

Grants @ Winchester City Council.
Funding Newsletter – December 2021.

Small Grants

Applications OPEN

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 encouraging organisations to apply for Coronavirus (COVID-19) related activities which support our themes (dealing with peoples and communities needs and striving for positive change). Items of expenditure for example could be:

- Trailing 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)

Winchester City Council's small grants programme is open to applications from organisations planning community activities and events in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee during Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June 2022. Grants can be applied for to fund costs which will enable the event to run:

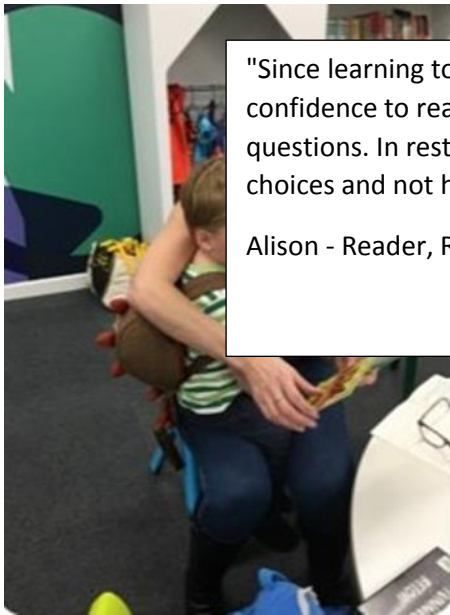
- Marketing
- Signage/banners
- Equipment
- Gazebos
- Stage hire
- Venue hire
- Chairs/tables
- High vis safety vests
- Lighting
- Supplies to enable the event such as: glasses, cutlery, tape, paper cups, first aid kit, power leads

Further information on the eligibility and criteria for the Small Grants programme, along with how to make an application, can be found on our website.

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/grants-for-not-for-profit-organisations/small-grant-scheme>

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/community-recreation/queen-s-jubilee-celebrations>

Small Grant Case Study



"Since learning to read, I have gained the confidence to read in public and ask questions. In restaurants, I can make my own choices and not have to copy someone else's."

Alison - Reader, Read Easy Winchester

Crowdfunder

Crowdfunding is the latest form of funding available from Winchester City Council. We are working in partnership with Crowdfunder to provide a crowdfunding platform for Winchester.

If you feel you fit the criteria to apply for match funding from Winchester City Council, get your application in now. If your business or organisation is eligible, the council will then consider matching up to 50% of the project costs or £4000 (whatever is less).

Visit our page at Crowdfunder and our website for more information:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/programmes/crowdfund-winchester>

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/grants-for-not-for-profit-organisations/crowdfunding>

Here, you can set up your own fundraising page, encouraging people within the community to pledge to your business or organisation. You can then apply for match successfully reach your target, you will qualify for the funding!

Coming Soon – Priority Outcomes Fund 2022-2025

Some of the collective outcomes achieved by the group of organisations receiving core grant awards in 2020/21 are:

- 107 people benefited from support from a volunteer through a family home visiting service
- 473 people over the age of 60 were helped with services such as telephone befriending, shopping, prescription delivery, meal delivery, exercise classes and online activities
- 160 counselling sessions for young people helped to address the growing demand for mental health support
- 141 people benefitted from access to a youth life skills café and community mental health information point
- 7,321 clients were supported with advice and support on issues such as finance, health and employment, including digital support to an increasing number of people with Universal Credit issues
- 509 people benefited from drop in and outreach housing services

Keep an eye on our Facebook and Twitter – we will be announcing the opening of applications in the New Year!

Facebook – Grants at Winchester City Council

Twitter - @WCCGrant

Office Closure – Christmas 2021

The council offices will be closed from **Friday 24 December 2021** until **Tuesday 4 January 2022**.

In the event of an emergency, you can call **01962 865 407**. For housing emergencies call **01962 865 405**. You can also continue to report any issues online.