

East Garston Parish Council

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Grants for the Community

East Garston Parish Council has determined that they wish to further encourage community groups and projects to flourish. They have therefore introduced a programme of grants that will encourage community groups and individuals to establish new projects and facilities that will benefit the community. This programme uses the discretionary powers held by the Parish Council under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Community organisations are invited to apply for a grant of up to £500 for new projects that can be identified as having a significant benefit to the community. In the year 2021/2022 East Garston Parish Council has earmarked a total fund of up to £1,000 for approved projects. This programme has been running for several years, but will be reviewed each year subject to affordability.

Please see the document Grants for the Community Guidelines, available from the clerk for details of how to apply.

As a general guide some examples of projects that have meet the Councils criteria in the past are set out below

- Project to change the water supply to the village allotments
- Purchase of football posts for the Millennium Field to enable the football team to train & play
- Purchase of a cooker for the East Garston Social Club & Village Hall (to replace broken oven)
- Purchase a pop up gazebo for the Over 60's Coffee Club to provide shade at outdoor events

Please note these grants are not intended to help meet the general day to day expenses of community groups

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Grants for the Community Guidelines

Under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, East Garston Parish Council has discretionary powers to award grants to local groups or organisations for “purposes, which may bring a direct benefit to the area or any part of it for some or all the inhabitants”. To be considered for an award, applicants must answer all the questions on the application form and provide the necessary details as requested.

Criteria for Making Grant Aid to an Organisation

1. Any organisation, club or society that wishes to make an application for Grant Aid must submit a fully completed application form.
2. The funding must be used for the benefit of the residents of the Parish of East Garston.
3. The organisation, club or society must be non-profit making.
4. All applications must be accompanied by the most recent Annual Accounts and a copy of the most recent bank statement.
5. Each application must state the names of any other organisations to which an application for grant aid for the same or similar purpose has been submitted.
6. Receipts for all transactions that have been made with the Grant Aid must be provided to the Parish Council.
7. Any grant that the Parish Council offers is on the understanding that the applicant is responsible for obtaining any necessary legal permissions and the offer of the grant by the Parish Council should not in any way be taken as authorisation.
8. Successful applications will be recorded in the minutes of meetings of the Parish Council and notified to the applicant in writing.
9. For legal reasons (Section 137), applications cannot be considered from:-
 - a. Individuals
 - b. Organisations, which support or oppose any political party.
 - c. Organisations that discriminate on grounds of sex, race, religion or sexual orientation.
 - d. Organisations or establishments for whom Central Government, Health Authorities, County or District Councils are the appropriate statutory funder.

Due to affordability, relevance or viability grants may be made for less than the amount requested or with specific conditions. If these conditions are not met in the opinion of the Parish Council then all or part of the grant may be reclaimed by the Parish Council. Proof of the approved use of the grant will be required, normally in the form of an invoice for products or services. Grants will be made without prejudice and the responsibility for the use of the grant will be with the recipient.

As a guideline, no applicants are excluded however new initiatives in the community will be preferred. Proposals must be based upon an identifiable purpose and not just to support ongoing projects/expenses. Grants will be awarded no earlier than August 2021 and will be for a maximum of £500 and the total of grants awarded will not exceed £1,000 in 2021/2022

Applicants should apply to the clerk no later than 31st July 2021 using the form below.

The decision of the Parish Council is final and subject to the conditions defined at the time of the grant. Those who are unsuccessful this year should not be discouraged from future applications.

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Application for a Community Grant 2021/22

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| Name of Applicant (Organisation) | |
| Contact Details Name Position Address Telephone email | |
| Purpose of funding, Please give as much detail about the project as possible using a separate sheet if necessary. | |
| Total Cost of Project | |
| Amount of Grant Aid applied for (max £500) | |
| Please provide details of other grants applied for in relation to the same project and their status. | |
| How and when will the grant from East Garston Parish Council be spent? | |
| Who will benefit in the Community and how? | |
| Signed on behalf of Organisation Name Date | |
| Making this application signifies the applicants acceptance of the conditions defined in the document Grants for the Community Guidelines and other conditions imposed by East Garston Parish Council at the time of the grant. Additional sheets and documents may be used to support the application. | |