

# North Dalton Parish Council Small Grants Award Policy

## 1. Introduction

The following policy sets out how North Dalton Parish Council considers and grants awards.

The policy enables the Council to make informed and fair assessment of grant applications, so that decisions on grant applications within the limited grant budget are fair.

The aim is to assist the continuing development of a vibrant and active community, enhancing the range of activities and services available to North Dalton residents.

## 2. Power

The Parish Council regularly receives requests for grants and donations from a variety of organisations and the aim of the Policy is to encourage and support activities and projects which will benefit the Parish of North Dalton only.

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 places restrictions on Parish Councils when it comes to making grants to other organisations or bodies.

Paragraph 1 – *“A local authority may, subject to the provisions of this section, incur expenditure which in their opinion is in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to, their area or any part of it or all or some of its inhabitants”*

## 3. Policy

- a) Grants are made to support constituted voluntary groups, charitable bodies and community organisations, or new organisations that wish to get established.
- b) Applications are only accepted from charitable or non-profit making organisations.
- c) Applications from organisations with substantial unallocated resources will not be considered priority for funding
- d) Only one grant will be made to an organisation within a single financial year. The provision of a grant in one year does not set precedent for another year, nor does it preclude further grants in subsequent years.

## 4. What will not be funded

Grants will not be awarded to support:-

- Individuals
- Activities that fall outside the Financial Year in which funds are awarded
- Activities that fall operate outside the Parish Boundary unless providing opportunities or a service for North Dalton residents
- Activities that could be reasonably be expected to be funded from other sources
- Projects that have already been completed
- Promotion or opposition to a political or religious activity

## **5. Applications**

Applications for grants must be made by completion of the Council's official application form, submitted together with any accompanying documents to the Clerk.

## **6. Criteria**

- The application should clearly identify expected benefits and outcomes
- The application should meet community needs
- The application should meet full or part costs of the project or activities
- The costs are appropriate
- The organisation has a constitution or formal operating policy
- The organisation has a bank account and can provide financial accounts for the past year
- All funds awarded should be allocated according to the application
- The organisation has undertaken other fundraising activities

If the applicant has received funding in the previous year, the Council must be satisfied that the applicant has delivered that project, activity or service to a satisfactory level.

The Parish Council reserves the right to decline any application.