



GRANTS POLICY & GUIDELINES



1. General Principles

Corby Town Council is funded only by the local residents of Corby and therefore has limited funds available to assist community organisations located and working in Corby for the benefit of Corby residents.

Subject to funding being available, Corby Town Council are committed to providing assistance and support to local community groups which are set up to promote community life for Corby residents. The Council's financial support is provided by way of grants which are decided against conditions set by the Town Council. These are designed to be a general indication of need but are not exclusive and can be flexibly applied.

The Town Council's policy on Community Grants are based on the principle of promoting the development of partnerships which encourage and enable local community organisations to deliver local projects to the residents of Corby. In general, the following principles apply:

- Funding will be given on a need basis, merit of the project and overall benefit to the local community.
- Applicants must clearly show how any assistance given will benefit the people living in Corby or the environment of Corby.
- Funding will normally only be awarded up to a maximum value of £2,000 depending on the Council's budget allocation and may be subject to constraint.
- All funding given will be subject to monitoring and evaluation of the outcome of the grant.
- Organisations should not assume that funding will continue on a year to year basis.

2. The Aims of the Council's Grant making Policy

- To enable local people to participate in voluntary groups and activities
- To help the Town's voluntary groups to improve effectiveness
- To ensure the provision of services, needed by the Town's residents, via the voluntary sector
- To support organisations which meet the needs of people experiencing social and economic difficulties

- To ensure that there is equality of access and opportunity for all Corby Town residents to the services it provides.

3. General Conditions

- All projects must acknowledge Corby Town Council's financial contribution in marketing material. A photo with the council to promote the project will be requested.
- There is no general funding for projects. Grants will only be awarded for specific costs.
- No funding is available to contribute to a surplus for charitable distribution or to increase an organisation's reserves.
- Organisations are required to provide a report on how previous monies awarded by the Town Council have been spent before they receive a further grant.
- The not-for-profit organisation must have clearly stated aims and objectives.
- Activities of the organisation and in particular the project being considered for funding must be readily available to the community of Corby in general.
- No award will be made where spending has taken place prior to approval.
- Details of any match funding is required
- Costs for general routine maintenance of buildings and equipment are not eligible.
- Grants will not be awarded for organisations to pass on money to others
- Grants will not be awarded to organisations who already hold surplus funds which are not being used for the general operation of the organisation or delivery of the project and are not earmarked reserves.

4. What are grants available for?

Corby Town Council's grants up to the value of £2,000. Grants are available to any not-for-profit organisation that wishes to complete a one-off project or project that will require funding for up to a maximum of three years is agreed subsequently will be based on a reducing grant with the aim of the project becoming self-financing at year 4.

5. Who can apply to the Corby Town Council Community Grant Scheme?

Groups who:

- Are voluntary or community groups based in Corby
- Have a constitution, set of rules or equivalent
- Have a bank or building society account
- Have independently approved annual accounts
- Directly benefit the well being of the people of Corby or the environment

6. What type of Projects will be considered for the Community Grant Scheme?

- Youth facilities, schemes and projects
- Cultural and art schemes
- Heritage projects
- Leisure, sports and play facilities
- Community buildings
- Community transport
- Elderly and disabled
- Sustainable community environmental projects
- Mental health and wellbeing projects

7. Who cannot apply to the Corby Town Council community Grant Scheme?

- Individuals
- Organisations involved in party political activities
- Companies who aim to make a profit
- Statutory bodies
- Religious groups where the project is within the remit of funding provided by religious governing body
- Bodies to pass on grant funding to others.

8. How to apply for a Corby Town Council Grant

The application form is on our website [Community Grants now available | Corby Town Council](#)

Applications forms are also available from Corby Town Council.

Write to:

Community Grants

Corby Town Council

4th Floor, The Corby Cube

George Street

Corby, NN17 1QG

Telephone: 01536 697 563 email: community@corbytowncouncil.gov.uk

If you need any help or assistance with your application, please contact the Town Council via the above address, telephone number or email address.

