

# **DERBYSHIRE GRANTS PROGRAMME**

We want to encourage groups with great ideas about what would make where they live better.

The Council wants to help them make this possible by providing grants which support local organisations to turn good ideas into activity and projects which make a difference.

Your organisation needs to be a not-for-profit voluntary organisation, community group or a registered charity.

Parish and Town Councils can apply as long as it was not felt to be something that is reasonable to be covered out of the precept.

Below are the strategic outcomes from the Council Plan 2021-25, in the application form you will need to detail how your project will contribute to the achievement of these outcomes.

- Resilient, thriving and green communities which share responsibility for improving their areas and supporting each other
- Happy, safe and healthy people, with solid networks of support, who feel in control of their personal circumstances and aspirations
- A strong, diverse and clean economy which makes the most of Derbyshire's rich assets and provides meaningful opportunities for local people to achieve their full potential
- Great places to live, work and visit with diverse cultural opportunities, and a healthy and sustainable environment for all
- High quality public services that work together alongside communities to deliver services that meet people's needs

During 2022 and 2023 we will be looking to grant fund projects or activities which support residents and/or communities to:

- Feel safe and included in their local community
- Promote positive behaviours amongst young people
- Be green and sustainable
- Increase civic participation and deliver community identified priorities
- Be physically active and make positive lifestyle choices

The total funding available over two years is £1.5million. Projects, activities and programmes can be supported for a maximum of two years.

There are four categories of funding

Small up to £1,000

Medium £1,001 - £20,000

Large £20,001 - £50,000

Exceptional over £50,000

The fund supports both capital and revenue

Capital funding can be used to purchase assets, either new or the significant refurbishment of existing assets. These are expected to have “wider community benefit” and to have an expected lifespan of at least 5 years.

The Council would only consider expenditure as ‘capital’ for any cost above £5,000. Any costs which are below this would be considered as revenue funding.

Small grants have no expectation of match funding

Medium grants – at least 10% match funding for the capital element above £5,000

Large grants – at least 20% match funding for the capital element

Exceptional grants – at least 25% match funding for the capital element

## Conditional payments

Applicants may also wish to get approval for support to be used as, or to underwrite, 'match funding' for a project. Successful match funded project bids should understand approval as an intended commitment 'in principle'. If match funding is still to be sought, the Council will not release funds until all monies are in place.

**Match funding** - Funding will not be released by the Council until proof of match funding is submitted.

**Permission** – Funding will not be released by the Council until proof of permission is submitted.

**Start-ups** - Funding will not be released by the Council until proof of a bank account and formal constitution is submitted.

Any proof required in order for funding to be released would need to be attained within three months of a successful application.



## Developing a project

The Council receives more applications than it can fund and as such will be looking for applications which have the biggest impact locally and which can contribute the most to the Council's priorities.

The Grant Funding Prospectus poses 7 pre-application questions which should be considered before an application is completed.

- What outcomes will you focus on achieving and how do you know these are priorities in your community?
- What will your project seek to do and how will you work to make an impact on your chosen priorities?
- What will you look to strengthen or build upon within your local community?
- How will your community be in an improved position when your funding ends?
- Why do you think your proposal will create positive changes?
- What outcomes will you expect to see if your work is successful?
- How will you evidence to us that your project has been successful?

## Deadlines

Small grants are an open process with no deadlines and we aim to notify applicants of the decision within 3 weeks of receiving the application

Medium grants are awarded every 3 months, with the first deadline for receipt of applications being 30 April 2022. We aim to notify applicants of the decision within 4 weeks of receiving the application.

Large and Exceptional Grants are awarded every six months, with the first deadline for receipt of applications being 30 April 2022. We aim to notify applicants of the decision within 6 weeks of receiving the application.

## Scoring and assessment

Each application is scored against the assessment criteria which includes

- Clear evidence of need
- Meets the Council's Strategic Outcomes
- Provides value for money
- Has lasting impact and sustainability

The evidence required against each criteria is detailed by category of grant

Each of these questions is scored 0 – 5, with 0 being unacceptable through to 5 being excellent

## Monitoring

Monitoring of the Programme will take place on a regular basis to ensure equality of access across different communities in Derbyshire, particularly over the first twelve months. This will include take up of the different levels of grants, which funding priorities they support as well as geographical coverage. This will ensure that there is some flexibility in the Programme as it moves forward and that spend on the programme is maximised. It will also help recognise those communities where more support may be required to identify and promote relevant projects.

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