

Community Funding policy

The Community Fund is a local Grant Scheme managed by Stoke Hammond Parish Council with the aim of improving the quality of life of the people who live in the Parish of Stoke Hammond.

Grants of up to £350 can be applied for and applications will be accepted throughout the year and added as an agenda item for discussion at the next available Parish Council Meeting. Please keep these dates in mind when applying.

2022 PC Meeting dates	Deadline for submitting applications
11 th January	4 th January
1 st February	25 th January
1 st March	25 th February
5 th April	29 th March
3 rd May	26 th April
7 th June	31 st May
5 th July	28 th June
6 th September	30 th August
4 th October	27 th September
1 st November	25 th October

Eligibility

You can apply if:

- You are a Voluntary/Community Organisation, School or Health Body operating within the Stoke Hammond boundary organisations operating within and for the benefit of those within our Parish
- Membership of any applicant organisation must be predominantly Stoke Hammond parishioners
- You can provide relevant supporting documentation if required

All applications are scored independently by at least 6 Councillors, based on the following criteria:

- The need for the project is clear, that the purpose of the project is not being met by other organisations or groups, and that this application will support the need identified
- This project will aim to be or work towards being sustainable in the longer term
- This project will help reach those people who are most in need
- The amount requested in the application is reasonable, properly budgeted and provides best value

Scores will be awarded on the following basis:

- 0 - doesn't meet criteria
- 1 - barely meets the criteria
- 2 - partially meets the criteria
- 3 - mostly meets the criteria
- 4 - fully meets the criteria
- 5 - more than meets the criteria

Applications that score an average of below 18 or below will not be awarded;

Applications that score between 19 – 24 will be discussed, and,

Applications that score an average of over 25 will be awarded

Prepared by The Clerk

And approved by Cllrs at the 2nd November 2021 Parish Council Meeting