

EMERGENCY GRANT FUNDING

Increased upper limit to help local charities

Dartmouth 3rd April 2020 - In response to the increased need for financial help from local charities and community organisations, Dartmouth Town Council has streamlined its grant application process. The limit for minor grants has been increased from £250 to £500 as the Council recognises that the demand for help from charities and community organisations has massively increased due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Charities and organisations in need of financial support are invited to apply for a grant using the official form. The request will then be fast tracked, and the Finance Committee will consider it via email, as all council and committee meetings are currently suspended.

Minor grants are available to charitable, voluntary and community organisations based in Dartmouth. The council cannot consider individual requests.

In announcing the increased upper limit and streamlining of the grant applications procedure, Graham Evans, Chair of the Finance Committee said "In these exceptional circumstances, we felt there was a need to increase the upper limit of minor grants. We wanted to make the grant awarding procedure as expedient as possible, while still adhering to council rules. We have setup a process, whereby applications can be approved by the Finance Committee via email. This will streamline the whole process for applying for a grant and get much needed funds to the organisations that need it as soon as possible".

Application forms can be obtained by emailing a request to the Finance Officer:

finance@dartmouthtowncouncil.gov.uk

Charities and organisations can check their eligibility here

<https://www.dartmouthtowncouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/2019-Grant-Awarding-Policy.pdf>