

# Croydon Parish Council

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## Croydon Parish (Cambridgeshire) Community Fund Policy

### Grant making Criteria

As administrators of the Fund, grants will be determined by the Parish Council and can only be given to benefit the Parish of Croydon.

We award grants to charities, voluntary or community groups and organisations which are charitable in purpose. We seek to support genuinely good ideas that will make a real difference to the lives and environment of local people. The Parish Council can apply for funding for projects that are for the benefit of the community.

Grants will be awarded from £100 to a maximum of £2500. These limits do not apply for projects instigated by the Parish Council.

The following criteria are guidelines only and we reserve the right not to progress any initial enquiry to a full application.

### Judging Criteria

The main criteria used when assessing applications received will be:

- The social, economic and environmental benefits which will result from the project.
- The level of community support for and involvement in the project.
- The number of people within the Parish that will benefit from the project.
- The ability of the applicant to deliver the project.
- How the work will be continued after the project has been completed, i.e. its sustainability and legacy.
- Value for money.
- Other factors appropriate to each application will also be considered.

The Fund supports core costs, new or continuing projects, one-off initiatives, and capital costs. We seek to achieve an equitable distribution of resources across the Parish. Match funding may be required.

### Eligibility

- You must have a recognised governing document e.g. Constitution, Memorandum.

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- If you are working with children and/or vulnerable people, you must have a Safeguarding Policy in place
- You must be able to provide annual accounts for your organisation.
- You must have a bank account in the organisation's name which requires two signatories for all withdrawals, or if there is no bank account, payments will be made and controlled by the Parish Council.
- You must have a management committee with at least three members

#### **Grants will not be given to:**

- Projects not benefiting people living in Croydon Parish
- Grants to individuals or families for personal needs
- Start-up funding for a project that is unable to start within nine months
- Sponsored or fundraising events or groups raising funds to redistribute to other causes
- Promotion of faith, religious or political causes.
- Improvements to land that is not open to the Parish
- Direct replacement of statutory obligation and public funding, including educational institutions.
- Groups with significant financial funds
- Retrospective grants
- Contribution to endowment fund, payment of deficit funding or repayment of loans
- National charities that are not providing clear local benefits
- Overseas travel or expeditions
- Medical research
- Commercial ventures, unless the group is a registered not for profit organisation
- General appeals
- Animal welfare
- Fees for professional fundraisers

#### **The Parish Council will review the Grant making Criteria annually. The Community Fund will close once the funds are exhausted**

Applications should be made in writing in the first instance, to the Clerk.  
Applications can only be made once in a 12 month period.

Amendments to this document were agreed at The Croydon Parish Council Meeting  
17th June 2020.