



GRANT AWARDING POLICY & TERMS OF REFERENCE

September 2026

Overarching this policy is the Town Council vision for Fairford as set out in the Neighbourhood Plan

Fairford will continue to be a working community that recognizes the distinctiveness of the people who live in, work in or visit the area. Fairford Town Council's aim is to conserve Fairford's attractive environment, heritage, accessibility and facilities for all, whilst seeking to protect jobs and seek further opportunities for the creation of new jobs .

To facilitate the Vision the Council has identified three key aims:

1. To maintain and manage the town for the benefit of residents and so ensure it remains an attractive place to live and work.
2. To take an active part in determining how the town should develop and ensure that there are appropriate community facilities and services, which may in turn provide job opportunities.

Policy Statement: Fairford Town Council is committed to investing in the thriving nature of this town and recognises the value of community groups and voluntary organisations that provide services that are vital for members of our community.

General Policy statements:

1. All applicants must submit an up to date set of accounts including details of reserves held. Details of other funding sources will also be required.
2. Unless otherwise specified, applications for goods or services must include three quotes.
3. Grants will only be awarded to groups and organisations that offer direct benefit to residents or visitors of Fairford.
4. The Council reserves the right to not award grants in any given year if budgetary constraints dictate.
5. Grants may not always be awarded if the Council does not deem the request is appropriate or complies with the criteria set down.

Community Grants – Terms of Reference Who is eligible to apply?

- The group must be either a registered charity, volunteer-led community group or sports club.
- The group should be based in Fairford or primarily benefit Fairford residents.

What will grants be awarded for?

- Equipment
- Capital projects

What is the maximum that can be applied for?

- The maximum awarded to any one group, in any one financial year, will be up to £5000 or 50% of the cost of the project – whichever is the lesser amount.

How to apply?

- Applications will only be accepted using the application form and should be emailed to clerks@fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk or delivered to the Council Offices.
- Applications should include:
 - Group name and contact details.
 - Aims and objectives of the group.
 - Reason for the request.
 - Total amount requested.
 - Match funding secured.
 - How the money will be used.
 - Recent copy of your accounts.
 - Bank details for the payment of the grant, if successful.
- Applications must be submitted by the stated deadline.

If your application is successful, evidence that the grant has been used as per the application, will be required to be submitted to the Town Council within 6 months of the award.

How will the applications be processed?

- Applications will be considered by the Finance Committee.
- A recommendation will be considered at Full Council.
- Successful applicants will be notified.

Grants are to be awarded subject to the appropriate criteria being met, and the merits of each individual application. This should apply even when there is only a single or limited number of applications.

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