GRANTS POLICY 2017

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The purpose of Broadland District Council's Community Grants Programme is to support community-led activities and facilities in the district.

The Council can fund projects that clearly demonstrate their contribution to the Broadland Business Plan. The ambitions of Broadland District Council are:

- To deliver economic success in our area
- To achieve Environmental Success in everything we do
- To plan and provide well housed communities
- To increase levels of health and wellbeing
- To keep people safe and secure
- To continue to provide high quality, value for money services on our own or as a trusted partner

In order to achieve these ambitions the strategic outcomes required from the Community Grants Programme include:

- Improved quality of life for Broadland residents through access to local facilities, activities and services
- Increased participation to create stronger and more cohesive communities
- Enhanced local environments
- Increased opportunities to encourage healthier and more active people
- Increased number of volunteers
- Increased number of local activities and events that offer opportunities for all

**Broadland’s Approach to Community Grant Making**

The ethos and vision of the grants programme is about:

meeting the needs of the community, as identified by the community. The aim of this approach is that the grant will meet the needs of communities at the ‘grass roots’ level. In support of this aim the Council is prepared to be a ‘first funder’ and is flexible to the needs and circumstances of the funded organisation. The Council recognises the fact that its promise of funding can attract grants from other sources;

making it possible for community groups who would not usually apply for grant funding to apply by making it welcoming to potential applicants;

contributing to ‘building the capacity’ of the individual organisation by encouraging development of their organisational capability (constitutions, policies, evidence base, community/councillor involvement).
increasing skills and contributing to organisational sustainability thereby enabling the organisation to develop so that they can continue after the funding has finished.

The programme will actively foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not; promoting equality of opportunity to all

The Community Grants Programme has three distinct strands –

- Community Activities Grants of up to 50% of the project costs with a maximum award of £2,000
- Community Small grants of up to £500 (no match funding required)
- Community Capital Grants of up to 50% of project costs with a maximum award of £5,000. These grants are particularly suited to community building refurbishment projects

Members and Officers are not precluded from making applications for grants but must ensure that they do not attempt to influence the processing of any applications they may be involved with

Grants cannot be awarded retrospectively therefore projects must not commence before a grant offer has been received by the applicant

**General Exclusions**

Projects not benefiting people in Broadland

Individuals for their personal needs i.e. bursaries

Retrospective grants – i.e. for work that has already taken place

Direct replacement of statutory obligation and public funding i.e. curricular activities in schools

General running costs, e.g. utility bills and maintenance or projects with high ongoing maintenance costs - unless the applicant can clearly demonstrate that they have the funds and skills to maintain the project once funding ends, salaries

Activities promoting political or religious beliefs. However, places of worship are eligible where funding is for adaptation or improvement for wider community use

Commercial ventures

General appeals

Animal welfare unless the project benefits people i.e. disabled riding schemes

Overseas travel or expeditions for individuals and groups
Services for asylum seekers inconsistent with immigration law
Organisations raising funds to redistribute to other causes
Projects where the grant awards cannot be spent within 12 months *NB with some exceptions

Individual projects will not be funded for more than 2 consecutive years

**General Information**

The Programme is operated on a rolling basis with applications being accepted all year round depending on the availability of funding.

The policy will be reviewed by Council Officers and Members periodically.