

Oakley Parish Council Grant Application Policy

A grant is any payment made by Oakley Parish Council to be used by an organisation for a specific purpose, which is in the interest of, or will directly benefit some or all of the Oakley community. The Council must have the statutory power to make a grant for the purpose applied for.

Criteria for Grant Applications

Organisations requesting financial assistance will be requested to submit:

- A completed application form
- Copies of their last year-end accounts
- Details of any restrictions on who can use/access their services

Applications will not be considered from

- Individuals
- National Charities
- Political Parties
- Private organisations operated as a business
- “Upward funders” i.e. local groups where fund raising is sent to a central HQ for distribution

Grant applications cannot be made retrospectively

Organisations will normally be expected to have clear written aims and objectives, a written constitution and a separate bank account.

The Council may request any further information it deems necessary to assist the decision making process.

Each application will be assessed on its own merits and the size of any grant awarded is at the sole discretion of the Council. Account will be taken of the number of Oakley residents in the organisation; the amount and frequency of previous awards; the extent to which fund raising has been sought, or secured, from other sources and the organisation’s own fund raising activities.

Council will not make ongoing commitments to award grants in future years. A fresh application will be required each year.

The Council may make the award of any grant subject to such additional conditions and requirements as it considers appropriate.