



GERRARDS CROSS TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS AND DONATIONS POLICY

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1 Principles and Rules

1.1 The Finance and General Purposes Committee (F&GP) will consider applications for grants (for a specific project) and donations (for general purposes) and make recommendations to the Full Council for a vote. The F&GP will assess all applications in an honest, objective, fair and transparent way to assess whether the application supports our mission and benefits people who live in the town.

2 Sources of Funding

2.1 CIL funds from developers (previously S106 contracts)

2.2 The “Precept” –the local council tax requirement from local electors.

2.3 The sale of assets.

Gerrards Cross Town Council (GXTC) powers to donate CIL funds differ from the other sources.

3 Powers to Donate

3.1 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

CIL 2010 replaced individually negotiated agreements with developers under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. It allows local planning authorities, in our case Buckinghamshire Council, to raise funds from a developer (based on the amount of new floor space created by the development). Although principal authorities can only spend CIL on infrastructure projects, local councils can spend their CIL funds on anything to address the demands that particular development places on an area.

3.2 General Power of Competence

When donating money other than s106 or CIL, such as the precept or the sale of land, GXTC is eligible to use its “General Power of Competence” (GPC) under the Localism Act 2011. GXTC can use the GPC because it meets the 3 required conditions:-

- a) GXTC passed a resolution to adopt the GPC at a full council meeting.
- b) GXTC employs a ‘qualified’ clerk who has passed a specified sector qualification; and
- c) GXTC has two thirds of councillors elected or who have stood for election, even if unopposed (but not co-opted or appointed).

The GPC gives GXTC the power to do anything an individual can do, provided it is not prohibited by other legislation. In simple terms, provided that it is lawful, GXTC can donate money without restrictions.

3.3 Local Government Act, Section 137

If at any stage GXTC no longer qualifies for the GPC, we would rely either on a specific power or the power under s.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 which limits the amount a Town council can donate and restricts the purposes.

4 Reporting

In the case of any grant approved to your organisation you may be required to report within 12 months on your project.



Gerrards Cross Town Council

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GRANTS

Gerrards Cross Town Council is able to make a small number of grants to outside bodies. The Town Council's policy is that such grants should support community clubs and organisations which are based in Gerrards Cross or directly benefit local residents.

Applications for the 2025/26 financial year may now be submitted and you are requested to make submission of your application by the 28th October 2024. This will be evaluated by the Council based on the criteria as set out more fully in our policy available on our website. Any requests for grants after this date will not be considered and would only be considered in the following financial year.

Further details and application forms are available from the Town Council office or can be downloaded from our website www.gerrardscross.gov.uk. You may also contact the Town Council Office for further details by email on clerk@gerrardscross.gov.uk.

Town Clerk
30th September 2024

Gerrards Cross Town Council



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Grants to outside bodies: APPLICATION FORM FINANCIAL YEAR 2025-2026

If there is not enough room on the form for your answers, please continue a separate sheet numbered as below.

1. Name of group or organisation.
Include Charity Commission register number if applicable.
2. Is your group a non-profit entity?
3. Name and position in group of contact.
4. Address, email and telephone number of contact
5. Details of purposes (preferably a particular project) for which the grant is required
6. Total cost of project (if applicable).
7. Amount of grant requested.
8. Source of other funding for total cost
9. What do you see as the benefits that will be obtained by the community of Gerrards Cross on completion of this project?
10. Are you able to provide a copy of the most recent yearly accounts for your organisation? If so please attach. If not, please give reasons.
11. Please give outline information about both paid and voluntary workers for your organization.
12. Has your organisation sought or received grant funding elsewhere for this or other projects, and if so please give full details?
13. If your organisation has received a grant from the Town Council before, please explain how in practise it benefited the organisation.