

MAJOR GRANTS - CONDITIONS OF FUNDING

1. Applications for revenue (i.e. running) costs will not normally be considered (exceptional circumstances will need to be demonstrated).
2. Applications will not be considered from organisations that support or oppose any particular political party, or discriminate on the grounds of race, gender, sexuality or religion.
3. Applications will not be considered from private profit-making organisations.
4. Applications will not be considered from "upwards funders", i.e. local groups whose fund-raising is sent to their central headquarters for redistribution.
5. Applications will not be considered from national organisations or local groups with access to funds from national "umbrella" or "parent" organisations, unless funds are not available from their national bodies, or the funds available are inadequate for a specified project.
6. Applications from religious groups will be considered where an ongoing benefit to the wider community can be demonstrated irrespective of their religious beliefs.
7. Applications from education, health or social services establishments will be considered where the organisation can demonstrate that it is working in partnership with other groups and where there are ongoing benefits to the wider community.
8. The organisation must provide, or propose to provide, a facility or service that is clearly needed by the Burgess Hill community or by a particular group of residents.
9. The organisation must provide a written Constitution with clearly stated aims and objectives that has been formally adopted by the members of that organisation.
10. The organisation must submit audited accounts or accounts that have been independently examined by a suitably qualified person, for the previous two financial years.
11. Newly formed organisations that do not have audited or independently examined accounts must provide a budget and business plan.
12. The organisation must have a bank account in its own name with two authorised representatives required to sign each cheque.
13. Organisations requesting funds for buildings must provide evidence of security of tenure in the relevant property for a minimum of 7 years from the date that the grant is considered.
14. Organisations requesting funds for buildings must provide proof that the property is adequately insured.
15. Where the Town Council deems it appropriate, organisations will be required to provide progress reports or to allocate a place on their management committee for a Town Council representative.
16. Grants may be claimed at any time during the financial year on provision of evidence that the money has been used for the purpose stated. In the case of an advance payment, written confirmation will be required stating that the money will be used for the purpose requested, as well as completion of a monitoring and evaluation form at the end of the project period or the financial year (i.e. 31 March), whichever is the sooner.
17. Where deemed necessary, the Town Council may request site visits and meetings with the applicants to discuss the viability of the proposed project.
18. Organisations that receive a grant will be required to acknowledge the Town Council's contribution on all publicity/printed material.
19. The Town Council reserves the right to reclaim the grant in the event of it not being used for the purpose specified on the application form.