

The Linton Community Fund

Tarmac Limited, operators of Swinden Quarry, has agreed to provide funds for the benefit of Linton and the sponsorship of local community projects within the parish. An annual donation will be made by Tarmac up to 2029.

These funds are held in a community account and are independent of the Parish Council and all other bodies in the village. It is a condition of the fund that any payments are used only for the benefit of the residents of the Parish of Linton and the sponsorship of local community projects within the parish.

As a locally elected body, members of Linton Parish Council will administer the fund and this document provides guidelines on the criteria and eligibility for funding and the application process.

General Funding Criteria

Community Projects

Grants are available to support a wide variety of projects, services and activities. Our first priority is to fund applicants whose aim is to improve the quality of life for people living in the parish. This can be for the purchase of equipment, upgrading of community buildings or the environment, one-off social activities etc.

We accept applications from:

- Local community groups
- Voluntary sector organisations
- Community interest companies
- Social enterprises
- Sports clubs
- Faith groups
- Parish Councils (for community projects)
- Individuals

We do not accept applications from:

- Statutory organisations, including schools, hospitals and borough councils for operational funding such as staff and insurance costs
- Political parties or groups affiliated to a political party

- Commercial enterprises

Conditions of funding:

- Grants must be used within twelve months of the date awarded (unless otherwise agreed by the trustees at the time of the application).
- Grants cannot be awarded retrospectively. i.e. for projects that have already started or for events that have taken place.
- The maximum grant is £3,000 (to be revised upwards every five years).
- All projects/ activities to be funded must be for the benefit of residents of the parish.
- For grants over £500, on completion of the project/ activity a monitoring form should be completed and returned to the trustees confirming the money has been spent for the purpose originally intended. This should include copies of receipts for all expenditure incurred and any information and supporting evidence to demonstrate to what extent the project/ activity successfully achieved its intended outcomes.
- Repeat applications from voluntary groups who have previously received a grant will be discouraged but may be considered if:
 - The application is for funding for one or more very different project/ activities within the same year.
 - The application is for the same project/ activity in the following year.

Young Person's Travel

The individuals who may qualify for travel grants from the fund will normally meet the following criteria:

- They are below the age of 25.
- They have been a resident of the parish for a minimum of twelve months.
- Their travel experience will have an educational or vocational component.
- Their travel arrangements will be made by their educational establishments or through a reputable company or organisation such as the Yorkshire Schools Exploring Society, Operation Raleigh, Duke of Edinburgh or The British Schools Exploring Society.
- They will devote a substantial part of their time on the trip to voluntary work in the country visited. This will benefit disadvantaged people and/or a community or will be work of a conservation nature.
- They will be able to show that they have made, or are making efforts to earn a substantial part of the funds that they need to finance the trip.
- They will give a commitment to produce a report on their return and, if invited, to give a short presentation.

- The maximum grant is £750. This amount will increase by RPI every five years.
- Repeat applications from individuals who have previously received a grant will not be considered.

Young Person's Education

The individuals who may qualify for education grants from the fund will normally meet the following criteria:

- They are between the age of 18 and 25.
- They have been a resident of the parish for a minimum of twelve months.
- They are planning to study full or part-time at a recognised educational establishment.
- The maximum grant is £750. This amount will increase by RPI every five years.
- Repeat applications for new courses from individuals who have previously received a grant will not be considered.
- Confirmation of a place on the relevant course must be provided.

Application Process

- Applications for grants should be made on the appropriate form.
- The deadline for the receipt of applications is 31 January and 30 June for consideration at the following Parish Council meeting.
- Meetings of the fund trustees are not open to the general public.
- All applicants will be advised in writing of the trustee's decision as soon as practically possible after the meeting.
- All funding decisions are at the trustee's discretion and all information is treated with utmost confidentiality.

All applications forms are available to download from the Community Fund page at www.lintonparishcouncil.org.uk or from the Clerk to Linton Parish Council, 21 Raines Meadows, Grassington, BD23 5NB.