

Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council

Grant Application Terms and Conditions

Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council has a budget for the award of grants using certain legal powers. Where there is no statutory power specific to the activity for which the grant is sought, the Council may use Section 137 of the Local Government Act to give grants to community organisations. This power can only be used if it will **benefit some or all of the Okehampton Hamlets area or its residents and where the benefit obtained is commensurate with the expenditure incurred.**

Most grants awarded are of the order of £150 - £300, with a maximum payment of £500.

Grant applications are considered at each meeting of the Parish Council. Dates of meetings are posted on the Parish Council website and Parish Council Noticeboards.

Grant applications must meet the criteria set out below and applications must be made on the Parish Council's application form which can be downloaded from the Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council website. The application form is also obtainable from the Parish Clerk. Applications should be returned to the Parish Clerk and accompanied by appropriate accounts or supporting financial information as detailed on the form. Applications may be refused or deferred if applicants do not comply with these requirements.

Grant applicants are also encouraged to apply to the Okehampton Town Council for funding.

Please contact the Clerk in the event of any queries.

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1. The amount of any award will be at the discretion of the Parish Council, which also reserves the right to refuse any application which does not fit the criteria.
2. Only one application from any organisation will be considered in any given financial year.
3. All applications will be considered on their merits, but in general grants will only be awarded for capital projects such as the purchase of equipment or to support a community event, festival or other special event. The Council will not normally give grants towards running costs, salaries or consumables.
4. Grants will be awarded to voluntary groups, not-for-profit organisations and charities operating in Okehampton where the benefit will be for this area and its residents.
5. Applications from regional or national organisations will be considered only if a direct benefit to Okehampton Hamlets and its residents can be demonstrated.

6. Grants will not be awarded to individuals, commercial or profit making organisations or political organisations.
7. Retrospective applications, eg for items already purchased or for events which have already taken place will not be considered.
8. Recognition of any grant awarded by the Parish Council must be made in any publicity for the recipient.
9. All recipients of grants may be requested to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to make a presentation explaining how the funds have been used and explain what benefits have resulted from its use.
10. If any grant or part of a grant is used for purposes other than those for which it was awarded, the recipient organisation may be required to repay the grant to the Parish Council.
11. The Parish Council reserves the right to publicise any grants given, including local press and its Website

To apply for a grant please print and complete the Grant Application Form, and return it to the Parish Clerk.
