

## **South Croxton Parish Council Grant Policy**

This policy was adopted by South Croxton Parish Council at its meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019.

There are limited funds available to assist community groups which promote community life for residents and the Parish Council is committed to providing assistance to support this work.

The Parish Council needs to assess the applications objectively against criteria which identify the need for funding based on merit, and value.

Grant applications will be decided by the Full Parish Council.

### **Aims**

South Croxton Parish Council provides Grant Funding to support the following:-

- To enable residents of the Parish to participate in non-profit making voluntary groups and activities and help those groups to improve their effectiveness.
- To ensure there is equality of access and opportunity.
- To achieve value for money.

In determining the validity of an application, the Council will refer to the following:-

### **Guidelines**

1. For the purpose of purchasing equipment either in part or in full.
2. For the funding of transport that will enable group members to partake in a group trip or outing.
3. For training activities, or to purchase the expertise of an outside trainer/ instructor/ facilitator.
4. For activities that raise the profile of the area.
5. For hosting special events or celebrations.
6. For the provision of recreational facilities.

### **Conditions: -**

1. Grants will not be awarded to individuals.
2. Additional applications within a 12 month period will not normally be considered.
3. The award must be used for the purpose for which the application was made.
4. If the group is unable to use the award for the stated purpose, all monies must be returned to The Parish Council forthwith.

5. Applicants must clearly demonstrate in the application how the assistance given will benefit the Parish and/or group.
6. The award will be subject to ongoing monitoring and evaluation during, and the outcome at the end of, the award period.
7. Donations to Registered Charities in response to a general fundraising appeal will not normally be considered.
8. Groups outside the parish boundary but operating within the Parish will normally be restricted to an upper limit of £100.
9. Applications must be submitted on the 'Grant Application Form' with a copy of the most recent audited annual accounts of the Group/Organisation.

**Eligibility: -**

1. Any Voluntary Group or Community Organisation.
2. Agencies that operate within The Parish and are of benefit to the local community, with the following provisos:
  - The Parish Council will not fund activities that it considers to be the responsibility of a Statutory Authority.
  - Applications from schools for an activity that takes place within the school day will not be considered.
  - The Parish Council will not fund activities outside its powers and functions.

(Adopted by the Parish Council on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019)

**SOUTH CROXTON PARISH COUNCIL  
GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

<b>1 Name of Organisation:</b>
<b>2 Name and address of correspondent (and office held):</b>
<b>3 What are the objectives of your organisation?</b>
<b>4 Is membership/support open to any resident of South Croxton Parish, regardless of sex, age, ethnic origin, religion, disability or sexual orientation? If not, please give reason:</b>
<b>5 Amount of grant applied for £</b>
<b>6 Purpose for which the money will be used. Please explain clearly the reason for your request and how will this benefit the group?</b>
<b>7 Have you applied for grant aid to any other organisation (including local authorities)? If so, to whom (please give details of the decision on your application):</b>
<b>8 Is there anything else you wish the Parish Council to take into account when considering this application?</b>
<b>9 Please ensure that you have attached the most recent audited accounts in support of this application.</b>

**I agree to the Principles of the Grant policy as set out by South Croxton Parish Council**

**Signed**

**Dated**