



Charing Parish Council Grants & Donations Policy April 2023

Charing Parish Council provides small grants and donations to organisations whose services are allocated primarily for the benefit of Charing Parish residents, however organisations providing services to neighbouring areas in addition to Charing Parish are eligible to apply. Each request will be judged on its own merits.

The Council follows guidance issued by the National Association of Local Councils on spending under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. There are, however, several other regulations which may apply to specific types of donations. If in doubt, advice should be sought from the Clerk.

Policy

1. 1 Donation requests will be judged against Section 137 of the Local Government Act except where an alternative regulation is more appropriate.
2. The maximum amount which the council may spend under section 137 in any one financial year is determined by the number of people on the electoral role multiplied by a cash value provided from the relevant Government department. This value should be available from KALC. For the year 2023/24 this was £9.25
3. All applications must be submitted on the Council's "Grants & Donations Application Form" which can be obtained from the Clerk or downloaded from the Parish website.
4. Requests for Grants & Donations are only applicable to the financial year in which the request is made, and a new request form needs to be submitted each financial year.
5. The Council considers requests as an agenda item at a full Parish Council meeting.
6. The Parish financial year runs from 6th April to 5th April