

# NORTH THORESBY, GRAINSBY & WAITHE PARISH COUNCIL

## **Grants Awarding Policy**

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North Thoresby, Grainsby and Waithe Parish Council (NTGWPC) has statutory powers to make funds available to local organisations for the overall benefit of NTGW (North Thoresby, Grainsby and Waithe and its residents.

This policy outlines NTGW Parish Council's guidelines for awarding. It also formalises the application process to ensure access, openness and fairness to the groups and organisations the Parish Council aims to support. The Parish Council will ensure that the grant awarding activity is fair and transparent.

#### **General Information for applicants:**

It is NTGWPC's intention (subject to budget restrictions and available resources) to support initiatives from local community groups and organisations.

The size of any grant awarded to an organisation/group is at the discretion of the Parish Council and will not exceed £1000.00 in any one application and in any one financial year.

The Grant Year runs from the 1st of April to the 31st of March the following year.

#### Who is eligible to apply:

The following organisations may apply:

A NTGW based charity

An organisation serving the needs of the residents of NTGW

Residents(group) of NTGW requesting grant aid with a project/event which will be for the benefit of the whole community.

A NTGW based club/association/charity serving a specific section of the community or the community as a whole

A local branch of a regional or national organisation/group which serves the needs of the residents of Thurston.

#### Who is not eligible to apply:

Projects which are the prime statutory responsibility of other government bodies who would normally be funded by a local or regional authority

Projects which improve or benefit privately owned land or property

Support for individuals or private business projects

Applications by 'for profit' commercial organisations

From regional and national organisations unless it can be clearly demonstrated that the grant would be specifically for the residents served by NTGW

From organisations with political affiliations or those established for the purpose of forwarding a party – political agenda.

#### What can be funded:

The project should be something that makes the local community a better place to live, work and play. It should be something that will provide a long lasting and sustainable benefit to the local community. The project must be something that will improve the social, environmental and/or economic profile of NTGW.

#### The Criteria for funding:

Only one application per organisation/group in each financial year

A limit of £1000.00 per organisation/group per financial year

Grants are not made retrospectively

A constitution/governance/official document will be required to support the grant

A set of audited accounts (nearest year to the application) will be required to support the grant

Three previous bank statements (nearest month to the grant application) will be required to support the grant

Organisations/groups applying for grants need to have an organisation/group bank account.

A new organisation/group (with no accounts) will be required to provide a financial statement

#### Decisions will be based on the following criteria:

General eligibility Impact on key local need Community Support Value for money Environmental impact Community involvement Feasibility Likely effectiveness

#### Finally:

Financial support can only be used for the purpose for which the grant is given, otherwise the funding will need to be returned to the Parish Council.

Grants cannot be distributed to any other organisation. If not needed, the funding will need to be returned to the Parish Council.

Applications to be submitted to the Parish Clerk:

Please mark the envelope Private and Confidential The Village Hall The Square North Thoresby Grimsby DN36 5QL

Please send email applications to clerk@norththoresby-pc.gov.uk