

Dodford and Grafton Parish Council Proposed Grant Giving Criteria

1. Grants are intended to support causes that
 - directly benefit the community and/or parish as a whole, and which obtain no other funding (e.g., The Memorial Garden, SmartWater, Dodford Day, one-off events etc)
 - directly benefit the community and/or parish as a whole, but which do obtain other funding (e.g., Dodford Village Hall)
2. Successful bidding organisations are expected to
 - work for the benefit of the community and/or parish (e.g., Church, School, etc)
 - have a broader impact on the Parish, in areas such as quality of life, image and standing of the community, and even help in cases of individual hardship etc. (e.g., the Children's Farm)
 - be based within the Parish (where this is feasible)
3. Overarching operational principles:
 - Applying organisations should have an inclusive membership policy and support equal opportunities
 - The Parish Council will normally expect its grant to be matched in some form, and thus (as it will normally only meet 50% of the costs), applicants should be able to demonstrate how the remainder of the costs will be met
 - Applying organisations must be able to show how incurred costs may be sustained
 - Applying organisation must attach their latest financial accounts and budget for the year in question
 - Implementation plans must be included with bids, and should cover issues such as
 - Costs (including sources of matched funding)
 - Timings
 - Agencies involved (where applicable)
 - Contingencies (there should be no surprises in the delivery of any project)
 - Long term sustainability
 - Benefit to the community
 - etc.

By these criteria, national charities (such as NSPCC, RSPCA, etc) would not normally be funded, nor would international charities such as Oxfam or Save the Children.

There is an exception to the above to allow for international disaster appeals to be considered (such as the Tsunami appeal in 2004/5).

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