

GRANT AID POLICY

The Parish Council has statutory powers to make funds available to local organisations for the overall benefit of the parish and its residents (LGA 1972 s137). The Parish Council will consider an application for grant aid from any local voluntary or charitable organisation where the group's activities can be seen to be of benefit to the Parish or the greater part thereof.

A total figure for available grant aid will be agreed by the Council as part of the budget for each financial year. The grant may be in the form of either a financial grant or, in certain approved cases, the provision of work carried out by the Council's own staff and/or use of Council equipment.

Application Process

1. Only applications made on the Grant Aid Policy Application form will be considered. The form is available from the Parish Clerk: email clerk@elmstone-hardwicke-parish-council.org.uk or telephone 07950118355
2. Details of how the grant will be used will be required from each applicant together with a certified current bank balance and a copy of the last audited accounts
3. The application will be considered by a meeting of the full Parish Council or its Finance Committee.
4. The Council would prefer that any applications be submitted by the beginning of November each year in order that it may be considered as part of its Budgeting Meeting. Any application after that date would be subject to grant fund availability.
5. Projects already completed will not be considered.

Conditions

Requests for grant aid will only be considered from the following categories: -

- A Gloucestershire based charity.
- An organisation serving the needs of the citizens of Uckington Parish.
- Citizen(s) of Uckington Parish requesting grant aid with a project/event, which will be for the benefit of the local community.
- An Uckington Parish based club, association, or charity organisation serving a specific section of the community or the community as a whole.
- An organisation/group, local or national which serves the needs of the Parish.
- A local branch of a national organisation/group which serves the needs of the citizens of Uckington Parish

In addition the following information may be required together with a completed application form:

- Disclosure of financial reserves held by the applicant
- Any other financial or legal documents as may be required by the Parish Council