



RYDE

TOWN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAMME

Introduction and Vision Statement

Ryde Town Council is an energetic and forward thinking local authority delivering a range of local services and initiatives aimed at enhancing the fabric of the town and improving the quality of life of its residents. **The Vision Statement for the Town Council is to support and enhance the health, well-being and economy of Ryde to the benefit of residents, local businesses and visitors within a culture that makes best use of our heritage and the beauty of Ryde.** One of the ways in which we are doing this is through the Ryde Community Grants programme.

Funding priorities and criteria

Funding priorities

Priority will be given to organisations that make a positive contribution to the town of Ryde and to the well-being of its community.

Who can apply?

We can only support secular activities that are of benefit to the wider community. We cannot support applications from individuals.

What will we fund?

We can fund both revenue costs and capital costs for projects that:

- meet the aims of the community grants programme;
- take place within Ryde or directly involve its residents and
- either will be completed within one calendar year of the grant award or can demonstrate on-going viability.

Grants may be used to support the activity delivered though your organisation as long as it has specific aims and a schedule for completion or can demonstrate on going viability.

How can we help?

We offer financial support and expect to see a contribution towards the project costs from the applicant and/or other funding bodies. This can include the value of notional voluntary labour at a rate of £10 per hour.

How we assess your application

When considering your bid we will take into account how well the project meets the programme's priorities ie makes a positive contribution to the town of Ryde and the well-being of its community and that your project:

- is a positive response to a need or opportunity;
- is well planned and your proposals for managing it are sound;
- is financially realistic and offers value for money.
- Has a completion date or evidence of on-going sustainability
- Be of recognisable benefit to the town and community of Ryde

The Town Council will not consider:

- I. Applications for purely commercial bids or bids that have a large commercial element
- II. Providing grants towards the core funding of events i.e. for items such as land hire and the provision of facilities.
- III. Grant requests from individuals (organisations may seek grants for individuals).
- IV. Applications from organisations that discriminate on the grounds of age, colour, disability, marital status, race, gender nationality or religion.
- V. Organisations who do not have properly constituted bank accounts.
- VI. Organisations who are requesting an award retrospectively.
- VII. Applications from a political group or promoting political beliefs