



INFORMATION SHEET

High Wycombe Town Committee

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High Wycombe Town Committee Community Support Grants

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High Wycombe Town Committee have agreed to award an annual budget of £20,000 for the payment of grants to the voluntary and community sector (VCS), within the unparished Wards of High Wycombe.

The budget of £20,000 is divided as to £10,000 for Facility Grants and £10,000 for Community Support Grants.

Applications received during the financial year 2014/2015 reflect the diversity of communities operating in the area of benefit.

Facility Grants

Facility Grants are awarded to VCS organisations that use their premises for community use as their primary purpose and operate within the unparished Wards of High Wycombe. These grants enable community facilities to benefit from essential building works and refurbishment to ensure they remain available for community use. Work must be completed within one year of confirmation of an award and grants are only paid upon completion of works, and receipt of a satisfactory report.

For the financial year 2014/2015, there has only been one application. This was from Oakridge Baptist Church for a new heating system. This application was refused and thus the full budget of £10,000 remains.

Community Support Grants

Small community support grants, up to a maximum of £1,500, are awarded to community groups that operate within the unparished Wards of High Wycombe. These grants are intended to cover the capital cost of an activity, project or event that directly benefits the local community being served.

For the financial year 2014/2015, grants totalling £4,774.67 have been awarded. There remains a budget of £5,225.33 available to spend for the benefit of local organisations and the communities they serve.

A list of successful organisations to date, and grants awarded, is shown overleaf.

To enable as many VCS organisations as possible to benefit from a community support grant, it would be appreciated if the Committee could be mindful of the budget still available, and if at all possible, to ensure that VCS organisations operating in the unparished wards of High Wycombe are made aware of the remaining budget and the benefits that a grant could provide to their local communities.

HWTC Facility Grants			Grant Awarded
Oakridge Baptist Church	Heating system	Refused	0
Total Spend to date			0

HWTC Community Support Grants		Grant Awarded
SV2G	Community Festival	1,500
All Saints Church, High Wycombe	Flower Festival	1,500
Chequers Avenue Fun Day	Community Day	300
Wycombe Community Arts Centre	Digital Equipment	1,474.67
Total Spend to date		4,774.67