Meetings.

Town Council grant funding must be expended within two years of the grant being made or must be returned to the Council.

The Community Grant Fund is divided into three bidding rounds – May , August and December. You can only bid to one of these rounds of funding within one financial year. The closing dates for this year’s bidding rounds are:-

<u>Closing date for Applications</u>	<u>Date of Council decision</u>
15th May 2023	Mid June 2023
4th August 2023	Mid September 2023
10th December 2023	Mid January 2024

Further advice on the application process can be obtained from the Deputy Town Clerk (admin@leamingtonspatowncouncil.gov.uk)

COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION 2023/24

(Please read the application form - guidance before completing the form)

Description	Detail
<p>Please confirm you have included your group's last two years of audited accounts (or last three months bank statements if new group):</p> <p><i>This is an essential requirement unless you are a new organization which does not have audited accounts. <u>Please see Important Information page 1.</u></i></p>	
<p>Name of Organisation applying:</p>	
<p>Project Title:</p> <p><i>What will your project be known as?</i></p>	
<p>Description of Project:</p> <p><i>What are the main aims and anticipated outcomes of your project? Please list:</i></p>	
<p>Location of Project:</p> <p><i>Where will your project be taking place in Leamington Spa?</i></p>	
<p>Amount of funding requested:</p> <p><u>(please provide itemized list of costs, including two quotations/estimates for all items over £500)</u></p>	

How much will each item cost and how much are you asking the town council to fund? The more detail you can provide for each item the better.

Total amount requested:

Partners (other groups/agencies involved)
Indicate here any other funding agencies (either actual or potential) involved in this project. If there are other funding partners, please indicate the proportion of the project to be funded by these partners:

If you are going to be delivering your project in conjunction with another group/agency, please list them here and give a brief outline of what contribution, financial or in kind, they will be making.

What specific community needs does your project aim to fulfill?

Tell us which of the criteria listed on page 2 your project will meet. If there are any other criteria you think your project will meet which are not listed here, please include them here.

<p><u>Please use a separate sheet of paper to tell us as much about your application and its objectives as possible.</u></p>	
<p>Evidence of community need:</p> <p><i>Tell us how you think your project will meet this need.</i></p>	
<p>How will your project meet this need?</p> <p><i>Explain here:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. How you have planned your project to meet this need.</i> <i>2. How you will sustain the outcomes of your project in the long term</i> 	
<p>Timetable for implementation and completion:</p> <p><i>List project start date, anticipated end date and any significant milestones in between.</i></p>	

<p>Name and Full Address of Organisation:</p> <p>Telephone no:</p> <p>Email:</p> <p><i>Please fill in with as much detail as possible. It is much simpler and quicker for us to contact you via email should we have any queries</i></p>	
<p>Name and contact details (inc.email) for person responsible for the grant if awarded:</p>	
<p>Payment details (in the event of a successful application):</p> <p>Please ensure the account name provided matches exactly that on the bank account.</p>	<p>Bank:</p> <p>Account name:</p> <p>Sort code:</p> <p>Account no.:</p>
<p>Contact details for person responsible for monitoring project (including budgetary control):</p>	<p><i>This is the group member who will have regular oversight of the project and complete the end of project monitoring form</i></p>

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Have you:

Checked which of the grant criteria your project meets and explained how it does this?

Included 2 quotes for all expenditure above £500?

Included your last two year's audited accounts (or your last three month's bank statements if a new group/organization)?

Given your group's bank account details for payment if successful?

Provided robust evidence of the community need for your project?

Listed other financial/in-kind partners in this project?

Completed forms and any supplementary sheets should be sent to the address below no later than the closing date (depending on which round you wish to bid to).

Please note that information relating to grant applicants may be shared with other grant awarding bodies in Warwickshire

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