

ASHINGTON TOWN COUNCIL SMALL GRANTS 2023-24 GUIDANCE FOR APPLICANTS

Small Grants throughout the year

Small Grants will be invited and awarded quarterly, as shown below (please note that dates may be changed prior to publication).

May 2023	July 2023	October 2023	February 2024
Invited 19 th April Closes 12 th May Decisions 23 rd May	Invited 12 th June Closes 30 th June Decisions 11 th July	Invited 11 th Sep Closes 29 th Sep Decisions 10 th Oct	Invited 15 th Jan Closes 2 nd Feb Decisions 13 th Feb

Based on the budget agreed for 2023/24, Ashington Town Council has £20,000 available for this purpose. Community groups and organisations will be invited to apply for small grants of less than £500. You can only apply for a small grant of £500 once in the financial year.

Funding Criteria that must be met

Grant Aid is for voluntary, non-profit making organisations who provide facilities, activities, and services principally for residents served by Ashington Town Council.

Typically, these organisations include sports, play and art clubs, community associations, youth organisations, organisations that assist disadvantaged/vulnerable groups and charitable trusts.

To be eligible to apply for funding from Ashington Town Council, you must be able to provide the following:

- ✓ A constitution or governing document, or written aims and objectives.
- ✓ Up-to-date financial information, including latest accounts and bank statement.
- ✓ A set a basic core policies (please contact the Council to discuss this)
- ✓ In addition, if you are applying for a **Small Grant** from Ashington Town Council, you must be prepared to explain the purpose of any reserves held.

We want to support organisations who may not have all the documents required, so please contact Sharon Parmley if that is the case.

Organisations that will not be funded

- X Individuals.
- X Business organisations whose aim is profit.
- X National charities (unless specific direct services are provided within the local area).
- X Schools.
- X Religious establishments.
- X Other organisations operating from outside Ashington (unless specific direct services are provided within the local area, or these organisations contribute to the wellbeing of the Town and its residents)