

Councillor Ward Budgets Scheme

We have launched a new funding scheme, giving each elected ward councillor a budget of £10,000 to allocate to local organisations for projects or events in their ward.

Who can apply?

To be eligible, applications must be from non-profit, voluntary, or community organisations benefiting Wealden residents and local communities. (Public sector bodies, schools, groups that already administer grants, individuals, for-profit entities, national organisations without local presence, and organisations that have received over £10,000 from WDC Council in the past two years will not be eligible).

To be successful, applicants **must** demonstrate that:

- ✓ The project will benefit specific Wealden wards
- ✓ It aligns with at least one of the council's strategic priorities
- ✓ It will be completed within 12 months of receiving the grant
- ✓ Only one grant application per organisation is submitted

Applicants must also submit a Project Evaluation Form at the end of the project.

Funding will **not** be granted for:

- ✗ Retrospective or recurring costs
- ✗ Recoverable VAT
- ✗ Bank / finance charges
- ✗ Contingencies
- ✗ Statutory obligations
- ✗ Political campaigning
- ✗ Alcohol or drug purchases
- ✗ Religious promotion (unless community-wide)
- ✗ National curriculum teaching
- ✗ Sensitive / disputed activities

If a project involves more than one ward, the grant must be consolidated into one application.

How to apply?

1

Contact your ward councillor to discuss your project;
they will check if it meets the scheme criteria

**2**

Complete and submit an application form
(available online or as a printed form by request)

**3**

Your application will be considered by the ward councillor(s) concerned.
If they need more information, they will contact you.

**4**

If they support your application, they will send it to the
Finance Team at WDC for eligibility and financial checks.

**5**

Once approved, funding will usually be processed within four weeks.
A confirmation email and Project Evaluation Form will then be sent to you.

Important dates

The 2025/26 scheme is open until
31 March 2026.

Grant amount

Grant applications from this scheme
can range from £250 to £5,000

For more information, go to www.wealden.gov.uk/councillor-ward-budgets-scheme/

If you have any further queries about the scheme, please contact your local
ward councillor or email CouncillorWardBudgets@wealden.gov.uk