

Winchester City Council Grants – December 2020 Newsletter

SMALL GRANTS – UP TO £500

Open for applications – Town Forum and District

This scheme aims to make small grants easily available to local voluntary and community groups. Grants are quick and easy to apply for, and we will offer you advice whenever you need it. The grants of up to £500 are available for one-off pieces of expenditure if on projects, equipment and other items which will help your organisation to do more, to reach more people, to provide better services or to try something different.

We are also encouraging organisations to apply for Coronavirus (COVID-19) related activities which support our themes of: Dealing with peoples and communities needs and striving for positive change

Items of expenditure for example could be as follows (but not exclusive to):

- Trialling a different way of working during these socially distanced times
- Buying different or updated technology
- Increasing or updating your resources
- Improving digital connectivity to enhance service user engagement
- Activities to increase your support to vulnerable individuals
- Creating a COVID safe environment in which to deliver your service
- Provision of equipment including Personal protective equipment (PPE)

Should your application be eligible and suitable for funding we would like you to attend a virtual panel meeting in order for us to have a brief discussion with regards to your application. You will be advised on the day if your organisation will receive the funding you requested. Small Grant Panel Meetings will be held on a 6 week rolling basis via an online system (usually MS Teams) but we can assist you with this if required.

If your organisation is within one of the five unparished wards:

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/grants/town-forum-small-grants>

If your organisation is within a ward in the wider Winchester district:

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/grants/small-grant-scheme>

You can view a ward map on our website:

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/elections/ward-map>



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COMMUNITIES POSITIVE CHANGE FUND TOWN COMMUNITY FUND

Relaxation of criteria until 31 March 2021

The Council appreciates that not for profit organisations are facing unprecedented times and difficult decisions regarding income generation and a rise in demand for service provision. The Council is also very aware of the invaluable support that these organisations provide to our most vulnerable communities and residents.

Therefore, until March 31 2021 we are relaxing our criteria to encourage not for profit organisations to apply for funding to support additional costs that they may have incurred or are incurring to deliver their services.

Organisations may apply for funding in respect of the following costs, where they can demonstrate evidence of increased demand:

- Additional staffing
- Alternative/additional premises
- Car / transport hire
- Increased volunteer expenses
- New or updated technology in order to increase reach
- Creating a COVID safe environment in which to deliver your service
- Provision of equipment including Personal protective equipment (PPE)

If your organisation is eligible, the council will consider matching up to 50% of the project costs or £2000 (whatever is less).

Applicants already in receipt of our Strategic and Priority Outcomes annual funding are able to apply for costs that are over and above core activities.

Communities Positive Change Fund overview: The 'Communities Positive Change Fund' is keen to support not-for-profit organisations and businesses within the Winchester District that provide services/activities which ***deal with communities needs***, such as isolation, low income, homelessness, mental health and physical inactivity. We are also wishing to support those applicants who are ***striving for positive change*** around environmental quality, increasing usage of digital applications, services and products, enhancing sustainability, green technologies, creativity and innovation and business growth.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/funds/communities-positive-change-fund>

Winchester Town Community Fund overview: The 'Winchester Town Community Fund' is keen to support not-for-profit organisations within the five unparished wards of Winchester. These Wards are St Bartholomew, St Barnabas, St Paul, St Luke and St Michael. Please see our Ward Map for more information.

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/elections/ward-map>

The fund wishes to support those organisations that provide services/activities which deal with communities needs, such as inclusion, environment and wellbeing.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/funds/town-community-fund>

Not for profit projects which meet the Council's criteria will (subject to the Council's discretion) receive a pledge.



Projects which don't fit the criteria, including projects which are solely to help businesses stay afloat during this difficult time are unlikely to meet our criteria and will not receive a pledge. However, these projects are still able to run their projects on Crowdfunder.

Additional Crowdfund Winchester Fund:

Greener Future Fund - Through the 'Greener Future Fund' we are supporting voluntary and not-for-profit groups and organisations in the district that are helping to create cohesive, sustainable, healthy and resilient communities in Winchester.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/funds/greener-future-fund>

Training Session – How to Crowdfund & how to access support on setting up a project

On **Wednesday 20 January 2021** at **4:30pm** for 1 hour, Crowdfunder will be holding a virtual training session to talk you through how to build and execute a successful project on the platform.

You can secure your place on the session by registering at the link below!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/crowdfund-winchester-live-learn-introduction-to-crowdfunding-tickets-133103031751>

Should you wish to create a project and need further help contact:

Email: vanessa@crowdfunder.co.uk

Telephone: (0)1637 817 455 , [Follow us on Facebook @crowdfunderuk](#)

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/>

Business support/Information

The government has set out its own support package for businesses and we encourage those seeking support to survive the current crisis to visit the Council's website for the most up to date information on the Council's response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and for details on what support is available: <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/covid19>

Further information is also available through our 'Coronavirus COVID-19: Support for businesses' webpage:

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/business/covid-19-support>

And through our partner, Incuhive:

<https://incuhive.co.uk/index.php/covid19>

Voluntary sector support:

<https://www.cfirst.org.uk/>

To view the Council's terms and conditions and criteria for the funds available via Crowdfund Winchester, please visit:

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/grants/crowdfunding>

