

# **GRANT AWARDING POLICY**

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## **1. Introduction**

1.1 Rusper Parish Council welcomes and values the work of local voluntary groups and organisations. The council has a policy for making grants to groups and organisations which contribute to the welfare of the community by improving or supporting facilities and/or activities. Applicants must be able to demonstrate a clear need for financial support.

## **2. Guidelines**

2.1 An overall limit for the annual provision of grant aid will be determined as part of the budget setting process and applications will be assessed at any point up to the end of the current financial year.

2.2 Applicants must complete a grant application and return it, together with the required financial information, to the council by 31<sup>st</sup> January.

2.3 Grants awarded at the Council meeting will be paid at the following meeting.

2.4 Grants will not routinely exceed 50% of the cost of the project or activity.

2.5 Applicants will provide details of the project/activity and the number of Rusper residents expected to benefit.

2.6 Organisations must provide a report of how the money has been spent. Any unspent money must be returned to the council.

2.7 As a condition of receiving a grant, organisations will be required to acknowledge the council's support in publicity material.

2.8 The council will not normally support commercial organisations, major charities, bodies considered to be self-funded or provided for by other authorities.

2.9 In exceptional circumstances, a grant may be awarded outside the grant timetable at the discretion of the Council. The council reserves the right to refuse any grant application, or offer an alternate amount to that originally requested.