

Funding available to organisations

- An organisation can apply for a grant from £250 to a maximum of £5,000.
- Only **one** application can be made per organisation

Those eligible to apply

- Non-profit, non-governmental, community and voluntary organisations whose primary purpose is to benefit the residents of Wealden.

Organisations which are not eligible are as follows:

- Local authorities/public sector bodies/parish and town councils (including NHS bodies)
- Schools
- Organisations that have received more than £10,000 from Wealden District Council in the previous two financial years
- Organisations who operate a grant scheme of their own or who budget for giving grants/donations in their annual budget.
- Groups who raise funds on behalf of, or whose project will mainly benefit, ineligible organisations (such as PTAs who directly support their school).
- Individuals (including making any payments to individuals on behalf of community groups or to support those seeking sponsorship for specific charity or fund-raising activities).
- For-profit entities, including private companies, sole proprietorships, and any organisation established with the primary goal of generating profit for distribution to its owners or shareholders.
- Political, lobbying and campaigning groups.
- Nationwide organisations, unless there is a branch in the ward or District and the activity is solely for the benefit of that area and not further afield.

Projects or items that cannot be funded:

- To replace money already spent, or to cover items, services or events that have already been purchased or occurred.
- Regular, recurring costs such as salaries.
- Recoverable VAT (if your organisation is VAT registered and able to reclaim VAT, we cannot fund the VAT element of your project costs).

- Finance charges including bank, finance or audit charges, loans and interest costs or endowments.
- Statutory obligations of the organisation.
- The grant cannot be used to match fund other grant schemes administered by Wealden District Council
- Contingency costs.
- Political activities, lobbying or campaigning.
- Projects that are contrary to the Equality Act 2010
- The purchase of alcohol, medication or drugs.
- Projects, initiatives and activities that directly promote a religious belief (this does not exclude applications from faith-based groups who want to deliver community-based projects that can clearly demonstrate a benefit to the wider community and include participation from the community).
- Teaching national curriculum subjects and/or learning-related activities contained in the annual School and Early Years Finance Regulations.
- Supporting any contentious matters or disputes.
- Activities causing reputational damage and conflicts of interest for the Council, including campaigns against the council or its statutory partners.
- Projects which could directly or indirectly have a negative impact on supporting the council to achieve its Council Strategy
- The purchase of items to then be resold to generate income for a project (e.g. buying raffle prizes)

Should an organisation wish to apply to the scheme I shall need them to contact me (cldr.David.Greaves@Wealden.gov.uk or davidgreaves@btinternet.com) so that I can arrange to meet with them to discuss their proposed project and check that it meets the scheme criteria. If I am satisfied with the proposals and feel that I can support the project I shall ask the organisation to send me an application using the online form. *(The on-line Application Form can be viewed by following this link to the Wealden District Council website: [application form](#))*

I would then send the application by e-mail to CouncillorWardBudgets@wealden.gov.uk confirming my support and approval of funds.

Successful applicants will be given 12 months for the project to be completed and for the money to be spent. The first tranche of the scheme will run until 31st March 2026. Provision has been made in the budget for the scheme to continue for a further 2 years, until March 2028.

I think that's it for the moment. Would you be kind enough to confirm receipt of this e-mail please and I look forward to starting the process off when we next meet. I feel that it is probably appropriate for no applications to be submitted until all four Parish Councils have met and started to discuss the Scheme (ED&F next meet on 2nd October) I need to ensure that all Parishes have an equal opportunity to promote this Scheme and hopefully achieve some much-needed funding support.

Enjoy the rest of the summer !

Many thanks

Regards

David Greaves