

Grant Applications Summary Sheet 2023/24

- The Grant Award Policy is available on the Parish Council (PC) website [here](#).
- The key legal principle enshrined within s.137 Local Government Act 1972, requires that grants must be *“in the interests of or will directly benefit the area or its inhabitants, or of part of it, or of some of it”* and *“the direct benefit should be commensurate with expenditure.”*
- The Finance Committee has delegated authority to make decisions regarding the PC’s annual grant expenditure.
- The PC’s grant policy allows for two tranches of applications: January (for April) & June (for July).
- In 2022/23 the PC had up to £14,279.58 to spend on all s.137(4)(a) Local Government Act 1972 grants (combined).
- In 2023/24 the PC has up to **£15,788.70** to spend on all s.137(4)(a) Local Government Act 1972 grants (combined). This figure is calculated by multiplying the number of Parish electors, as of 1st April (1,590) by £9.93 (amount per elector). This figure is provided annually by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities.
- s.137 is relied upon when the PC does not have a specific legal power, or duty to do something and/or incur expenditure. Some of the grant requests below fall outside of s.137, as the PC *has* a power/duty to act. These are noted in **red**. In these cases, there is no limitation on the amount of financial support the PC can offer, and the expenditure does not reduce the annual s.137 limit.
- This year, the PC will qualify for the General Power of Competence (GPoC). This Power comes about when a PC has a qualified Clerk and at least 2/3rds of its Members are elected. At the Annual Parish Council Meeting in May (after the election period), the PC will resolve that it meets the qualifying criteria for the GPoC.
- S.1(1) Localism Act 2011 provides that a local authority with the GPoC has the power to do anything that individuals generally may do, save where legislation prevents this. Therefore, the PC will have far more options to manage situations

which may arise. For example, unlike expenditure incurred under s.137, the GPoC imposes no statutory maximum annual limit to the level of expenditure that may be incurred. The restraint would be the PC's budget and priorities.

- An eligible PC cannot incur expenditure under s.137 (except to contribute to the funds of charities in furtherance of their work (s. 137(3))).

No/.	Organisation	2021/22 Grant	2022/23 Grant	2023/24 Requested	Justification
1.	1st Ifold Guides <i>(First time request from this group)</i>	-	-	Requested: £380 Approved: £380	The funding is required to purchase a new camping fridge as the current one has broken and is unable to be repaired. The fridge is needed for the first Camp of 2023, Petworth Camp (29 th April-1 st May). The fridge will be used for the Summer Camp and all future camps.
2.	Plaistow Youth Club	£1,500	£1,500	Requested: £1,977 Approved: £1,500	We would like help with the purchase of a retro arcade game for the children to use inside (£1,400) and £577 to pressure clean and seal the Youth Club Floor.
3.	1st Ifold Scout Group	£2,000	-	Requested: £5,000 Approved: £2,500	Monies are sought to fund additional, unplanned work on the barn extension for which planning permission has already been granted and the main build costs secured through previous fund-raising activity. Additional funds are required to cover the cost of unplanned foundation work and tree surgery. It is hoped that the build work will be completed during 2023. Around 160 children benefit from the activities organised by the 1st Ifold Scout and Guide Group.
4.	Kelsey Hall Not s.137 grant	£1,500	£1,500	Requested: £2,664 Approved:	To insulate the Hall loft. In the recent cold weather, the water supply to the kitchen sink and dishwasher had to be turned off due to frozen pipes. This is because, when the kitchen was refurbished in 2017, the plumber took the decision to route the water pipes from the ladies' loo up into the loft

				£1,500	and across to the kitchen. December 2022 was the first time we had a prolonged period of freezing temperatures since then. With the weather expected to become more extreme and unpredictable, this could easily happen again. We have already appointed Pipeline Plumbing Services Ltd to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attend to the frozen pipes and look at how they can be rerouted to prevent freezing. - Reroute pipework through wall to under sink, up the wall vertically, then running horizontally underneath ceiling (to be boxed in by third party). - Cost £708 including materials. Invoice: https://sm8.link/f9q5vl8
5.	Plaistow Preschool	£800	£2,000	Requested: £6,000 Approved: £2,000	Construction of a weatherproof structure. Our provision is predominantly outdoors only going inside in extremely wet weather or very low temperatures. With space and without walls children have a wonderful sense of freedom, their conversations flow more freely, and they are far more in touch with nature giving them an understanding of the world in greater depth. A weatherproof structure in the pre-schools garden would provide a more comfortable and inviting environment for the children to continue learning and playing outdoors regardless of the weather.
6.	Winterton Hall (Annual Grant) Not s.137 grant	£1,500	£1,500	Requested: £1,500 Approved: £1,500	Repairs to the hall roof. Total cost of project c.£9,000 +VAT <i>The Parish Council has traditionally provided funds to enable the hall to have lower hall hire rates than it would otherwise have. Provision of this money directly benefits all residents who use the hall.</i>
7.	Parochial Church Council - Kirdford Church Not s.137 grant	£1,000	£2,250	Requested: £1,250 Approved: £1,250	To contribute towards the cost of upkeep of Kirdford Parish churchyard – which is open to residents of Plaistow and Ifold. To contribute towards the maintenance of the conservation area in the churchyard.
8.	Billingshurst Emergency Assistance Team (BEAT First Responders)	£1,000	£1,000	Requested: £1,500 Approved: £1,000	We are seeking funding to continue the maintenance of Public Access Defibrillation, the consumables for each defibrillator have risen to c.£350 per battery and c.£45 per set of electrode pads. This is a considerable increase from our previous cost base. We are also hosting a series of public awareness events to promote the knowledge of how to use and reduce the fear of use of AEDs by the public, these sessions will also cover basic life support skills such as CPR.

				£500 payment and £500 in reserves for Kelsey Hall defib	
	Previous Years Grants – Not requested (yet)				
	Ifold Freeholders and Residents Association (IFRA)				
	Home-Start Chichester & District	£1,500	£1,408		
	The North Singers	£250	£250		
	Friends of Chichester Hospital	-	£50		
	Kirdford Baby and Toddler Group	-	£500		
	Plaistow Tea Club	£0	£0		