

# Fradley Parish Council

## Community Grants Policy

### Introduction

Under Section 137 of the Local Government Act Fradley Parish Council has discretionary powers to spend limited funds for projects we believe will bring a direct benefit to some or all of the residents of Fradley Parish.

### Policy

Fradley Parish Council will award grants at its absolute discretion to organisations that can demonstrate a clear need for financial support for a project that will bring recognised benefit to those that live, work and visit Fradley by:

- Enhancing the quality of life
- Improving the local environment
- Providing a service or improving a service
- Promoting the parish in positive way

Fradley Parish Council will **not** award grants to:

- Private individuals
- Commercial organisations
- Political parties
- Religious organisations: unless for a purpose which does not discriminate on grounds of belief
- Organisations that have applied more than once in a 12 month period

Only one application will be considered from any one organisation in a 12 month period. Applications will be considered three times a year at parish council meetings and outcomes will be communicated to the organisation in a timely manner, providing clear and transparent feedback as to the decision rationale.

Where deemed necessary and appropriate the parish council may request further information and clarification before a final decision is made.

Due to limited available funds Fradley Parish Council currently have a maximum limit of £500 per application, this is to ensure a fair and equitable spread, with maximum community reach. In exceptional circumstances the council may consider applications in excess of the maximum limit if the project can be expected to greatly enhance the quality of life in Fradley.

## Application Process & Guidance

Applications for grants must be from: **Charitable, Voluntary or Not for profit organisations**

Such organisations may apply for grants for activities associated with:

- Social
- Cultural
- Environmental
- Sporting
- or Service related projects

Applications must be made using the appropriate application form which can be completed electronically via the Fradley Parish web site. [Click here for the application form.](#)

The applications will be considered every 4 months by Fradley Parish Council taking into account the following criteria to ensure fairness and transparency:

- Applicant has provided the required information on the appropriate application form
- Application meets the criteria
- The level of commensurate benefit and the impact it will make to Fradley community
- Due account may also be taken of the extent to which funding has been sought or secured from other sources
- The council will consider how the projected outcomes could be modified or improved to provide even more benefit and impact for Fradley residents. Conditions may be put in place to maximise the value to the community of the grant awarded.

## Successful Applications

Organisations or groups who have successfully been awarded a grant are required to comply with the below:

- Use the allocated grant for the purpose of the project stated on the application
- Return any monies that the applicant has been unable to spend on the project to Fradley Parish Council
- Appraise Fradley Parish Council of the final outcome and impact within 12 months or upon completion whichever is the sooner

**Please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk should you require any clarification or support in completing an application.**