
Report To: Full Council

Date: 16 June 2025

Contact Officer: Paula Harrison

Subject: Grants 2025

1. Background – Grants Policy

- 1.1 The Parish Council's Grant Awarding Policy sets out two dates for consideration of grant requests in excess of £250; 6th June 2025 and 19th September 2025.
- 1.2 The grants round has been advertised on the website and social media.
- 1.3 The Parish Council has an annual budget for Grants to Local Organisations of £10,000.
- 1.3 Grant applications for June 2025 are as follows:
- **Swindon Community First Responders Request: £464.86**
 - **BEST Be a Better You Request: £2,560**
 - **The Bramptons Social Club Requested: £2,001**
- Total: £5,025.84**
- 1.4 **Primary Considerations:** The Council should fund those activities that offer the greatest benefit to residents living in the Parish. Where access to activities is restricted or for the benefit of a wider population, the Parish Council should consider a contribution that is proportionate to the beneficiaries who are local residents.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Parish Council considers the applications and awards grants accordingly.

DETAIL:**Swindon Community First Responders Request: £464.86**

Your Grant Project:	
Name of project or activity?	to purchase a new pulse oximetry
Who is it for? and where is it happening? (500 words max.)	<i>E.g what neighbourhood?, age group? community of interest?</i> Swindon Community First Responders (CFRs) respond to medical emergencies ahead of the ambulance service to respond to 999 calls. This will be available to the kit based in West Swindon.
How will residents in West Swindon benefit from this? (500 words max.)	<i>Describe the benefits to West Swindon residents:</i> This will be available to all patients we respond to, which is hundreds of patients every year, from birth upwards. This helps determine if life saving oxygen is needed and also determine a NEWS2 score to determine how unwell the patient is and upgrade calls as needed, saving patient's lives.
When you aim to start and finish?	as soon as we received funds we will order the equipment, which will be good for 10-15 years and all upkeep maintained by SWAST.
What funding are you requesting from the Parish Council?	<i>List of items and amounts:</i> pulse oximetry, adult and child sats probe £464.46
Please detail any match funding you will bring to the project e.g. donations, in kind funding, volunteer hours	We volunteer our time to the ambulance service and the residents of West Swindon, each CFR donates a minimum of 12 hours per week, but some complete up to 60 hours each week.

BEST Be a Better You Request: £2560

Your Grant Project:	
Name of project or activity?	Free School Holiday Club Multi-Sports Sessions
Who is it for? and where is it happening? (500 words max.)	<i>E.g what neighbourhood? age group? Community of interest?</i> BEST would like to put on a 2-hour group session once a week during the school holidays in 2025, for up to 40 children and young people, 5 – 16 years old. The weekly sessions will be broken down into 3 different activities. Non – contact boxing drills and skills, non – contact freestyle martial arts, group games and team building. The activities will take place at Freshbrook community centre for all children in the West Swindon parish. We have previously run many successful sessions for your parish with a previous grant and they still remain the highest attended.

How will residents in West Swindon benefit from this? (500 words max.)	Describe the benefits to West Swindon residents: The Holiday Club sessions will be specifically for residents of West Swindon Parish. We have previously run these sessions for your parish and they have been really successful, highly attended and the children and parents have appreciated them.	
When you aim to start and finish?	July 2025 – December 2025.	
What funding are you requesting from the Parish Council?	List of items and amounts:	
	ITEM	COST
	8 x 2hr sessions through 2025 school holidays @ £120ph for up to 40 children per session. Includes staff costs and equipment.	£1920
	Admin/Marketing - 1 hr per session @ £20.00ph	£160
	Freshbrook Community Centre hall hire @ £30ph 8 x 2 hour sessions = 16 hours	£480
	TOTAL:	£2560
Please detail any match funding you will bring to the project e.g. donations, in kind funding, volunteer hours.	We have volunteers that will support the running of the program. We will provide social media promotions, provide monitoring and feedback for the parish, we will provide drinks and snacks to the children and provide all the equipment needed.	

The Bramptons Social Club Requested: £2,001

Name of project or activity?	NEW ACCESS PATH
Who is it for? and where is it happening? (500 words max.)	E.g what neighbourhood?, age group? community of interest? SEE ATTACHED
How will residents in West Swindon benefit from this? (500 words max.)	Describe the benefits to West Swindon residents: SEE ATTACHED
When you aim to start and finish?	JUNE 2025
What funding are you requesting from the Parish Council?	List of items and amounts: £2,001 - SEE ATTACHED
Please detail any match funding you will bring to the project e.g. donations, in kind funding, volunteer hours.	ALL LABOUR COST - SKILLED VOLUNTEERS ALL PLANT & EQUIPMENT COST - LOCAL BUSINESS