

PERSHORE TOWN COUNCIL – 2023 GRANT POLICY

Legal Issues

The Town Council has various legal powers to award grants to certain types of organisation without needing to use their powers under the General Power of Competence (GPC)

These are:-

Citizens Advice Bureau
Community transport initiatives
Crime prevention
Development of Arts
Provision of outdoor and indoor recreational facilities (including youth)
Power to promote tourism

Any other grants made to organisations that fall outside the above generally have to be given under GPC.

General Policy for grant applications

Pershore Town Council look to assist local clubs and organisations using the following criteria:-

- a. To assist local clubs, groups, societies and community organisations to develop and achieve their respective aims and objectives that benefit the whole or part of the community of Pershore.
- b. To support community and voluntary groups in the town who provide community activities.
- c. To provide financial and other assistance to appropriate local organisations subject to a defined need being established and subject to the Council's normal budgetary constraints and requirements.

Criteria for those applying for Grants

1. Grant applications will normally only be considered from organisations which benefit people within the area administered by Pershore Town Council. All grant applications are considered by the Finance and Property Committee at its April meeting.
2. The majority of the beneficiaries of the grant should normally be resident within the area administered by Pershore Town Council.
3. The Town Council would not normally expect to be asked to fund 100% of the cost of any project and organisations wishing to apply for more than partial funding will need to submit their reasons for wishing to be considered as a special case.
4. A grant cannot be given for political purposes, to promote publicity only, or to a body operating or establishing a fund that is operating, overseas.
5. All applications should include copies of the most recently audited accounts together with recent bank statements and a full justification of the application.

6. The Town Council reserves the right to verify the details supplied in your application by approaching other information sources. This will not be undertaken without your knowledge and may be before or after the committee meeting at which your application is discussed.
7. The Council reserves the right to withhold, withdraw or recover the grant if the operation for which the grant is awarded ceases or if the organisation's aims and objectives change.
8. Only one application from any organisation per year will normally be considered. Preference may be given to those organisations that have not received prior funding from Pershore Town Council.
9. Evidence of the proper use of the grant may be required in the form of accounts or, in the case of capital expenditure, evidence that the purchase has been made.