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SMALL GRANTS SCHEME POLICY

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1. Introduction

The Small Grants Scheme offers grants of up to £250 to support organisations currently contributing to or wishing to develop community projects in Bembridge.

2. Objectives

- To fund not for profit organisations based and working in Bembridge or those organisations that help the Parish community.
- To enable organisations wishing to improve the quality of facilities or services for their community.
- To support with small grants groups who are working to benefit Bembridge residents.

3. Who Can Apply?

Applications will be considered from local projects by local people to benefit the local community.

These may include:

- Projects promoting self-help in the community.
- Those schemes which aim to tackle youth issues.
- Groups involving excluded groups such as black and ethnic minority, disabled or older persons.
- Supporters of local involvement in environmental issues.

This is not an exhaustive list and there may be many other projects that the Parish Council will consider funding. However, all applicants should be aware that priority will be given to:

- First time applicants to the scheme
- Community groups where there is a direct, measurable benefit to specific community members or the community as a whole
- Organisations who can demonstrate consultation with the local community regarding the proposals outlined in this application.

The Parish Council will not support funding:

- For individuals, businesses or profit-making organisations
- For retrospective applications (i.e. you must not have committed yourself to the expenditure prior to application)
- To groups or organisations not based in Bembridge or benefiting its community.

4. Application Process

1. All applicants must complete the Application Form and supply all additional information as advised within it. Failure to provide all necessary supporting information will result in the rejection of your claim.
2. The annual budget for the Small Grants Scheme is typically £1000. The deadline for applications will be 31st March and applications may be made and considered at any time until that date or until the budget is exhausted, whichever is first.
3. Applicants will be notified of the Parish Council's decision. Where possible, the Council will offer further support and advice to applicants in applying to other organisations for funding.

5. Conditions for Approved Grants

Successful applicants must:

- Only use the grant for the purposes stated in the application
- Carry out the project / expenditure within 6 months of receiving the grant
- Provide the Council evidence that the grant has been applied in accordance with the application within 6 months of the grant being awarded.

If any of the above items are not adhered to then the grant may be repayable in full.

If you have any queries regarding the application guidelines, please contact:

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