

BURGESS HILL TOWN COUNCIL

PRESS RELEASE

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COVID-19 AND ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS

Burgess Hill Town Council has created two new grants funds to support the town's voluntary groups through COVID-19 and to support the development of local environmental initiatives.

Following consultation with the town's groups, the Council is aware that many of them have been unable to raise any income or hold their usual fundraising activities during the COVID-19 lockdown, while still having to meet running costs or experiencing an increased demand for their services during the emergency.

It has set up a £6,150 COVID-19 Grants Fund with donations made by the community during the Graham Meeres live-streamed DJ set held in June, with match funding being provided by the Town Council and Burgess Hill District Lions Club. The deadline for COVID-19 Grants applications is 31 July and the grants will be awarded in August. Visit www.burgesshill.gov.uk/town-community/covid-19-grants-for-voluntary-groups to download or complete the application form online, or contact the number below.

In addition, a one-off £10,000 Environmental Initiatives Fund is available this year for voluntary groups wishing to develop environmental projects.

These new grants are in addition to the usual in-year grants the Town Council awards to local groups. Minor Grants of up to £1,000 are still available, with applications needing to be submitted by 30 August.

Major Grants applications for capital costs of £1,000 plus must be submitted by 30 September.

Application forms and supporting information for the Minor Grants, Major Grants and Environmental Initiatives can be obtained from the Town Council website at www.burgesshill.gov.uk/grants, by contacting Jennifer O'Grady on 01444 247726 or by emailing grants@burgesshill.gov.uk.

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