

Policy for Granting Financial Assistance from the Parish and Town Councils Opening Up Safely and Reconnecting Communities Fund

Objectives:

Watchet Town Council has been successful in its bid to the 'Parish and Town Councils Opening Up Safely and Reconnecting Communities Fund' devised to financially assist local authorities and the Community to re-open facilities in a COVID – secure way. Any grant monies available are specific only to the above criteria.

All applications will be considered by the Finance & General Purposes Committee at an appropriate meeting.

Conditions:

All applications will be required to satisfy the following conditions:

1. Applications will be considered on an individual basis as they are received.
2. Applications will be considered by the Finance & General Purposes Committee and applicants will be informed of the outcome once a decision has been made.
3. Watchet Town Council will only accept applications from local community groups and organisations for this grant that, in its opinion are in the interests of or will directly benefit all or a portion of the town and its inhabitants.
4. The application must demonstrate local community need and support.
5. The application must demonstrate a clear need for financial assistance.
6. The Town Council is prevented by statute from giving financial assistance to individuals, charities operating overseas or to a fund established to help persons outside the UK.
7. The organisation must be non-profit making.
8. Retrospective grant applications will not be considered.
9. The organisation must supply evidence of audited accounts and balance sheet for the last financial year. If you are a new organisation, please attach a copy of your budget for the year.
10. This is a one-off grant (one single payment) to provide financial assistance during the COVID-.
11. In the event of a project/scheme/venture not proceeding, the grant should be returned to the Town Council for redistribution to another organisation.