



Dunton Green Parish Council

Grants and Donations Policy

1. Introduction / Definitions

Dunton Green Parish Council allocates a yearly sum from the annual precept to support good causes within the parish through grants or donations.

Grants are designated for specific purposes, while donations serve general purposes, benefiting organisations providing or capable of providing services to Dunton Green residents.

2. Power

Governed by the Local Government Act 1972 (section 137), the Parish Council ensures expenditures directly benefit the parish and align with the incurred expenditure.

Distinct criteria are applied based on the nature of groups or charities, allowing flexibility for non-local entities like the Citizens Advice Bureau to receive donations without an application.

The maximum amount which the Council may spend under Section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) for Parish Councils in England is calculated by multiplying the number of people on the electoral roll by a value set by Government. For 2023/24 this sum was £9.25 per electorate.

3. Policy

Applications for donations and grants are accepted year-round from individuals representing groups, not-for-profit community groups, or those benefiting Dunton Green residents.

Strict criteria include limitations of one application per financial year, a £500 cap per organisation (with exceptions), and a requirement for organisations to be non-profit and beneficial to the local community.

4. Procedure

Applications are ideally submitted by the end of September, considered once annually in October (unless there are extenuating circumstances), with decisions communicated by the Clerk of the Council.

Grants must directly benefit Dunton Green and its residents, with a focus on local impact, and cannot fund political activities or events that can be self-supported.

6. Conditions

Dunton Green Parish Council assesses grant applications with a focus on the number of beneficiaries among Parishioners and may request feedback on the grant's impact.

Funds must be used for the stated purpose, and the Council reserves the right to request repayment if conditions are not met.

7. Notes

The Council's decision is final, with no right of appeal, and may decline applications without providing reasons.

The Council avoids committing to ongoing expenditures and ensures transparency in cases where Council Members have personal interests in applying groups or organisations

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Review History