

Community Grant Applications 2025/2026

Introduction

Bruton Town Council operates a Community Grant Scheme. The aim is to ensure that public funds are used in ways that benefit groups of residents and protect the interest of residents into the future. The Council encourages applications from local community-based “not for profit” organisations, e.g. voluntary groups, societies, clubs, sports and youth clubs.

Organisations and groups wishing to apply to the council for grants should submit their application by Friday 8th November 2024 to the Town Clerk, Dovecote House, 26, High Street, Bruton BA10 0AA e-mail: townclerk@brutontowncouncil.gov.uk Any queries telephone 01749 813014.

General Criteria:

- Each application will be considered on its merit and the amount of the grant will be at the discretion of the Council.
- Groups within the Town Council’s area may apply.
- Groups outside the Town Council’s area but able to show a direct benefit to the inhabitants of Bruton will be eligible for consideration.
- No grant will be awarded to or for any commercial venture for private gain.
- No grant will be awarded to individuals.
- Applicants may be required to provide proof of purchase, or provide details/invoices as to how the grant funding was spent.
- If the grant funding is not spent as detailed in the application, Bruton Town Council reserves the right to reclaim the grant.
- 50% match funding for capital expenditure is generally the maximum grant given, unless for exceptional circumstances.
- Grants successfully awarded must not be used to provide grant funding for other organisations.

Applications should include:

- The amount of grant required.
- What the grant will be used for.
- If a grant was made by the council in the previous financial year give details of how the grant was used. Bruton Town Council reserves the right to request further details as required.
- A copy of the group's most recent accounts.

Additional Information – timescale for applications:

- Grant applications will be discussed at the Finance and Resources Committee meetings as part of the annual town council budget setting process.
- Recommendations will be made to Full Council at the meeting scheduled in January, when the budget is finalised. Successful applicants will be notified soon after this meeting.
- The payments schedule will be agreed at the Full Council meeting in April, and grant funding will be paid to successful applicants during the first week in May.