

## **Community Grant Guidance**

### **Criteria**

Grants are available for community, not for profit organisations or for identified not for profit projects to work collaboratively and flexibly to meet the needs of our communities.

- To assist community recovery and resilience from the Covid-19 pandemic
- To help tackle the causes of inequality in our communities
- To help develop and safeguard our environment and open spaces
- To increase opportunities to participate in arts, heritage and sports activities
- Increase volunteering and civic pride
- Help tackle causes and effects of poverty and financial hardship
- Consider outstanding individuals or groups who by achievement in arts, culture or sports support and promote Tamworth as a place
- Promotes and develops community cohesion

All grants should continue to demonstrate value for money and value to the people of Tamworth and have specific outcomes that can be recorded.

Grants will be awarded to community, not for profit organisations or for identified not for profit projects, individuals (subject to due consideration) and voluntary groups operating in Tamworth or who operate for the benefit of the communities of Tamworth

The funding available is a total of £18,590 per annum

Community grants will be awarded 4 times per year by consideration at the Tamworth Borough Council Nominations and Grants Committee in June, September, December/January and March

Applications can only be submitted during the publicised period on Tamworth Borough Council website

The maximum fund allocations for the Community grants will be £1,000 per application

Applicants should be properly constituted, and a copy of the constitution will be required.

Applicants should have a bank account with at least two signatories.

Faith groups applying for grants should ensure that the activities they are offering are open to people from all faiths.

Successful applicants will only be considered for funding once in any given financial year

Grants will **not** be given for:

- Work and projects of a party-political nature
- Travel and subsistence costs
- Guarantee against organisational loss
- Work and projects which are contrary to the Tamworth Borough Council Diversity and Equality policy
- Projects operated on a commercial or for-profit basis.
- The funding of organisations, projects or events which promote or condone extremist ideology, activities or terrorism.

The following cannot apply for a Community Grant:

- Private Businesses
- Any other organisation (formal or informal in structure) with the ability to distribute funds and/or assets among its members
- Statutory Organisations

Applicants should be able to demonstrate that they operate an equal opportunities policy and that when working with children, or adults at risk of abuse or neglect, a safeguarding policy is in place.

## Standard Conditions:

- Tamworth Borough Council will only pay grants on receipt of a completed Acceptance of Grant Form.
- Grants shall be used only for the purpose specified in the Notice of Confirmation, and immediate notification should be made to Tamworth Borough Council of any unavoidable changes or cancellations.
- The recipient is responsible for obtaining all licences, permission and insurance as may be necessary.
- Tamworth Borough Council cannot be held responsible for any debts or liabilities and will not be responsible for a third party.
- Grants MUST be awarded **March 2022** however, organisations will have until **31st 2023 to complete their project activities. Is this correct time scale?**

All successful applicants will be required to complete an evaluation form which must be returned at the end of your project.

Please return Application forms to: Jackie-Hodgkinson@tamworth.gov.uk

The last date for receipt of applications is Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 at mid-day. After this time the scheme will be closed.