

Small Grants

Policy Document – Version 2.0



Thurcroft Parish Council

GRANT AWARDING POLICY

1. Who is eligible to apply?

The Parish Council awards grants, at its absolute discretion, to not-for-profit, charitable, or volunteer organisations or worthy causes which can demonstrate a clear need for financial support to achieve an objective which will benefit the parish.

Application will only be considered that are based in Thurcroft Parish or primarily benefit residents of Brampton en-le Morthen, Laughton Common or Thurcroft.

The Parish Council will not award grants to:-

- Private individuals
- Commercial organisations
- Purposes for which there is a statutory duty upon other local or central government departments to fund or provide unless such duty is devolved to the community or local level by agreement
- "Upward funders"/"Uploaders" i.e., local groups where fund raising is sent to a central HQ for redistribution
- Political parties
- Religious organisations unless for a purpose which does not discriminate on grounds of belief.
- Any organisation which in the view of the Parish Council has racist, extremist, or other policies which the Parish Council deems to be unacceptable.
- Publicise or promote any organisation.

The list is not exclusive and may be added to at the council's discretion.

Only one application for a grant will be considered from an organisation in any one financial year.

Ongoing commitments to award grants in future years will not be made. A fresh application will be required each year. This will be at the discretion of the council.

Grants will not be made retrospectively or be made once the work on a project has already commenced.



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2. What will grants be awarded for?

- Equipment
- Activities
- General running costs

3. What is the maximum that can be applied for?

The maximum awarded to any one group will be up to £500.

4. How to apply?

Applications will be accepted using the application form and should be emailed to clerk@thurcroftparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Applications should include:

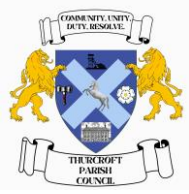
- Group name and contact details.
- Aims and objectives of the group.
- Reason for the request.
- Total amount requested.
- How the money will be used.
- Bank details for the payment of the grant, if successful.

Applications must be submitted at least one week before the finance and general committee to be considered within the month.

If your application is successful, receipts are required to be submitted to the Parish Council within 3 months of the award. If you fail to provide the receipts or the grant has not been used for the approved use, you will be required to return the monies issued.

5. How will the applications be processed?

- Applications will be considered by the Finance & General Committee.
- A recommendation will be considered at Full Council.
- Successful applicants will be notified.



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Grants are to be awarded subject to the appropriate criteria being met, and the merits of each individual application. This should apply even when there is only a single or limited number of applications.