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Bexhill-on-Sea town council funds new community grants

- **Grants will be available to voluntary groups that support Bexhill residents**
- **They will normally be awarded up to the value of £500**

Bexhill-on-Sea town council is launching a new community grants scheme for voluntary groups who support the people of Bexhill.

Voluntary organisations, registered charities and community groups can all apply for the grants. Those applying must be based in Bexhill-on-Sea, or their work must benefit the residents of the town.

Grants will normally be awarded up to the value of £500 by the council's Community Committee – although in more exceptional circumstances grants of up to £1,000 may be available, if supported by the full town council.

The funds will be given to support specific projects, rather than the day-to-day running costs of the groups. And applications will be assessed on a set of criteria including how well the grant will meet the needs of the Bexhill community, whether the costs are appropriate and realistic, and whether the grant meets social and community inclusion aims

The closing date for grant applications is 1st March 2022. Applicants will be advised of their success or otherwise by the end of April 2022.

Grant applications can be made through the Bexhill-on-Sea town council website:
www.bexhilltowncouncil.gov.uk

And application forms will also be available from the town hall.

Deputy Mayor and Chair of the Community Committee Claire Baldry said:

"One of the most special aspects of Bexhill is our genuine sense of community. There are very many amazing voluntary groups in Bexhill who support the residents of our town with imagination and compassion.

As a town council we want to nurture and amplify that community spirit. Hopefully these new grants will help local charities and community groups develop even further the brilliant contribution which they make to our town.

If you're a local group with a project in mind that would benefit from a financial boost, please do complete an application. We look forward to hearing from you."

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Notes to editors:

- Grant applications is now open and the form available on www.bexhilltowncouncil.gov.uk

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