

KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL
GRANTS COMMITTEE – 27th August 2020
ANNUAL GRANT GIVING EXERCISE 2020-21

INTRODUCTION

The Town Council has allocated a sum of **£20,000** to the 2020-21 Annual Grants budget together with an additional Environmental Grants award budget of £10,000. The Committee needs to consider the applications and to make decisions on the sums to be awarded.

APPLICATIONS

Thirty-nine completed applications have been received from organisations requesting a Town Council grant. A schedule is attached setting out a summary of these applications. The summary also includes a record of awards made to applicants over the last five years. (Records of grants awarded in previous years are also available if required).

As in previous years, owing to the number of grant requests received, it is not practical to provide Members with copies of the application forms and supporting information. Members will therefore be emailed the documents to inspect at their leisure or if this is difficult inspection of the documentation can be made at the Town Council offices by prior arrangement.

The total sum requested by the organisations applying for grants amounts to £29,846.00. As grant sums requested exceed the budget this will mean that not all applicants can receive the full amount they have requested.

REASONS FOR NOT AWARDING GRANTS

Where grants are not awarded, or where a lower sum is allocated than requested, the Committee should record its reasons. Possible reasons for not awarding a grant, or awarding a sum less than that requested, could include:

- Requesting more than £1,000 (the upper limit for applications from any one organisation)
- Unable to display sufficient benefit to Keynsham residents
- Organisation not a properly constituted body
- Request not outside the scope of, or in addition to, normal public or private provision
- Incomplete/inadequate application
- Insufficient funds to meet all requests, and in the view of the Committee, other competing claims are considered worthier at this time
- Organisation already being funded by the Town Council via other means
- Where applications exceed funds available, preference given to those organisations who have not benefited regularly from Grant Awards in recent years

This is not an exhaustive list.

MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS

There has been a growing trend in recent years where multiple applications have been received from the same organisation, members should bear this in mind when deciding on award levels.

PRESENTATION EVENING

To decide on a date and a format for a virtual Grants Presentation Evening.

RECOMMENDATION

That consideration is given to the grant applications listed in the attached schedule.