



## **FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL GRANT AWARDING POLICY**

*Adopted by Parish Council March 2023*

### **1. Introduction**

- Freshwater Parish Council will consider applications for grants from voluntary groups, charitable organisations, non-profit making companies, Freshwater Parish Councillors and individuals.
- To qualify for an award the applicant must be able to demonstrate that any funding from the Parish Council will benefit the Parish of Freshwater and/or residents. All applications should clearly demonstrate how this will be achieved.
- Grant applications will be examined by the Finance Committee before being sent to the full council meetings in June, September, December and March. Grant applications of £1000 or more will go directly to Full Parish Council.
- In determining the validity of an application, the Council will refer to the following guidelines:

### **2. Applications will be considered for the following purposes:**

1. For purchasing equipment either in part or in full.
2. For the funding of transport that will enable group members to partake in a group trip or outing regardless of their incomes, in a group trip or outing regardless of their incomes.
3. For training activities, or to purchase the expertise of an outside trainer, instructor, or facilitator.
4. For activities that raise the profile of the area.
5. For running costs of a viable group that is experiencing a period of hardship.
6. For hosting special events or celebrations.
7. For the provision of recreational facilities.

### **3. Conditions:**

- a) Additional applications for the same purpose, within a 12-month period will not normally be considered.
- b) Ongoing commitments to award grants or subsidies in future years will not be made. A fresh application will be required each year.
- c) The award must be used for the purpose for which the application was made.
- d) If the group is unable to use the award for the stated purpose within 12 months of award, all monies must be returned to the Parish Council.
- e) All awards must be properly accounted for and evidence of expenditure should be supplied as requested.
- f) For grant requests over £1000 applicants will be required to present their project to the parish council in person.



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- g) If the project is delivering outcomes for residents and/or community, an end of year report will be required .
- h) Donations to Registered Charities in response to a general fund-raising appeal if there is benefit to the residents of the parish.
- i) Applicants may be required to submit their accounts for the last available financial year in support of their application.

### **4. Eligibility**

- a) Any charity, voluntary group, community, non- profitmaking organisation, operating within the parish or individual resident of the parish. This includes Freshwater Parish Councillors on behalf of parish projects.
- b) Agencies that operate within the Parish and are of benefit to the local community, with the following provisos:
  - I. The Parish Council will not fund activities that it considers to be the responsibility of a Statutory Authority.
  - II. Applications from schools for an activity that takes place within the school day will not normally be considered.
- c) Applications WILL NOT be considered from:
  - i. Organisations intending to support or oppose any political party or to discriminate in any way that contradicts the Equality and Diversity Acts of 2010.
  - ii. Private organisations operated as a business to make a make a profit or surplus.
  - iii. Local groups whose fund-raising is sent to their central headquarters for redistribution.