



CAM PARISH COUNCIL

Grant Policy 2026

Cam Parish Council has a small budget to assist community organisations located and working in Cam for the benefit of the community, through grant funding. The funding criteria is set by Cam Parish Council. Cam Parish Council can only fund groups and activities that come under certain legal powers which enable them to do so.

The Aims of the Council's Grant Policy

Cam Parish Council provides grant funding to support the following aims:

- To enable local people to participate in voluntary groups and activities.
- To help the Parish's voluntary groups to improve their effectiveness.
- To ensure the provision of services, needed by the Parish's residents, via the voluntary sector.
- To support organisations which meet the needs of people experiencing social and economic difficulties.
- To ensure that there is equality of access and opportunity for all Cam Parish residents to the services it provides and funds.
- To improve or enhance the local environment.
- To achieve value for money.

The Parish Council defines a voluntary group as a non-profit making organisation, set up and run by a voluntary, unpaid management committee.

Terms and conditions

Cam Parish Council will award small grants for one-off projects.

- Grants are considered annually at the Parish Council's Finance Policy & General Purposes Committee meetings for ratification from Full Council and payment in April. Any remaining budget balance will be made available in another round of grant giving in October for payment in November.
- Grants must meet the Council's grant criteria which are set out below and applications must be made on the Parish Council's application form.
- Application forms will be posted on request or copies downloaded from the Parish Council's website.
- All applications must be accompanied by appropriate accounts or supporting financial information **showing an active bank account in the organisations name.**
- Forms and the supporting information must be returned to the Clerk of the Council by the deadline stated on the form.
- The amount of the award will be at the discretion of Cam Parish Council
- Grants will be awarded to voluntary groups and societies, clubs, not-for-profit organisations, or charities operating in Cam or where the benefit will be for the Parish.
- The purpose for which the grant is made must be in the interest of the Cam area or any part of it or all or some of the inhabitants of the Cam area which is defined by the boundaries of the Parish Council. The benefit to the area or inhabitants must be commensurate with the expenditure. Groups from outside the Parish who can demonstrate direct benefit to the area are eligible to apply.
- All applications will be considered on their merits, but in general grants will be awarded for capital projects, such as the purchase of equipment, works to buildings, improvements to premises. In addition, the Council may support a community event, festival or other special event. Grants towards running costs, salaries or consumables, may be considered in exceptional circumstances.

- For large projects over £2,500, Council reserves the right to allocate a Councillor to ensure the project is progressing well or concluded successfully.
- FPGP would welcome a presentation from any applicant if they would like an opportunity to promote their project.
- The Parish Council will take into account any previous grant made to an organisation or group when considering a new application
- All grant recipients are required to provide the Parish Council with a brief report, including photographs where appropriate, of how the grant has been utilised, how it has assisted the organisation or group and what it has achieved.
- Any groups or organisations that do not provide proof of spend through a completion report will be ineligible for future funding through this grant.
- If the grant is put to purposes other than those for which it was awarded without the prior written approval of the Parish Council, the recipient organisation or group may be required to repay the grant.
- Recognition of the grant from Cam Parish Council must be made in any publicity.

What will we not fund?

Grants **will not be awarded for**

- Retrospective funding
- Funding for individuals
- Funding for political activities
- Applications for events exclusively for members for a particular faith group
- The grant will not support other public sector bodies i.e. schools, social services, however community and voluntary groups associated with these may apply
- Regional or national charities unless it is for a specific project in the Cam area or where there will be obvious benefit to the Parish
- Any commercial venture for private gain

How do I apply?

A completed application form should be returned to the Parish Council Office at the address shown on the form and by the relevant date. Applications will be assessed on

- How well the grant will meet the needs of the community, providing positive benefit to the inhabitants
- How effectively the group will use the grant
- Whether the costs are appropriate and realistic
- What level of contributions has been, or will be, raised locally
- Whether the organisation or group could reasonably have been expected to obtain sufficient funding from another, perhaps more appropriate source
- How the organisation or group is managed, as indicated by the constitution

Please note – BACS payment is preferred. Cheques will only be made payable to the organisation named not private individuals.