

EDWARDSTONE PARISH COUNCIL GRANT AWARDING POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT:

THIS COUNCIL CONSIDERS A GRANT TO BE ANY PAYMENT WHICH IS MADE TO AND IS TO BE USED BY AN ORGANISATION OR INDIVIDUAL FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF PROMOTING THE WELL BEING OF SOME OR ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 The contribution made by organisations and individuals to the well being of the local community is recognised by this Council as important to our residents. The purpose of any grant given by this Council is to support initiatives within the local community and to help create opportunities for the residents of Edwardstone that are not, as a matter of course, funded by the Council.
- 1.2 Although the Council will give as much help as possible, the administration of and accounting for any grant will be the responsibility of the recipient.
- 1.3 There is a limited budget each year and guidance will be given to applicants as to how much money is available in a specific financial year. It is important that as much appropriate information as possible is provided to support the application. Assistance may be sought from the Clerk on this matter.
- 1.4 The scheme also provides start-up awards for new groups as well as grants for existing organisations.
- 1.5 Grants are awarded twice a year at the Parish Council Meetings in November and March. The deadlines for applications are 15 October and 15 February respectively.

2. CONDITIONS OF FUNDING

- 2.1 Applications will be considered from individuals as well as organisations. Applications will be considered for day-to-day running expenses and individual projects.
- 2.2 Applications WILL NOT be considered from:
 - Any organisations intending to support or oppose any particular political party or to discriminate on the grounds of race or religion.

- Private organisations operated as a business to make a profit or surplus.

2.3 Applications from educational, health or social service establishments will be considered where the organisation can demonstrate that it is working in partnership with other groups and where there are benefits to the wider community within the Parish of Edwardstone.

2.4 The organisation will normally be expected to have clearly written aims and objectives and a written constitution, copies of which should be submitted as part of the application. In addition, an applicant must demonstrate that it is able to properly manage and run its affairs responsibly.

Adopted by Edwardstone Parish Council on 16 March 2015 (date)

Signed (Chair) S Norman

Signed (Clerk) A Robinson