

<b>Committee</b>	<b>COUNCIL MEETING</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>18 July 2022</b>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>12</b>

## Grant applications

### Grant awarding policy and procedure

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 allows local authorities, including Parish Councils, to incur expenditure which will bring direct benefit to their area or any part of it, or to all or some of its inhabitants.

The Town Council has the power to award a grant to an organisation for a specific purpose which will benefit the town and its residents. At its annual budgeting meeting, it will decide on the amount to be set aside to award as grants to deserving organisations. At its budgeting meeting in 2021, the council decided to award an amount of £6000 in 2022, as it had been unable to award grants in 2020. The organisation to which this award is made should not be directly administered by the Council, and it should be able to demonstrate a clear financial need. The grant must be in the interests of the area and its inhabitants, and should be commensurate with expenditure. It must provide a service, improve the environment or have some other positive impact on the people of Halstead.

Such grants cannot be awarded to:

- Private individuals
- Commercial organisations
- Purposes for which another local or central government department must provide
- Upward funders, where local fundraising goes to a central HQ for redistribution
- Political parties
- Religious organisations, unless for a purpose which does not discriminate on grounds of belief

This list is not exhaustive and may be added to at the Council's discretion.

Only one application for a grant can be made by any one organisation in any one financial year. A grant awarded in one year cannot be assumed to continue into the next financial year, and must be reapplied for each year. Nor can a grant be made retrospectively.

### Applications received and discussed by councillors at a pre-meeting

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>purpose</b>
Halstead Day Centre	£450	To help with the rising cost of administration
Halstead Baptist church	£500 (total cost of project £2911)	To repair the church lift to allow disabled access to upstairs of the building

5 <sup>th</sup> Halstead Trinity Guides, Brownies and Rainbows	£500	To fund van rental (£150) to go to camp, and a new tent shelter (£350)
Halstead & District Local History Society	£300	To purchase stationery to preserve historical documents
Halstead Community Fridge	£500	The fridge was set up 4 years ago and has grown enormously. This money would be for maintenance, as there is a constant need to reinforce walls and do general repairs to the old building which is let to the Fridge rent free.
Halstead Choral	£500 (total cost £1575)	To assist in the performance of Brahms Requiem as part of remembrance weekend 2022
Hope for tomorrow	£500 £77,410 for the whole year)	To help with running costs of the mobile Chemotherapy Unit which visits Halstead every Tuesday, benefitting 554 Halstead patients last year, and also residents from surrounding villages. £500 would keep the unit running for just 2 days.
Halstead Templars Rugby Football club	£450	To purchase a rugby skills passing net, and additional pitch marking equipment to encourage and promote touch rugby – a non-contact sport.
Halstead Road runners	£500 (total cost £1400)	Event toilets for Halstead marathon
Empire Theatre	£500 (total cost £5000)	To set up a dementia friendly choir at the Empire
1 <sup>st</sup> Halstead Brownies	£300 (total cost £500)	To help those girls coming from homes struggling with the cost of living to participate in activities and join camps.
Halstead 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Group	£475 (total cost £734)	To enable the group to engage short term consultation and buy a subscription to SurveyMonkey to allow it to continue its work in maintaining the heritage of Halstead
1 <sup>st</sup> Halstead Scout group	£500 (total cost £2500)	To buy a new storage facility as the old one was destroyed,

**Recommendations are as follows:**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Amount proposed</b>	<b>purpose</b>
Halstead Day Centre	£450	To fund administration
Halstead Baptist church	£500 <b>conditional on proof that work is going ahead on the project</b>	To assist with the repair of the lift
5 <sup>th</sup> Halstead Trinity Guides, Brownies and Rainbows	£500	To fund van rental and new tent shelter
Halstead & District local History Society	£325	To purchase stationery for storing historical documents
Halstead Choral	£500	To assist with a performance of Brahms' requiem
Halstead Community Fridge	£500	To provide funds for maintenance and to go towards the purchase of the next fridge.
Hope for tomorrow	£1000	To help with running costs of mobile Chemotherapy unit in Halstead
Halstead Templars Rugby Football club	£450	To purchase a rugby skills passing net, and additional pitch marking equipment
Empire Theatre	£500	To set up a dementia friendly choir
1 <sup>st</sup> Halstead Brownies	£300	To help all to be able to join in activities and camps
Halstead 21 <sup>st</sup> Century group	£475	To allow the group to continue its work on preserving the heritage of Halstead
1 <sup>st</sup> Halstead Scout group	£500 <b>conditional on proof that work is going ahead on the project</b>	To allow the purchase of new storage facility

**Recommendation:**

1. That the Council agrees to distribute funding as per the decisions taken by the working group. Those receiving grants should be asked to report either in person or in writing to the next Annual Town meeting how the funds have been spent

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