

Effingham Parish Council



Effingham Parish Council **Community Fund**

The Parish Council is keen to encourage everyone to contribute to village life. Although the Parish Council has limited funds we have set up a community fund to help enhance life in our village, bringing benefits to as many Effingham residents as possible.

The Purpose of the Community Fund

To provide financial support for not-for-profit community projects, activities and new initiatives that will benefit some or all of the residents of the Parish of Effingham.

Eligibility

Bids may be submitted by either one or more existing local community organisations, or by Effingham residents (groups or individuals). Effingham Parish Council may only provide financial support where provision is a legal use of Parish Council funds under Local Government legislation. The Community Fund is taken from the “Parish precept”, that is from Effingham Parish Council Tax. Advice for anyone considering making a bid is available from the Parish Council.

Information required for the bid to be considered

All bids for grants from the Community Fund must provide the following information:

1. A clear explanation of the project/programme aims and objectives, the overall costs, the funding that is requested from the Community Fund, and details of any financial contributions from other sources.
2. A clear explanation of how the service or project will benefit the residents of the Parish of Effingham, and where appropriate, evidence that there is demand for it within the village.
3. The levels of information needed by the Parish Council in order to assess bids to the Community Fund will be proportionate to the level of funding requested. In particular, the higher the sum requested, the greater the need to show that funding is not available from other sources.
4. The provision of general financial information relating to the bid will assist the Parish Council in assessing bids. For example, for existing community organisations this should include audited accounts for the most recent financial year and where possible, income and expenditure budgets for the financial year when the grant will be used. In some circumstances the Parish Council may request details of all cash and reserves currently held, together with bank statements showing this.
5. In the case of bids for single specific items, (e.g. equipment) details of the precise specification and evidence of cost of the item.
6. Projects shall take account of accessibility to buildings and land with no exclusions based on gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability or religious belief.
7. The bid shall be for specific future expenditure, and payments from the Community Fund will be paid retrospectively, on receipt of invoices showing that the expenditure has been properly incurred.

Further Information

Further information about the fund and advice on preparing bids is available from the Parish Room.

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