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FIXED TERM AMENDMENT FOR 2021/2022 FINANCIAL YEAR

GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS INCLUDING SUPPORT FOR THE FORMATION OF NEW GROUPS

INTRODUCTION

Braunstone Town Council makes small grants available to various organisations, including organisations involving young people, to assist their work. Due to the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic the Town Council has extended the grant scheme to offer an additional £200 in the 2021/22 financial year to help the setting up new community groups that provide support and social interaction that is not already available. The Fixed Term Amendment to the Community Grants Scheme will be reviewed in October 2022.

The aims are to:-

- **Encourage the formation of new community groups leading to the provision of a wider range of services at local level and that particularly fill current gaps in service provision.**
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- **Encourage new groups to form that compliment similar groups already operating but which provide different services or requirements to the community**
- **Assist with the recruitment of new members to existing groups**
- **Support existing groups to provide new services, equipment and running costs**

The Town Council can also advise on funding from other sources and will encourage and assist community groups in making applications for funding from other sources

APPLICATION CRITERIA

- Grant applications are invited from non-profit making organisations
- Grant applications will only be considered from groups whose principal activities are for the benefit to Braunstone Town residents
- Grants may be used to pay for equipment, transport costs, hire of rooms, guest speakers, training, education workshops for young people etc. for groups responding to local needs and community life up to a maximum of £300
- Grant applications up to a maximum of £500 are available for the formation of new groups that provide services and support not already available and that do not duplicate any existing services available

- Grant applications up to a maximum of £300 are available for the formation of new community groups that compliment similar activities available but the application would need to explain what the new group would be offering that is different to the services already available.
- Projects for young people must directly benefit young people in areas such as the arts, sports, improvement to health or awareness of the environment.
- A breakdown of costs will be required for each item in your application. All expenditure must be itemised.
- Funding may be full or part cost of the event or project. The final decision on the amount of the grant is at the sole discretion of the Town Council
- The Council will expect the group to show that it is making some contribution to the costs from their own efforts through fundraising or charges to its members unless the costs are solely associated with Covid-19
- The Council will give favourable consideration to groups that have applied for funding from other organisations (i.e. Blaby District Council, Leicestershire County Council, Lottery Funding etc)
- Where a significant number of the group's members are not residents of Braunstone Town, the Council reserves the right to reduce the maximum grant available
- Please specify a specific amount for your grant – if you do not specify a figure the application may be refused
- Groups will be asked to provide details of past applications and funding granted by the Town Council
- A copy of the most recent Bank Statement and previous year's audited accounts will be required. In the case of new groups, a budget indicating expected annual income and expenditure can be provided. Funds for an approved grant will be released on receipt of confirmation of a bank account set up in the name of the community group.
- A copy of the group's constitution will be required