



# GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL GRANT AWARDING POLICY

1. Grants will only be made to charities, voluntary organisations or constituted groups for the benefit of the area covered by the Graig Community Council and that will contribute positively to the life of people living, working and visiting the area. The Community Council will only provide funding to assist organisations that are not based in the Graig Community Council area, pro-rata for local residents using that service.
2. Grants will not be made to:
  - Organisations or individuals that discriminate on the grounds of race, religion, age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, pregnancy or any disability.
  - Private organisations operated as a business to make a profit or surplus.
  - “Upward funders”, i.e. local groups whose fund raising is sent to their central HQ for redistribution.
  - Organisations who wish to pass on money to other individuals or groups.
  - Individuals
  - Organisations whose function is primarily undertaken by the health authority or the City Council's Social Services.
  - Political organisations or projects.
3. Grants will not normally be made for ongoing running costs. Where an application is for running costs, the applicant should detail the plans to find future running costs from alternative sources. Where grants for running costs are made, no guarantee of future funding is implied.
4. The Community Council will only consider grant applications in excess of £500 in exceptional circumstances where a significant and wide-ranging community benefit are clearly demonstrated in the application form.
5. For applications in excess of £500, the Community Council will only provide up to 50% of the overall cost of a project and require details of match funding from one or more grant giving bodies, or from the groups' own fundraising.
6. The Community Council will only consider an application if accompanied by the required financial and organisational information.
7. The Community Council will only provide one grant per group or organisation in each financial year, unless clear, exceptional circumstances are demonstrated.
8. The Community Council will not make grant funding on a retrospective basis.
9. The Community Council will give preference to applicants who can demonstrate how one-off grant funding will lead to greater self-sufficiency and lessen the need for future applications.



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10. For applications for funds for security measures, applicants must seek the support of the local police or crime reduction officer.
11. Community grant applications are reviewed by the Community Council at a Council meeting.
12. Evidence of use of the full grant amount for the agreed purpose must be provided to the Community Council within six months of the funding being transferred. **Should the evidence not be received the Community Council may request the return of the funds.** Where requested by the Community Council, grants will only be paid following receipt of appropriate invoices.

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