

Mold Town Council

GRANTS POLICY



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Introduction

Mold Town Council community grants are available to local voluntary or charitable groups based and/or working in Mold which provides a direct benefit for Mold residents.

The general premise is that the work of the group should benefit some or all of the residents of Mold. The Council has the power to provide financial grant aid in accordance with Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Mold Town Council considers applications at its quarterly Finance Meetings, dates of which can be found on our website: www.moldtowncouncil.org.uk

Mold Town Council Grants Programme

Mold Town Council sets aside £3,350 per financial year for its Grants Programme.

Eligibility for a Grant;

- Your project/ event/ activity must benefit the people of Mold.
- You can be an informal group
- Demonstrate how the activity/ community group or organisation links to one of the 7 Well Being Goals for Wales (Well-being of Future Generations Act, 2015):
 - A prosperous Wales
 - A resilient Wales
 - A healthier Wales
 - A more equal Wales
 - A Wales of cohesive communities
 - A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language
 - A globally responsible Wales
- Groups can only receive grant once in a financial year.

Examples of activities and items we can support:

1. The capital costs, or a contribution towards the costs of, any new or replacement equipment that may be required to assist the group in its activities.
2. The costs, or a contribution towards the costs involved in the presentation of an event, concert, performance or specific activity produced by a local group.
3. The costs involved in the establishment of a new local voluntary or charitable group.

In addition, Mold Town Council will consider requests for grants towards the general running costs of any group. The Town Council will consider giving a commitment for a contribution for up to a period of three years towards these general running costs. These applications will only be considered at the last Financial Committee Meeting of the Financial year.

What will not be fund;

- Staffing costs
- Projects or events that have already taken place

- Projects or events which are not for the benefit of the community of Mold.
- If a grant has already been received from the Town Council in the same Financial Year.

Applying for a Grant

Visit www.moldtowncouncil.org.uk to download the application form to apply for a grant. Alternatively, you can email: townclerk@moldtowncouncil.org.uk and request a Grant Application Form.

All sections of the form must be completed and returned to the Town Clerk no later 7 working days before a Finance Committee Meeting.

The Finance Committee will consider the application in line with the criteria for a grant and will make a recommendation to the Town Council.

The final decision on awarding the grant will be made by Mold Town Council at their Full Town Council Meeting.

The Town Clerk will contact the applicant as soon after this meeting as possible to advise the outcome for the application.

Monitoring and Evaluation

All successful grant applications will be required to feedback to Mold Town Council on the outcome of the activity/ project or event. This should include:

- A summation of the project outcomes – positives and what could be improved.
- Photographs, links to website, caste studies, tags in Social media Stories.
- Quotes from people who have benefitted from the project, event or activity.
- Numbers of people who benefitted from the funding and if there are any next steps.

The Town Council requires all successful applicants to provide the above information within 6 months of receiving the grant.

Funding Application Terms and Conditions

- An award of a grant must give direct benefit to some or all of the residents of the Town.
- The Town Council does not affiliate to any political party and legally cannot provide grant or support to any party-political activity.
- The Council does not affiliate to any religious group; however, applications will be considered where there is a clear community wide benefit.
- Applications will only be considered when made on a formal application form.
- Applicants will be required to state the amount of grant sought from the Council and provide details of other grants ort awards applied for or gained, which must be disclosed in full.
- Payment will be made against a formal acceptance of the grant and terms.

- An evaluation of the project/ activity or event must be provided once within six months of the grant giving and evidence is to be provided of the benefits and outputs that have been achieved.
- The Council will advertise its Grant Scheme widely to ensure an equitable distribution of resources.
- The applicant acknowledges and agrees that all decisions made by the Council for such a grant request are solely the matter for and at the discretion of the Council. The applicant will provide to the Council all such assistance as is reasonably necessary to enable the Council to comply with its requirements under the Freedom of Information Act.
- Please be aware that if your project involves working with children and/ or vulnerable people we will need to be assured that they are safeguarded and so may come back to you for more information prior to a decision being made.
- Where an application is successful, the terms and conditions must be accepted in writing with the same financial year in which the grant is offered.
- That Mold Town Council's support of the group/ activity/ event is recognised on associated publicity and information material. The MTC logo will be provided.
- That all successful grant applications with social media accounts, tag the Town Council in posts related to this grant funding and where possible use the hashtag #TotallyMold
- That the grant is to be used only for the defined purposes as stated in the grant applications.
- That successful grant applications agree to details of their project/ activity/ event to go on to the Mold Town Council Website, Social Media Pages and any other promotional literature.