

Edenbridge Town Council Community Grants Scheme

Policy

The Council wishes to provide grants to help fund local organisations and their projects that are of benefit to the residents of Edenbridge. It is intended that the grants given should encourage and extend activities of local groups/projects, support participation in activities that are open and accessible to everyone and improve the quality of life of residents. The level of the grant should reflect the benefit provided. Each application will be considered on its own merit at an annual meeting in October/November. Grants are awarded as one off payments. We are unable to fund on-going commitments or staff costs.

Who can apply?

- Voluntary or charitable organisations that are based, or have a local branch, in Edenbridge parish.
- Organisations whose work directly benefits a number of the residents.
- New organisations whose work will directly benefit residents.
- Applications of a non-political nature.

Grants cannot be awarded to:

Individuals

- For-profit companies or organisations.
- Trusts seeking to add capital to investments.
- Groups with access to national or central funding (unless funding is unavailable for the particular purpose described in this application).

We are unable to fund:

- Retrospective applications.
- Items which only benefit individuals.

Conditions

All applicants are required to carry out their activities in a proper manner giving due regard to safety issues, training, insurance, disability access and equal opportunities.

Edenbridge Town Council reserves the right to recall any grant given which has not been properly applied or where the organisation has ceased to operate. Grants must be used for the purpose stated on the application only. If the organisation decides it wishes to spend the money on something else they must ask the Council's permission.

Successful organisations are required to:

Provide evidence that the grant has been used for the stated purpose. An evaluation form will be provided to successful organisations at the time the grant is awarded. The form will require completion and submission to the Town Council no later than the following September. No further grant application will be considered from the organisation without the completion and return of this evaluation.

For the financial year 2024/25 the total grants budget is £8,000.00

Please note that if any part of the application is not completed or any of the financial or other information not enclosed, your application may not be considered. All Application Forms must be signed, so copies that are completed on a computer should still be printed off and returned by post. Please return the form to: Responsible Finance Officer, Edenbridge Town Council, Doggetts Barn, 72a High Street, Edenbridge, Kent TN8 5AR by **Monday 21 October 2024, 5.00 pm. If you have been successful, you will be informed following the Committee meeting in due course.**

If you have any queries please contact Lorraine Ganney on 01732 865368 or call into the Town Council Offices, Doggetts Barn, 72A High Street Edenbridge. Email: accounts@edenbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk