



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS
LOCAL GOVERNMENT Act 1972, Section 137

Tidworth Town Council will consider applications for a grant from any voluntary organisation that help/support or is set up for members of the Tidworth community. The organisation must present their request to the Town Council and an overview of their organisation (membership, support etc) is helpful.

1. The applicant organisation must be able to demonstrate proper conduct of its affairs, both general and financial and that it keeps proper books of accounts, audited annually by a financially competent and independent person.

2. If successful, the applicant organisation will be required to keep records indicating how it has used the Town Council grant aid, to provide periodic reports on its activity and progress, and to advise the Town Council immediately of any material changes affecting its finances or activities.

3. The applicant organisation must be:-

- A properly constituted body.
- Able to demonstrate that the granting of aid will enable it to operate on a viable basis.
- Able to demonstrate that it has adequate expertise to carry out effectively the schemes it proposes.
- Able to demonstrate that it is a non-political organisation.
- Able to demonstrate that every effort is being made to raise funds from other appropriate sources and that voluntary assistance is being maximised.

4. In allocating the available resources, priority will be given to the following categories:-

- **Funding Dependent** - ie an organisation that is dependent on grant support for its continuing operation.
- **Project Funding Dependent** - ie an organisation that is dependent upon grant support for the project only.
- **'Pump Priming' or Support in Kind** - ie a new organisation that is dependent upon support for a defined period, after which it will not be dependent upon the Town Council's grant support.

5. The Town Council is committed to continuous environmental improvement and organisations will be encouraged to support the Town Councils aim. 'We want Tidworth to be a place where everyone can thrive in a safe and healthy environment, take an active part in decisions and continue to learn and develop throughout their lives'.

They are then to submit an 'APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS', this application will be an agenda item for the next appropriate meeting of the committee dealing with finance. They will consider the application for eligibility and viability, and recommend to the full council if it feels the grant should be supported.