

COMMUNITY GRANTS TO COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS



Community grants are available to community organisations based in Woodley which act for the local good of the town or those that can demonstrate how they serve Woodley residents and whose membership is open to Woodley residents.

Grants of up to £350 are available for one-off costs such as equipment, materials or building alterations or a youth (under 21) team/group attendance at county, regional, national or international level primarily within a sporting or cultural activity.

In considering the applications preference will be given to:

- Locally organised organisations/groups, rather than national groups (local branches of national bodies will be counted as locally organised).
- Groups/organisations where Woodley residents are the primary beneficiaries of the group/organisation's activities.
- Requests for grant funding that identify specific items or projects, rather than request for a contribution to running costs.
- Requests where the Council's contribution would make a significant impact on the gross income of the organisation/group.

The Council will not normally award grants for costs:

- that could be reasonably be expected to be funded from other sources
- that could reasonably be expected to be funded from members' subscriptions
- that seek to promote or oppose a party-political viewpoint

Successful recipients will be expected to make their best efforts to attend the Full Council meeting at which the grants are presented by the Mayor, failure to attend may influence future awards.

Successful applicants will:

- be required keep an accurate record of the way in which the funds are spent
- provide proof of purchase of a specific item to be funded, if required to do so

Groups receiving a grant of more than £100 will be required to explain in their application how they will inform their group's membership about Woodley Town Council's contribution.

Applications can be made by filling in a Community Grants form, found on the Town Council's website: www.woodley.gov.uk. The form must be completed in black ink, written or typed.

A copy of the group's most recent statement of annual accounts, an up-to-date bank statement, a statement of income and expenditure for the current year and your group's constitution or set of rules signed by the chairman should accompany your application (if you are not able to do this please explain why in the form).

Community grants will be considered twice a year. Applications must be returned to the Town Clerk, Woodley Town Council, The Oakwood Centre, Headley Road, Woodley, Berkshire RG5 4JZ or by email to admin@woodley.gov.uk (by pressing the submit button if you are completing the form electronically) by either 31 March or 1 November.

Community grants will be considered and approved by the Strategy and Resources Committee at meetings held in April and November. The Council will not award community grants in excess of the annual budget allocated for this purpose.

All applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application once the Strategy and Resources Committee has made its decision. Unsuccessful applicants will be given the reason(s) for no grant being awarded. The payment of grants will be made electronically.

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