



## Grants Policy

Madeley Town Council will consider applications for grants from voluntary groups, charitable and other organisations carrying out community activities.

Applications for financial assistance will fall into one of two categories: -

**Grants** are applications of up to £1,500 and will be decided by the Leisure and Community Committee.

**Partnerships** are defined as an application for £1,500 or more and greater detail will be required from the applicant. The application will first be assessed by the Leisure and Community Committee who will make a recommendation to Finance and General Purposes Committee, who will make the final decision. Awards made under the Partnership Funding arrangements will be subject to more rigorous standards of accountability that will be detailed in a Partnership Agreement.

In determining the validity of an application, the committees will refer to the following guidelines:

**Applications will be considered for the following purposes: -**

1. For the purpose of purchasing equipment either in part or in full.
2. For the funding of transport that will enable group members to partake in a group trip or outing regardless of their incomes.
3. For training activities, or to purchase the expertise of an outside trainer/ instructor/ facilitator.
4. For activities that raise the profile of the area.
5. For running costs of a viable group that is experiencing a period of hardship.
6. For hosting special events or celebrations.
7. For the provision of recreational facilities.
8. Small start-up grants for new groups.

**Conditions: -**

1. **To qualify for an award the applicant must be able to demonstrate that any funding from Madeley Town Council will benefit the civic parish or residents of the civic parish.**
2. Grants will not be awarded to individuals
3. Grants will not be awarded for similar items on a regular basis.
4. Additional applications within a 12 month period will not normally be considered.
5. The award must be used for the purpose for which the application was made.
6. If the group is unable to use the award for the stated purpose, all monies must be returned to Madeley Town Council.
7. All awards must be properly accounted for and evidence of expenditure should be supplied as requested. If Madeley Town Council is not satisfied with the arrangements, they reserve the right to request a refund of monies awarded.
8. Donations to Registered Charities in response to a general fundraising appeal will be subject to funding availability and at the discretion of the Leisure & Community Committee.

**Eligibility: -**

1. Any Charity, Voluntary Group or Community Organisation.
2. Agencies that operate within the Madeley Town Council boundary and are of benefit to the local community, with the following proviso:
  - Madeley Town Council will not fund activities that it considers to be the responsibility

of a Statutory Authority.

3. Groups operating outside the Town Council boundary may be eligible to apply provided they can demonstrate that the project will benefit the residents of the Madeley civic parish.
4. Applicants are encouraged to come along to the committee meetings to speak about their applications

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