



MELKSHAM WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

GRANT AID POLICY

1. Applications must be from organisations either based within the Parish, or based outside the Parish that can prove that they assist residents living within the parish.
2. A statement of the latest audited accounts must accompany the application. Grants may still be awarded if up to date accounts are not received but they will not be paid until satisfactory accounts are received.
3. No applications received after the closing date will be considered, no matter how worthy the cause. Closing date is 31st January.
4. Applications from individuals will not be accepted.
5. Applications from schools or PTAs will only be considered if the grant is to be used for non-educational purposes. Grants will not be given for any item that should be supplied by Local Education Authority.
6. Applications from national organisations may be accepted if there is a local branch that is used by residents of the parish and it can be proved that this benefits the residents of the parish.
7. Grants **may not** be awarded to organisations which themselves issue grant aid or distribute funds to help other groups.
8. Under current legislation the council are unable to fund church buildings.
9. The council reserve the right to request for any grant funds awarded to organisations back if it is found that the funds are not being used for the purpose of which it was awarded for or if an organisation closes within the year the grant was awarded. If organisations require the funds to be used for something different than what was originally applied for, they must seek approval from the parish council first.

**Reviewed and updated by Finance Committee 9th January 2023
(min.333/22) - To include a clause (clause 9) around returning funds if
organisation fails or change of use request.**

Approved by Full Council 23rd January 2023