**Compton Parish Council – Draft Grants and Donations Awarding Policy**

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# 1. Purpose

This Policy formalises the process by which Compton Parish Council (the Council) will award a grant or provide a donation to various organisations. It will ensure access, openness and fairness for all.

# 2. Definitions

**Grant:** a sum of money awarded for a specific expenditure/project

**Donation:** a payment towards general expenditure of an organisation, with the expectation of nothing of significant value in return.

**3. Who is eligible to apply?**

The Council may award grants and donations, at its absolute discretion, to organisations which have a clear need for financial support and to help those organisations achieve an objective or project which will benefit the Parish and its residents by:

* providing a service;
* enhancing the quality of life;
* improving recreation or sports facilities;
* improving the environment; and
* promoting the Parish in a positive way

Projects demonstrating a proportion of self-funding will be favourably considered.

# 4. Who and what is not eligible

The Council will not normally award grants to:

* private individuals.
* commercial organisations.
* organisations were there is a statutory duty upon other local or central government departments to fund.
* regional or national organisations, unless their activities provide an identifiable benefit to residents.
* religious organisations: unless for a purpose which does not discriminate on grounds of belief.

This list is not exclusive and may be added to at the Council’s discretion.

# 5. Conditions of a Grant

* The grant must only be used for the purpose for which it was awarded.
* Grants must not be distributed onward to any other organisation.
* Proof of appropriate spend shall be provided to the Council if requested.
* Ongoing commitments to award grants in the future to the same organisation will be treated as a fresh application each year.
* Only one application for a grant will be considered for each organisation in any one financial year.
* Should a project be cancelled or the grant, or part of the grant, not be required, then any surplus funds must be returned to the Council.
* The Council may make a grant or subsidy in the event of an unforeseen emergency.

**6. The Awarding of a Donation**

* At the discretion of the Parish Council, organisations can be given a direct donation. The donations will be given to help with general running costs.
* If a donation is awarded to any organisation, then normally a grant application will not be considered by the Parish Council, in the same financial year.

# 7. Grant Application Process

* The Parish Council will determine the percentage of the annual budget from which grants will be awarded during the following financial year.
* A grant may be applied for at any time during the year.
* Each applicant will be made aware of the outcome of their application.
* Completed Application Forms and any supporting information should be returned to the clerk@compton-wsx-pc.gov.uk, for consideration at the next Parish Council meeting;
* Once the grant and donation budget is exhausted, the Council will only consider emergency requests for assistance and, generally, from organisations with which it has close links;
* If successful, the grant will be made in a single payment.
* The Council reserves the right to refuse any grant application, which it considers to be inappropriate or against the objectives of the Council
* Details of those organisations that received a grant during the financial year will be included in the Parish Council Transparency Information published on the parish council website

**Appendix A**

# GRANT APPLICATION FORM

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| **Your organisation’s name and address**   |   |
| **Contact and position in the organisation.** Main contact and telephone number – somebody we can talk to about this application, if required  |   |
| **Type of organisation** e.g. charity, unincorporated organisation. If registered charity, please supply registration number  |   |
| **What are the main activities of your organisation?**  |   |
| **Why has your organisation applied for money from the Parish Council?** Give details of how the money will be used and by when  |   |
| **How will the grant be of benefit to the community of Compton Parish?**  |   |
| **How much money are you requesting from the Parish Council?** |   |
| **Do you agree to the Parish Council publicising details of the grant?** |   |
| **Date required**  |   |
| **Any further relevant information** Please continue on an extra sheet if necessary |   |
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|  **Please return completed form and any supporting information to clerk@compton-wsx-pc.gov.uk** |   |