

Grant Awarding Policy

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COMMUNITY GRANT AWARDING POLICY

Rogiet Community Council has powers to distribute grants under the following legislation:

S137 of the Local Government Act 1972

S2 of the Local Government Act 20002 and S126 (1) of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 ~ Power of Wellbeing

Other powers including those contained within the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

Limitations: "Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 which applies to community councils contains a financial limit on incurring expenditure (and therefore the provision of funding)

The Council makes grants to organisations working for the benefit of the communities in the area of Rogiet.

Grants are made out of funds provided by the Council Tax payers of the Rogiet areas and accordingly, the Council has a responsibility to satisfy itself that grants will provide benefit to the local communities.

This policy sets out the requirements that must be satisfied before grant applications will be considered.

Eligibility

Registered or non-registered charities, social enterprises, not-for-profits and community groups operating within Rogiet who have the following:

A bank account with at least two unrelated signatories

Less than 12 months' running costs in unrestricted reserves

The Council will NOT normally award grants to the following organisations and projects:

- Groups with more than 12 months' running costs in unrestricted reserves
- Core school expenditure
- Projects with party political aims and objectives
- Religious organisations (unless for non-religious activities)
- projects taking place wholly or significantly outside of Rogiet
- Projects due to start more than six months after the grant is awarded
- General fundraising appeals.

Retrospective Projects

The Community Council will not provide grants for retrospective projects. Applications must be submitted and approved before any project activity, expenditure, or commitment takes place. Projects that have already started, been completed, or where costs have already been incurred will not be eligible for funding.

Applying for a grant

Grants awarded will not normally exceed £500

Grant applications must be made on the Council's application form.

Grant requests exceeding £500 will only be considered in exceptional circumstances and must be accompanied by a written statement of support by at least one Community Councillor.

The amount for 2025/26 is £11.10 x number of electors

Applicants must set out how the community will benefit from the work funded by any grants. For organisations located outside of the Council wards, the application must be accompanied by proof of attendance by local residents.

Applicants must set out any other funding they have been awarded or have applied for.

Applicants must provide a copy of the organisation's most recent accounts and bank statements.

The Council will only consider one application from an organisation within any financial year.

Application Assessment process

Applications will be considered at Ordinary Meetings as they arise.

Where the entire allocation of grant spending is not awarded in any one period the surplus will be returned to general reserves.

It is envisaged the Council will receive more applications than the budget is able to support.

Full Council will have the final decision.

Successful Grants

Subject to relevant conditions being in place, successful applicants have 30 days to accept the grant and provide bank details for the release of the funds before it is automatically reallocated.

Where an application has been refused in that it failed to meet the assessment criteria, applicants may re-apply.

The Council reserves the right to reclaim fully / partially funds not spent in accordance with the approved grant application, left unspent after one year of receipt or for breach of conditions.