



Grant Funding Policy

The Town Council operates two grant schemes, details of which are set out in this policy. The full terms and conditions for the grant schemes are contained with the grant application forms.

The Finance and General Purposes committee is discharged to review the grant application forms inclusive of terms and conditions to ensure it complies with the Grant Funding policy. Any significant changes to the grant forms or the Grant Funding policy must be recommended to full Council to adopt.

As grant funding programmes are often over subscribed, applicants are recommended to explore as many other funding opportunities as possible, to ensure that we can support as many groups and projects as possible.

Small Grants Scheme

The objective of the **Small Grants Scheme** is to support and encourage a diverse range of community and youth activities, initiatives and events that meet the needs of the Nelson parish residents. We provide the small grants to organisations up to the maximum sum of £1,000.

Grant aid, up to a maximum of £1,000 is available to organisations, groups and, in the right circumstances, individuals for the following purposes:

- * Capital cost of new or improved facilities or equipment
- * Funding towards a public service
- * Support towards a specific community event
- * Improving the environment
- * Enhancing the quality of life

Applicants must ensure that they are a constituted group and must meet the criteria before submitting the application. Further details can be found on the small grants application form.

Ward Initiative Funding

The **Ward Initiative** funding programme is designed to allocate funding to each ward within the Nelson Town Council boundary via the ward Councillor. Each of the six wards has a budget of £1,000 set aside for small grants to for improvements within the ward. Councillors may also help fund additional activities for voluntary and community groups that do not fit the small grants criteria.

Each of the six Nelson Town Council wards has an allocation of £1,000 for their Ward Initiative. The funding programme is designed to make improvements within the ward. Funding from this budget can cover a range of additional provisions such as benches, litter bins, landscaping or tidying up of communal land or providing flowerbed.

Applications will be considered from individuals, groups and organisations who meet the grant criteria. Applicants are encouraged to contact their local ward Town Councillor, if they require financial support for a project that meets the criteria.

If the Councillor is able to support the project, then he/she must ensure that support is given to the application from the other ward councillors who are required to sign the application in order for it to be considered and processed.