



Knowlton Parish Community Benefit Fund

Knowlton Parish Community Benefit Fund has been funded by two solar farm projects either wholly or partially within the Parish.

Knowlton Community Benefit Committee (KCBC) with the oversight of the Knowlton Parish Council (KPC) will administer the fund and allocate grants to organisations, individuals or groups within Knowlton Parish.

Applications may be submitted at any time. The KCBC will meet at least three times a year to consider applications. It is important that the application form is filled in as completely as possible, as applications will be evaluated using in the main the information on the form (verbal presentation may be appropriate in special cases). The fund currently has £37K under its control and there will be an additional sum of about £10K per year which will continue for the next 19 years

1. Conditions of funding

- a. Applicants must demonstrate a clear need for financial support.
- b. Organisations must be either non-profit making or charitable.
- c. Applications from education, health or social service establishments will be considered only where the organisation can demonstrate that it is working in partnership with other groups or where there are benefits to the wider community within Knowlton Parish.
- d. Applications will not be considered from:
 - i. Political party's
 - ii. Organisations intending to support or oppose any particular political party or to discriminate on the grounds of race, religion or gender.
 - iii. Private organisations operating as a business to make a profit or surplus
 - iv. "Upward funders" i.e. local groups where fundraising is sent to a central HQ for redistribution.
 - v. Organisations with significant unrestricted reserves.
 - vi. Applications will not normally be considered from national organisations or local groups with access to funds from national 'umbrella' or 'parent' organisations.

Use or purpose of grant

KCBC will only award grants where the use or purpose of the grant benefits Knowlton Parish and its community. The benefit could include but is not limited to:

- a. Providing a service
- b. Providing activities
- c. Enhancing the quality of life
- d. Improving the environment

- e. Promoting Knowlton Parish in a positive way
- f. Improvement to services at premises of Parish Halls.

g. Grants will normally not be made retrospectively unless a strong case can be made.

2. How to apply

Applications must be made using the application form provided by the KCBC. All questions on the application form should be fully answered and additional appropriate information, which supports an application, should be provided. If appropriate the Committee may ask a representative of an applicant to make a verbal presentation to the committee. The presentation is not to exceed 10 minutes. The form is to be forwarded as directed on the application form.

3. Evaluation procedure

A grant request will be considered at the next meeting of the KCBC and the applicant will be advised in advance when their application will be considered. Account may be taken of the extent to which funding has been sought or secured from other sources or fund raising activities. Applicants will receive notice of the outcome of their application once it has been approved by both the KCBC and KPC and within five weeks of the KCBC meeting.

Evaluation criteria

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

Priority will be given to projects that make use of existing amenities e.g. supporting a youth club that uses the village hall

- a. Priority will be given to projects where the objective is to improve the health, fitness and wellbeing of the community.
- b. Priority will be given to projects that improve existing amenities rather than building new.
- c. Priority will be given to projects that bring the community together e.g. annual gatherings or regular interest groups
- d. Priority will be given to projects that are environmentally sustainable e.g. conserving energy within community buildings, providing education about environmental issues or improving local biodiversity.

4. Successful applications

After applicants have received notice in writing of their successful application and any additional conditions and requirements, the grant will be paid by cheque.

The additional requirements could consist of production of receipts and a completion statement setting the success of the funding with supporting documents such as photographs etc.

5. The Committee as at 15th September 2015

David Shand (Chalbury), Caroline Barnes (Wimborne St.Giles), Ian Potentier (Horton), Peter Eldrett (Woodlands), Chairman John Hayes (Parish Cllr.)