East Dean & Friston
Parish Council

GRANT AWARDING POLICY

Introduction

The Parish Council welcomes and values the work of local voluntary groups and organisations. The Council has a policy for making grants to groups and organisations which contribute to the welfare of the community by improving or supporting facilities and/or activities. Applicants must be able to demonstrate a clear need for financial support.

Guidelines

An overall limit for the annual provision of grant aid will be determined as part of the Council's budget setting process and approved in January of each year. In 2025/26 the sum set aside for grants is £2,200.

Applicants must complete a grant application form (attached) which will include details of the need for the funds and the number of residents expected to benefit.

If the application is for a particular project or activity, any Grant awarded will generally not exceed 50% of the cost of the project or activity.

As a condition of receiving a grant, recipients will be required to acknowledge the Council's support in any publicity material.

The Council will not normally support commercial organisations, major charities, or bodies considered to be self-funded or provided for by other authorities.

The Council reserves the right to offer an alternate amount to that originally requested or to refuse any grant application.

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APPLICATION FOR GRANT ASSISTANCE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL 2025/26

Full Name of Club / Organisation

Tyler's Trust

Charity Number: 1162827

Details of your Club / Organisation's requirements for financial assistance. If this is in connection with a specific project please provide full details, including any estimates you have received

Main Purpose of Organisation

Tyler's Trust is a small charity that provides hope, comfort, and support for life-limited / life-threatened children and their families.

This is achieved through a variety of measures, including:

A Beautiful Gift Box of Presents for the Ill Child: Each gift box has standard items to support a child in hospital. These include a teddy bear, bandana, a drinking bottle, journal, pens/pencils, and a voucher. From this, The boxes are bespoke and personalised to each child's likes with toys, games and activities, and where possible, each box delivery is made for a special occasion; examples include Delivered by the Fire brigade, Footballers, or Peppa Pig.

A Large Bag of Presents for Each Sibling: Tyler's Trust is one of the few charities that recognise the impact a seriously ill child can have on siblings.

A Home Essentials Kit: In most cases, one parent must give up work, meaning that even the most basic items can become unaffordable.

Host Inclusive Activity Sessions: Many of our children miss out on socialising and enjoyable activities; this aims to prevent isolation and provide opportunities that others take for granted; we host bespoke sessions to meet their needs. This allows the whole family to relax and spend quality time together.

Parental Coffee Morning: The parents we support are vital to the well-being of their children. They are under extreme emotional stress; these provide an emphatic and safe environment to boost confidence and socialise.

Fantastic Free Family Fun Day: This includes vintage car rides, food / drinks, fun activities, pamper sessions, professional family photo's, presents to take home, and a chance to meet our patrons, Fearne and Jesse.

Management of Two Parents' Rooms: Having a child in a hospital is very expensive due to the additional expenses of parking and petrol. This is increased for parents as they have to purchase food. To support them the Trust provides basic food items, drinks and toiletries.

The grant would be used towards the provision of the following:

1. Manage the parent's room at Worthing and Chichester hospitals, including provision of food, drinks, toiletries, and reading materials and items requested by the ward; these include underwear and pyjamas – some children do not

have them. Feedback has identified that the parents of seriously ill children face the additional stress of financial hardship whilst their child is in hospital; we aim to alleviate this.

2. Provision of overnight emergency parental bags, including toothpaste, deodorant, shower gel, and sanitary products.
3. Provision of bespoke services for the families we support; this would include Art & Craft Sessions tailored to the children's needs. Multiple studies have proven that play and activities help to reduce the physical symptoms of Anxiety and may boost emotional well-being. Research has discovered:
    - Play soothes fear and anxiety
    - Reduce the physical symptoms of anxiety
    - Help children cope with the unknown
    - Provide motivation
4. Toys and gifts for the children's boxes and sibling bags are used to recognise bravery and offer an opportunity to escape through play. Home essentials and vouchers for families aim to alleviate financial hardship when a child is hospitalised.

Amount of Grant you wish to be considered for or leave blank if it is a general application	**£ 200.00**

Reasons why your Club / Organisation cannot meet the expenses as detailed above

We are a small charity with limited income, relying on donations from the public, collection boxes in shops , sports centres etc. We have a small charity shop in Barnham open 3 days a week and apply to Parish Councils were we receive nominations for families who have a child with a life-limiting / life-threatening illnesses. We support the families for as long as they want to remain part of our family, in some cases this includes continued support after the child has died.

Nominations are received regularly from the hospitals children's wards throughout East Sussex and Hampshire, adding additional pressure on our limited funds.

Any other relevant information in support of your Club / Organisation's application

How will the Project / Activity Benefit Residents of the Parish

Our services have significant impact on the families we support. Families benefit from practical and emotional support, promoting inclusion and boosting emotional well-being. Furthermore, they bring together families in similar situations, allowing them to develop a network of contacts who understand the challenges they face.
The children and families we support continue to struggle with the impact of illness, poor mental health and financial hardship. The Trust has worked tirelessly to support ever-increasing numbers of vulnerable families.
Over the last year, we have supported 250 families and a further cohort of 500 parents

this allow us to via our liaison with local hospital children's wards. We believe initiatives like this allow us to achieve more for the children and families we support. It is clear that there is an increased demand for our services, and the Trust must continue to evolve to meet this demand.
Most importantly, the Trust wants to continue achieving meaningful positive change for children and their families.

The Trust is led by our CEO, Jan Ellis, a professional and experienced manager. Her skills include clear communication, open-mindedness, creativity, and innovation whilst being approachable, optimistic, and transparent. Furthermore, she has lived experience of caring for a child with a life-threatening illness; as such, she brings a unique understanding of the needs of our families.
She is supported by admin staff and a team of trustees with experience relevant to the Trust's aims. The Trust has three part-time paid employees, equal to one full-time employee, and it also has the support of 50 volunteers.

CEO Message
Throughout the last 12 months, we have continued to adapt to meet the varied and changing needs of the children and families who rely on our vital services. I am deeply proud of the difference that we have made to our families.

How the Trust Records Success
The Trust measures outcomes through feedback, surveys, and family discussions. In addition, close liaison with other professionals provides insight into the effectiveness of the services. The outcomes will be evaluated by setting clear goals and measuring results using feedback and surveys. However, the true success of these initiatives goes far beyond numerical measurements.
Research highlights that the activity sessions provide emotional support on an ongoing basis, which is predominantly evaluated through feedback. This has shown that parents feel less isolated and vulnerable and can cope after the sessions, and children feel more confident. Research has shown that supporting parents allows them the emotional resilience to continue to care for a critically ill child.
The services have been designed with input from the children and parents we support. This collaboration allows us to review and update services as required constantly.

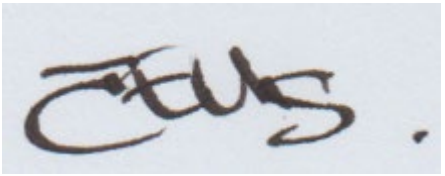
The Trust has developed vital relationships with parents, hospitals, schools, and other charitable organisations. These organisations can refer families to the Trust, and families can self-refer.
The Trust regularly liaises with our partners and families to promote our services. This is achieved through awareness talks, presentations, newsletters and social media. Once a family is registered with us, they will receive practical and emotional support, including an invite to a bespoke craft session. Children and parents have been heavily involved in developing our services to ensure they are as effective and beneficial as possible. Their input is gained through conversation, email, and social media.

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