

Batheaston Parish Council

Grant Application Policy

With Form for Applicants



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This Policy is provided for adoption by the council at its meeting held on 20th May 2025.

1. Introduction

The aim of this scheme is to support and promote an active community in Batheaston. The Parish Council recognizes and supports the valuable contribution made by the voluntary sector to the wellbeing of the community. We provide financial support for community organizations working for the benefit of Batheaston parishioners, with the intention of improving the range of services and activities in the parish.

2. Types of Grants Awarded

A grant is any payment made by the Council to be used by an organisation for a specific purpose that will benefit the Parish, or residents of the Parish, and which is not directly controlled or administered by the Council. The Council awards grants, at its discretion, to Parish organisations which can demonstrate a clear need for financial support to benefit the Parish by:

- Providing a service
- Enhancing the quality of life
- Improving the environment
- Promoting Batheaston.

3. Grant Application Process

1. Applicants will be required to complete an application form. All questions on the application form should be fully answered and additional appropriate information, which supports an application, should be provided.
2. The Clerk to the council will receive all applications in the first instance. She/he/they will confirm that the application is complete and conforms with this policy, liaising with the applicant to address any issues.
3. In addition to the application form organisations will be required to provide the following supporting information:
 - a. a copy of their written constitution or details of their aims and purpose,
 - b. full details of the project or activity,
 - c. demonstration that the grant will be of benefit to the local community within the Parish, the proportion or number of beneficiaries living in the Parish,
 - d. demonstration of a clear need for the funding,
 - e. a copy of the previous year's accounts or, for new initiatives, a detailed budget and business plan.
4. The application, with all the necessary supporting information, will then be submitted to the next appropriate Council meeting.
5. The Council will make the decision on which grants to award. All applicants will be contacted following the Council's decision.

6. The Council sets a figure for the expected total amount to be awarded during its financial year in its annual budget. The Clerk can provide guidance to applicants as to how much money is likely to be available in a specific financial year.

Conditions of Funding

1. The organisation must be either non-profit or charitable. Applications will not be considered from private organisations operated as a business to make a profit or surplus.
2. Grants will not be made to individuals.
3. Grants will not be made retrospectively.
4. Applications will not normally 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.
5. An organisation should have a bank account in its own name.
6. The administration of and accounting for any grant shall be the responsibility of the recipient. All awards must be properly accounted for and evidence of expenditure should be supplied to the Council as requested.
7. Ongoing commitments to award grants or subsidies in future years will not be made. A fresh application will be required each year.
8. Under normal circumstances the council will only consider one application, per group, per annum.
9. Each application will be assessed on its own merits.
10. The Council may:
 - a. Award a different amount than that requested.
 - b. Make the award of any grant or subsidy subject to such additional conditions and requirements as it considers appropriate.
 - c. Refuse any grant application which it considers to be inappropriate or against the objectives of the Council.
 - d. Require a report on completion of the project, and – if the project runs over for over a year – progress report(s) on each anniversary of receipt of the funds.
11. Any grant must only be used for the purpose for which it was awarded unless the written approval of the Council has been obtained for a change in use of the grant monies, and that any unspent portion of the grant must be returned to the Council by the end of the financial year in which it was awarded.

12. Organizations that receive a grant will be required to acknowledge the Parish Council's contribution on all publicity/printed material and invited to make a presentation at our annual parish meeting.
13. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Council from exercising, at any time, its existing duty or power in respect of providing financial assistance or grants to local or national organisations under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972, Section 137.

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Next scheduled review: May 2026.

4. Appendix: Application Form

An editable version of this document will be made available on the website, and by email on request.

Please read through the Grant Policy before completing the application. Please write clearly in the answer spaces or complete electronically.

If you need any assistance with completing this form, please contact: the Parish Clerk, clerk@batheaston-pc.gov.uk, or 01225-923820.

Section A – Please give the full name and address of the organisation applying for the grant and contact person.

Name of Organisation or Individual		
Organisation or Individual details Include address, email, telephone number, website		
What is the legal status of the organization? Is this organisation a profit-making concern? Yes/No If it is a registered charity, provide charity registration number		
Please provide a brief description of your organisation (i.e. what does it do)		
Contact person Enter details of a contact person if we have a question in relation to this grant application	Name	
	Address (if different to above) Telephone and Email	

Section B – Summary details of the grant requested

Provide a detailed breakdown, and latest annual accounts as separate documents.

Grant amount being applied for?	
Total amount of project/event/items	
Reason for grant application	
How many people in Batheaston will benefit, and how?	
When will the money be spent?	

Section C – Please provide details of other sources of finance

Have you applied to any other body for a grant towards the proposed project? If yes, please provide details, including the amount and the outcome.	
How else do you raise income?	
If this grant application fails, what would happen?	

Section D – Application and declaration

I declare that to the best of my knowledge the statement made in this application form is true.

Signature.....

(submission by email will be accepted without signature)

Print Name.....

Date.....