

### Introduction

Weston Turville Parish Council is able to provide a grant to an organisation for a specific purpose that will benefit the Parish, or residents of the Parish. Section 137 grants are required by law to be “in the interests of or will directly benefit the area or its inhabitants, or of part of it, or some of it” and “the direct benefit should be commensurate with expenditure”.

The Parish Council awards grants at its discretion to organisations which can demonstrate a need for financial support to achieve an objective which will benefit the Parish by one of the following:

- Providing a service
- Enhancing the quality of life
- Improving the environment, and promoting Weston Turville Parish in a positive way.

The Parish Council is NOT able to award grants to:

- Private individuals
- Commercial organisations
- Purposes for which there is a statutory duty upon other local or central government departments to fund or provide
- Political parties
- Religious organisations: unless for a purpose which does not discriminate on grounds of belief

This list is not exhaustive and may be amended at the council’s discretion.

### Policy

1. All applications for grants should be submitted using the Council’s application form.
2. Only one application for a grant will be considered from an organisation in any one financial year.
3. Ongoing commitments to award grants in future years will not be made. A fresh application will be required each year. This will be at the discretion of the council.
4. The organisation/project must be properly constituted and administered in relation to its financial management and controls. A copy of the organisation’s constitution must be provided along with the last year end accounts.
5. The maximum grant will be £1,500 in any one financial year. In exceptional circumstances the Council may resolve to exceed this amount.
6. Grants may only be used for the purpose set out in the application and must be spent within the financial year in which they are awarded.
7. Grants will not be made retrospectively.

The Parish Council reserves the right to refuse any grant application which it considers to be inappropriate, or against the objectives of the Council.