



GRANTS POLICY

(adopted at the 12 Dec 22 meeting of Council)

Aim

1. The aim of this paper is to formalise Glasbury & District Community Council's (G&DCC) policy for giving grants and donations within the financial year, and set out the principles for receiving applications and agreeing payments. This seeks to provide clarity for both G&DCC and the public.

Background

2. Grant applications will be considered by all G&DCC Councillors. G&DCC covers the area in Radnorshire that sits above the R. Wye, between Boughrood to Llanstephan and Glasbury to Llowes.

3. G&DCC is empowered by s.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 to make grants which, in its opinion, are "in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to, some or all¹ of the inhabitants" of the community. Further, the Council is empowered by legislation to make grants towards the maintenance of community facilities such as village halls and public toilets. In any given year G&DCC has made payments to local organisations, and every year receives requests for funds; sometimes by the same bodies on a recurring basis, and on others as a one off. G&DCC sets an annual budget, based on our financial position and regular and one-off requests. As we have been asked to fund the unforeseen and urgent, it also allocates a call-off fund for urgent, unforeseen one-off applications that fit the criteria of policy/principles.

4. Some local bodies have a semi-formalised relationship with the Council, as G&DCC recognises the value of their purpose and that our residents benefit. This includes: LOVE toilets, Glasbury Village Hall and Llyswen & Boughrood Village Hall, the and British Legion, and Llyswen & Boughrood Show. Additionally, requests are frequently presented

¹ It cannot therefore be given to an individual for their own benefit.

to G&DCC by individuals or bodies, often as part of an outreach to a number of local Town and Community Councils.

5. Applications will be considered on their merit of the aims. It might be necessary to consult local people about the strength of their support for funding applications, and also guard against individual opportunism. In general, G&DCC will awards grants, at its discretion, to community organisations which can demonstrate a clear need for financial support to benefit citizens in the Council area by:

Providing a service,

Enhancing the quality of life,

Improving the environment,

Promoting the Community Council area in a positive way

Any grant must be permissible within legislation and be in accordance with the statutory powers of the Council.

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6. Successful applications will need to comply with the following:

a. The organisation must be non-profit making or charitable. Grants will not be made to individuals.

b. Grants will not be guaranteed if made retrospectively and only unusually will repeated grants be considered from each organisation in any one financial year.

c. To assist our budgeting, we will invite requests in September for the following financial year.

d. Usually, grants will be awarded on a one-off basis. Unless specifically agreed subsequent years' requests would need a new application.

e. A grant must be used for the purpose set out in the application, unless formally agreed with G&DCC. Applicants must be able to demonstrate in their grant application how the funding will be spent.

f. A grant cannot be given or transferred to any other group.

g. Any monies not used, in part or full, for the agreed purpose must be immediately returned to the Community Council.

h. At the Council's discretion groups may be subject to a visit by the Clerk and / or Councillors to see how the grant has been administered.

i. The Council will require full written details of how the money has been spent, including evidence of actual expenditure.

j. The Community Council will not offer financial assistance for political parties.

- k. Grants will not be awarded to bodies that unitary or national government has a legal obligation to fund.
- l. All grants are awarded at the discretion of the Community Council.
- m. Recognition of the grant from the G&DCC must be made in any publicity and in the group's accounts. The Council may use the name of your group and its project in publicity material.
- n. Grants will not be made for the consumption of alcohol or the purchase of gifts for individuals.
- o. GDCC may require a Cllr or Clerk to attend the organisations decision making meetings before or after awarding a grant
- p. GDCC may request further information to the application form to assist with decision making

Points to Consider

- 7. It is important to understand that this is public money, from taxation, and represents funds allocated to G&DCC and collected by Powys County Council. G&DCC acknowledges that public funds are under pressure.
- 8. G&DCC recognises that some events (eg recent Queen's Platinum Jubilee events) were organised informally. Rarely, G&DCC will consider well detailed applications for a one-off payment by less formalised groups of local people working together towards aims that fit with our policy/principles. However, the overriding principle will be that these are for community events that are open to all².
- 9. There may be occasion where a small, local branch of a larger, well-funded national organisation seeks a grant on the basis that it will bring direct benefit to the local community. On these occasions G&DCC will need to understand what funding is being provided by the national body as part of the grant application, but this would not be an automatic bar to success.
- 10. The powers of the Council are wide, varied, but not unlimited. Anyone wishing to discuss the potential viability of a bid before making a formal application should contact the Clerk or a Councillor in the first instance.

Applications

- 11. Applications should be made by completing the attached form and forwarding it to: clerk@gdcc.wales

² Events that are 'closed' are, by definition, private and not liable for G&DCC funds.



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APPLICATION FOR GRANT

Name of Organisation or Project:		
Have you read and understood G&DCC's Grants Policy:	YES	NO

What funds are you requesting: £

What will be the grant be used for: (description, aims, beneficiaries, cost, other funding sources) Please use extra pages if completing a paper copy
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Did you receive a grant last financial year?	YES	NO
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In previous years, please state year(s)	
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If YES, please provide details of how the grant was spent and the benefit to the community:
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Please give information about your most recent accounts: (Please attach a copy of your most recent balance sheet)	
Total Income for the year	£
Expenditure for the year	£
Surplus/deficit at the end of the year	£
Total Reserves	£
Treasurer's Details	Name:
	Address:
	Tel:
	Email:

If successful, the details of where you would like the grant to be paid:
Account Name:
Account Number:
Sort Code:

Data Protection Statement	
<p>As part of its grant-making activities, G&DCC processes and uses data that applicants provide about their organisations, beneficiaries and the applicants themselves. The Council obtains and uses such information to assess applications, monitor the use of funding, conduct evaluations and publicise its grant-making.</p> <p>Information will not be provided to businesses for marketing purposes. From time to time the Council may need to share the information with appropriate organisations for other purposes, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Determining, preventing or detecting crime. b. Safeguarding the wellbeing of vulnerable individuals c. As part of external auditing requirements. <p>By submitting applications and reports to G&DCC you give explicit consent for the Council to use such data accordingly.</p> <p>Please sign to show that you accept that the information provided on this form will be used in this way:</p> <p>Signed:</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>On behalf of: (organisation name)</p>	