



Winchester District Small Grant Scheme 2022/2023

Interim Change 1 October 2022 – 28 February 2023: Our relaxed criteria will apply. The council recognises that the cost of living crisis is having a significant impact on voluntary and not for profit organisations across the district. Therefore the criteria for our small grant scheme have been relaxed and the maximum grant increased to **£1,000**. This relaxed criteria will be reviewed in December 2022 and updated as necessary. See the 'What you can apply for' section below for further details.

Introduction

Winchester City Council's grant funding programme is aimed at supporting voluntary and not-for-profit groups and organisations in the District that can clearly demonstrate how their services and projects help deliver a cohesive, sustainable, resilient community.

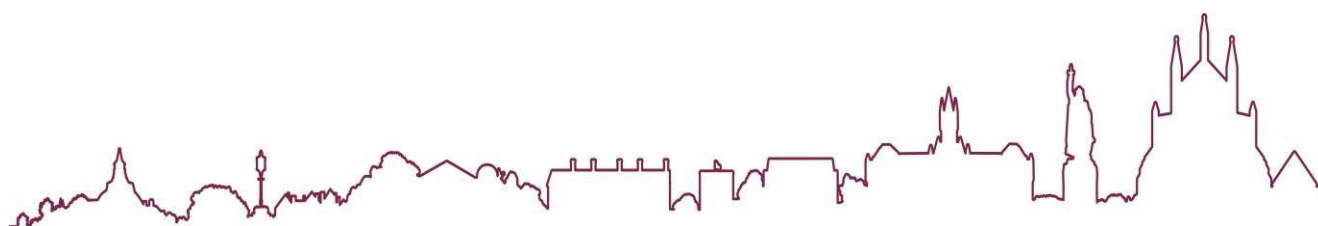
The Winchester District small grant scheme is designed to provide small-scale, one-off grants to local voluntary/not for profit groups and organisations.

Funding is targeted at activities which require one-off expenditure or initial set up/pump priming costs. The grants are available for one-off pieces of expenditure 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. Examples of eligible costs include new or start-up equipment, set up costs for new groups, special events and activities.

If you require any assistance with completing the form, would like to discuss an application, or if you are a new applicant please contact the Funding & Development Officer:

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Who can apply

Local not-for-profit groups, community organisations and registered charities that operate for the direct benefit of residents of the Winchester District. Please see our [Ward Map](#) for more information.

Please note:

- Every group and organisation should have a constitution or documentation which includes a formal decision making process, and aims that are acceptable to Winchester City Council.
- In the case of registered charities they must comply with the standards laid down by the Charity Commission.

What you can apply for

- One off cost of unique activities or special events
- Additional equipment
- Set up costs for new groups
- Marketing material

Temporary relaxation of criteria effective 1 October 2022: The council recognises that the cost of living crisis is having a significant impact on voluntary and not for profit organisations across the district. This may be due to an increased level in demand for their service, a reduction in income from individual contributions, or a substantial increase to ongoing running costs. Therefore the criteria for our small grant scheme have been relaxed until 28 February 2023 to enable organisations to apply for a grant to cover an element of running costs where these have been impacted by the cost of living crisis. Running costs may comprise up to a maximum of 50% of the grant value requested. In addition the maximum grant award has been raised to £1,000 during this period.

We expect competition for these grants to be high and will give priority to organisations whose work supports the most vulnerable people in our communities. Applicants are encouraged to explain how the grant will help their organisation continue to deliver one or more of the council's funding themes listed on our website, with priority given to those addressing themes of low income, isolation, homelessness, mental health, physical inactivity. This relaxed criteria will be reviewed in December 2022 and updated as necessary.

Funding Themes and Priority Outcomes

Organisations applying for funds to support services must demonstrate how the work helps achieve the priority outcomes in the funding themes:

1. Dealing with peoples and communities' needs.
 - ☐ Isolation
 - ☐ Low Income
 - ☐ Homelessness
 - ☐ Mental Health
 - ☐ Physical inactivity
2. Striving for positive change.
 - ☐ Digital application, services and products
 - ☐ Sustainability, environmental quality, green technologies
 - ☐ Creative and innovative
 - ☐ Business growth

We are unable to fund:

Organisations	Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commercial organisations• Community Interest Companies limited by shares• Individuals• Organisations whose main objective is to raise funds for other charitable organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local or national appeals• Student expeditions• Play areas (eg. large equipment for public playgrounds)• Activities which are of a wholly and exclusively political or religious nature, or organisations supporting political activism• Replacement or "like for like" equipment/items• Curriculum based school activities• Capital or project activities of a statutory nature• Retrospective funding of activities/projects• General running costs of an organisation*• Profit making events/activities for your organisation or others• Repeat activities / projects• Websites <p>* temporary relaxation of rules as detailed above allows for applications with an element of running costs</p>

Application

This is a competitive fund and each application will be assessed against the grant eligibility and criteria. At the time the application is submitted, to enable the council to assess applications fully, all sections must be completed with all the information you wish considered together with all the documents requested.

Applications should be made via the official application form and submitted by the agreed deadline found on our website. There is an annual budget for this scheme and it may close early if the fund is fully allocated before the advertised deadline.

Please ensure that you or a representative from your organisation is available to attend a small grant panel meeting via MS Teams.

Funding decisions are delegated to Winchester City Council's Funding Officer and Corporate Head of Economy and Community. 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 shortly afterwards if your organisation will receive the funding you requested. Small Grant Panel Meetings will be held on a quarterly basis via MS Teams.

The council's decisions with regards to funding are discretionary and no appeals process is available.

Eligibility Criteria

In order to be eligible for consideration, applicants must comply with all of the following criteria:

1. Organisations applying for funding must be able to support one or more of our funding themes.
2. Organisations/groups applying for a grant must have a current bank account in the name of the organisation/group. Winchester City Council will not make grant payments to individuals, even if they are an official of the organisation.
3. Activities which have already received funding through this grant scheme will not be eligible for further funding for the same activity in subsequent years. Records are kept of all previous applications and awards.
4. Only one grant from this funding scheme will be given to an organisation in any one financial year.

5. Organisations working with children, young people or vulnerable adults must have a robust protection policy in place and ensure that all active staff and volunteers have undertaken a DBS check. If your organisation does not have the appropriate policies in place, support is available from Community First in the Winchester District
<http://www.cfheh.org.uk/services/winchester/>.
6. Organisations/groups must be able to demonstrate that they have an open access/equal opportunities approach towards membership, use of their facilities and activities. Groups are required to take reasonable steps to ensure their activities can be made available for as broad a range of people as possible and that positive measures are put in place to remove any barriers to access.
7. Organisations/groups must have the appropriate public liability and employer's liability insurance for the activities they provide.
8. Organisations should have the relevant policies and permissions in place in order to provide their service

Grant Terms

1. Any spend by the organisation prior to formal notification from the council, will make the organisation/group ineligible for funding.
2. Winchester City Council reserves the right to fund less than the amount requested in the application form.
3. Organisations/groups must not change the use of the grant award and must spend the grant on the purpose for which it was approved unless agreed otherwise in writing by the Funding and Development Officer at Winchester City Council.
4. All grant recipients will be required to publicise the support of Winchester City Council including the use of the appropriate council logo on publicity material. Guidance on this will be sent to successful applicants.
5. All grant recipients will be required to explain how they used their grant within three months of spending the grant. The organisation must submit to the council a short statement of project completion, to confirm that the money was spent on the approved purpose, or the council may seek to reclaim its funding
6. Payment of grant by the council will be made in advance of expenditure, following formal notification of the grant and receipt of the signed Funding Agreement. Funds will be released in one payment.
7. If grant funding is used inappropriately, or the applicant fails to respect the conditions attached to the grant, the council may demand reimbursement of any funds already paid out, or take other measures to recoup the funds.

Process Diagram

