

STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Grants Criteria

Stalbridge Town Council makes grants annually to charitable & voluntary organisations under statutory provisions and subject to limits imposed by legislation.

In determining its priorities the Town Council has therefore agreed that the following criteria must be met before a grant can be awarded:

1. The organization must be locally-based benefiting the Stalbridge community. Priority will be given to
 - Projects that improve the quality of life of Stalbridge residents.
 - Projects/organizations that clearly demonstrate a financial need.
 - Projects that increase the economic viability of Stalbridge.
2. Applications of a national or international nature may be considered provided it can be proved that this benefits the residents of the Town.
3. The Town Council will consider grants for one-off specific projects. Each application to be considered on its merit; the amount of grant will be at the discretion of the Council.
4. If the grant application relates to some specific item of expenditure or project, applicants must adhere the section 11 of the Town Council's financial regulations.
5. The Town Council may support an organization with a grant in consecutive years. However previous grants made will be considered when considering a new application.
6. Grants will not normally be approved for services that are the responsibility of another statutory authority.
7. Applications for grants will be considered if they are submitted on the appropriate forms accompanied by the most recently audited set of accounts together with project details and a business plan where appropriate.
8. The closing date for application for grants is 31st October, these may form part of the precept application and therefore will be paid in the next financial year.
9. At the end of the financial year the Town Council may monitor any organization receiving a grant in order to be assured that the grant has been spent in the way intended i.e. submission of Audited Accounts. Recipients of grants from the Council may be required to attend a meeting of the Council to inform Members how the grant has been expended.
10. Acceptance of a grant will be taken as permission for the Council to publish details of the grants in its newsletter/ web site.