

GRANT POLICY

The Council adopted its corporate plan at its Council meeting in September 2020. This sits alongside the Town Council's Place Plan setting out the aims and objectives of the Town Council for the next 5 years.

The Town Council's vision is contained in its Vision Statement and this is to

"To support and enhance the health, well-being and economy of Ryde to the benefit of residents, local businesses and visitors within a culture that makes best use of our heritage and the beauty of Ryde".

The Town Council awards community and marketing grants for projects and events that reflect the Council's aims and objectives and those organisations that can demonstrate working effectively and collaboratively with partner organisations.

APPLICATIONS

Application forms and further information is available from the Town Council's website or www.rydetowncouncil.org.uk or by emailing grants@rydetowncouncil.gov.uk

Applications can be made at any time. Grants between £500-£5,000 will be determined by a committee that will meet 3 times a year usually in June/July, October/November and in February/March. However, this Sub-committee will not consider grants totalling more than £5,000, these instead will be considered by the next meeting of the Finance Committee. Grants for under £500 can be determined at any time under the Council's delegated powers.

Applicants can apply for either a community grant or marketing grant - or both as long as the relevant criteria is met. The Town Council reserves the right to award a marketing grant where a community grant has been applied for and vice-versa if it is felt the purpose of the grant falls better within that criteria.

Unsuccessful applicants will be notified by email. The decision of the Town Council is final.

All applicants are required to submit a copy of their organisations last audited accounts. However, in recognition that not all organisations will have fully audited accounts the Town Council can accept accounts that have been externally verified but not fully audited.

Applicants will also be asked to provide their constitution or set of rules and evidence of other partnership funding if appropriate.

ALL DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED WILL BE TREATED AS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AND ANY SENSITIVE INFORMATION SHOULD BE REDACTED PRIOR TO SUBMISSION.

Terms and conditions for all grants are listed in the application form but the Town Council reserves the right to add further conditions if deemed necessary as part of consideration of the application.

COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAMME

All grant applications are expected to show how their project meets the Town Council's priorities in the Corporate Plan and evidence of partnership working with other community based organisations in the Place Plan and Vision Statement.

MARKETING GRANT PROGRAMME

Marketing grants are available to better ensure the success of major events taking place in Ryde by bringing the event to the attention of as wide an audience as possible, including both Island residents and to visitors alike.

The Town Council is committed to help marketing the town through its own dedicated marketing activities and through providing financial support towards marketing events that support the Town Council's Corporate Plan, the Place Plan and Vision Statement.

The Town Council will not fund the following types of applications:

- Those from individuals (organisations may seek grants on an individual's behalf)
- Applications for purely commercial bids or bids that have a large commercial element
- Applications from organisations that discriminate on the grounds of age, race, colour, disability, race, gender, nationality or religion.
- Organisations that do not have properly constituted bank accounts
- Retrospective applications
- Applications from a political group or those promoting political beliefs.