



Thornaby Town Council

Community Chest & Community Grant Policy

Policy aim

Thornaby Town Council ('the Council') recognises and values the important role local groups, organisations, and charities ('Community Groups') play in creating and improving quality of life for parish residents.

1. Two types of grant are available:

Community Chest grants are up to amounts of £250. Community Grant is for amounts over £250.

To be eligible for funding, applicants must:

- A. Have a bank or building society current account in the name of the organisation.
 - B. Be a community, voluntary or charitable organisation that works with local communities or with specific groups of people including, but not limited to, older people, young people, people with disabilities or people from black or minority ethnic groups.
 - C. Have an appropriate safeguarding policy – if working with children and young people or vulnerable adults.
 - D. Have an adopted equal opportunities policy or statement.
 - E. Grants will only be made to community and voluntary organisations for the benefit of the area covered by Thornaby Town Council and that will contribute positively to the Thornaby area.
2. Grants will only be made to a charity, community, school, and voluntary organisations for the benefit of the area covered by Thornaby Town Council and that will contribute positively to the Thornaby area.

3. Grants cannot be made to:

- A. Private organisations operated as a business to make a profit or surplus.

- B. Organisations that discriminate on grounds of age, disability, being married or in a civil partnership, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race including colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- C. “Upward funders”, i.e. local groups whose fund raising is sent to their central Head Quarters for redistribution.
- D. Organisations who wish to pass on money to other individuals or groups.
- E. Individuals.
- F. Organisations whose function is primarily undertaken by the Health Authority or any Council’s Social Services.
- G. Schools, colleges, and academies that receive central Government or Principal Council funding for delivery of the core curriculum, for grants towards delivery of the curriculum and general building maintenance or new builds.
- H. Religious buildings for maintenance of the fabric of the building and new builds.
- I. Political organisations or projects.
- J. Activities that are completely funded from another funding sources.
- K. Any expenditure incurred or committed before we confirm our grant.
- L. Finance loans or interest payments.
- M. General funding for your organisation’s other locations.

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5. If awarded a Community Chest Grant, Thornaby Town Council will require a receipt form to be signed after the funds are released.

6. If successful, the organisation will be required to display / use the Thornaby Town Council logo on their advertising / Social Media / website or similar.

7. Thornaby Town Council would welcome an invitation for the Mayor & Councillors to visit the project and attend any official opening. The Council can assist with the promotion of such events and associated press releases.