

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

Agenda Item:	9a	APPENDIX F
Report to:	Finance and Audit Committee	
Date:	15th July 2026	
Subject:	Grants and Donations	
Summary:	The committee is asked to consider paying out various grants to relevant organisations.	

1. Background and objective

- 1.1 Bexhill-On-Sea Town Council includes in its budget a sum of money in order to award grants to voluntary organisations and community groups that provide benefits for the residents of Bexhill-on Sea using the power provided by the Local Government Act 1972 s137.
- 1.2 The total Local Government Act 1972 s137 limit for 2025/26 is £11.10 which would equate to approximately £404,400 limit for grants and donations for this financial year. The Town Council has agreed a budget of £42,000 for grants and donations.
- 1.3 Two applications have been received to review and decide within the policy.

2. Purpose of the report

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to review the applications and consider payment of the grants.
- 2.2 The first table below shows a summary of checks made by the Responsible Financial Officer of the applications which shows if the council's criteria has been met or not.
- 2.3 The second table shows payments made year to date so a decision can be made if more than one application is made in a calendar year. There is no restriction to the number of times an organisation may apply for grant funding, however, the history of previous applications will be considered in the decision-making process. Priority will be given to first time applicants who fulfil the criteria.

Table One:

Organisation	Amount Required	Criteria Met
Common Clay CIC	£2,071	Documents received – Accounts, bank statement, safeguarding policy and constitution. The grant request is for funding the first wood fired klin in Bexhill and Hastings area.
Space for Yew CIC	£370	Documents received – Accounts, bank statement and constitution. The grant request is for the purchase of 10ft foldable ramp for wheelchair access.

Table Two

Flatlands	£3,750
Dyslexia South East CIC	£300.00
White Label CIC	£4,000.00

Current budget position:

Annual Budget - Events £24,000

Annual Budget – Other Projects £18,000

Spent to date - Events £7,750

Spent to date – Other Projects £300.00

Left to spend - Events: £16,250

Left to spend – Other projects £17,700

- 2.4 The total grants and donations budget is £42,000, with £24,000 designated for events and £18,000 for other projects. For event-related applications, the maximum grant available will be £4,000. If an organisation receives funding for an event and applies for the same event the following year, they may be awarded up to 50% of the amount applied for. If they apply again for the same event in the subsequent year, they may receive up to 25% of the amount applied for, subject to a successful application. For applications relating to other types of projects, organisations may apply for a maximum of £1,000 and must also provide a clear breakdown of the intended use of funds.
- 2.5 The total of grants applied for is £2,441.00 which relates to other projects budget allocation.
The total available funding is £16,250 for grants for Events and £17,700 for grants to support other projects.

2 Recommendation

- a) The committee is to review the Grants listed in Table One and decide whether to award the grant.