

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATIONS OF GRANT AID 2019-20

Introduction

Prudhoe Town Council aims to promote and protect the quality of life and well-being of those who live in, work in or visit the local area. To this end, the Council offers grants to local organisations which are based in or provide services to Prudhoe and Mickley to help them maintain and develop their services, facilities and activities.

The Council expects grant aid recipients to demonstrate 'self-help', though it recognises that some groups may need more assistance than others.

Priorities

When allocating Grant Aid, the Council will consider each case on its merits and give priority to those groups providing services and facilities and/or fulfilling a role where there are currently 'gaps' in provision. However, the Council will consider requests for Grant Aid outside these target groups.

What Are Our Grants For?

Grant Aid can be used for capital (e.g. purchasing tools and equipment) or revenue expenditure (e.g. running costs) and/or as 'start-up' funding for new bodies. However, within these broad categories, organisations must provide details that clearly set out how Grant Aid will be used.

Which Organisations Will Be Considered for Grant Aid?

Grant Aid is intended for voluntary, non-profit making organisations who provide facilities, activities and services principally for residents served by Prudhoe Town Council. Typically, these organisations include sports, play and art clubs, community associations, youth organisations, organisations that assist disadvantaged/vulnerable groups and charitable trusts.

Which Organisations Will Not Normally Be Funded?

These include:

- Individuals
- Business organisations whose aim is profit
- National charities (unless specific direct services are provided within the local area)
- Other organisations operating from outside the Town Boundaries (unless specific direct services are provided within the local area or these organisations contribute in some other way to the wellbeing of the Town and its residents)

Process

All applications received before the closing date of 28th February 2019 will be reviewed initially by a small group of councillors who will then make a recommendation to full council.

Grant Aid awards will be agreed in a public meeting of the full council on Wednesday 27th March 2019; the agenda for this meeting will be available from Thursday 21st March 2019. Although recommendations will be made to full council, the final decision on each individual Grant Aid award is taken by the council as a corporate body.

Grant Aid awards are publicised via the Town Council website and Facebook page. Any applicant receiving a grant is encouraged to publicly acknowledge Prudhoe Town Council's contribution.

Grant Aid awards will be paid by bank transfer or cheque on or around 24th April 2019.