



ALTON TOWN COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SMALL GRANTS POLICY 2024

1.0 General

Alton Town Council has a one-off Climate Change Fund designed to assist local organisations and groups achieve modest aspects of a decarbonisation programme. A sum of £10,000 in total is available and applications for up to £1,000 may be submitted (by exception, higher grants can be awarded).

These grants will be awarded throughout the year by the Climate Change Sub Committee, which meets four times a year (dates can be obtained from www.alton.gov.uk) and will be considered on a first come first served basis until such time as the funding is all allocated. Applications must be submitted no later than three weeks prior to the Committee meeting date. These grants are to assist organisations to reduce their carbon production and support the priorities of the Town Council.

Applicants may apply to

- 1.1 Applicants may only apply once in any 12 month period and applications may not be made retrospectively.
- 1.2 In general, grant awards are not made to educational establishments or religious organisations unless the particular project or event is for the benefit of the whole community.
- 1.3 Grants will only be awarded to recognised organisations, voluntary and local groups which are not for profit or charitable. Grants will not be awarded to individuals.
- 1.4 All grant applications will be considered on their own merit and any award made is purely at the discretion of the Town Council.
- 1.5 All applicants will need to support their application by submitting a copy of their constitution (or rules) plus accounts for the previous year.
- 1.6 Where the residency of members of an organisation is spread over a number of different communities, groups are encouraged to apply for funding to the relevant parish and town councils at the same time. All applicants are required to disclose any funding applications made to other organisations. Failure to do so may lead to any grant award being withdrawn.
- 1.7 Applicants whose organisation works with young people under the age of 18 will also be required to submit a copy of their Child Protection Policy.
- 1.8 It is a condition of an offer of a grant that acknowledgement is made by the body or organisation in some way such as in its literature, posters or programmes. This should be in the form of a statement "Supported by Alton Town Council" or similar.
- 1.9 Any funds not spent for the purposes they were given must be returned to the council promptly.

Appendix A

Alton Town Council is committed to providing assistance and support to local groups which are set up to promote community life for Alton residents. Alton Town Council provides grant funding to support the following aims and aspirations and ALL applicants should demonstrate at least TWO of these criteria in their application.

To Promote and Encourage Pride in Alton through:

- Active citizenship
- Community Involvement
- Fostering local talent and skills
- Green, clean and safe town
- Regeneration and Development for the benefit of all residents to create a vibrant town.
- Social inclusiveness and preventing social isolation.

Appendix B

Suggested examples of other bodies that may be approached to obtain grant aid are:-

- (a) East Hampshire District Council & District Councillors individual grant allocations
- (b) Hampshire County Council & County Councillor individual grant allocations
- (c) Neighbouring Parish Councils
- (d) Veoila Environmental Trust
- (e) Sport England
- (f) Hampshire Playing Fields Association
- (h) National Lottery

