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**Local Giving Fund – Grant Guidelines**

**The Local Giving Fund is a small grant aimed at providing items of play equipment to organisations based in rural Devon.**

**Purpose of fund and criteria**

Devon Communities Together (DCT) is happy to announce the launch of the £2,200 *Local Giving Fund*. This grant is managed and distributed by DCT.

The aim of the grant scheme is to provide a very simple way for rural community groups to access small amounts of funding for play equipment to support children and/or young people.

**Eligibility Criteria**

The funding is open to any rural community group that meets regularly and provides social opportunities for children or young people in Devon. The following type of groups can apply but is not limited to:

* Youth Clubs
* Brownies/Guides
* Beavers/Cubs/Scouts

**Please note that only not for profit groups and organisations are eligible.**

**What will be funded**

The applicant must submit a clear proposal of why the fund is needed and what play equipment it will buy.

We will prioritise projects that provide regular social opportunities for children and/or young people.

Funds can be used for a wide range of equipment. Some examples of things **we will support** are:

* Indoor play equipment,
* Toys,
* Outdoor play equipment,
* Electronic devices.

Some things that we **would not support** include:

* Running costs of the club
* Venue hire
* One off activity.

**Terms of Funding**

* You can apply for a grant of **up to £300**. We however encourage more applications for smaller amounts of around £100 or less so we can help more communities.
* Please include evidence of the cost of the item(s), and where the item(s) will be bought if your application is successful.
* Payments will be made by bank transfer to the account details provided. You can provide bank details of a host (for example the village hall where your group meets) in your application if your group does not have a bank account.

It should also be noted that DCT will not be liable for any damage or harm caused because of expenditure of the grant fund.

* By accepting these funds, you are agreeing to feedback to DCT how the item(s) bought with the Local Giving Fund monies have impacted the children and/or young people in your community group.
* By providing a brief email update; **within 1 month** of receiving funds.
* By sending a photo of the item(s) in your community group; **within 1 month** of receiving funds.

**How can you apply?**

Interested applicants that fit the above outlined criteria should kindly apply by clicking on the link below. <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=5TaRPXUcEE-nNZfZuuYZBpjpucSq7AdPoV18nSLB9XlURU01UDBUVzlEWDhQNlAwN0JCNTZSTTI1SS4u>

For further information about this grant scheme, please contact **Charlotte Squire** (charlotte.squire@devoncommunities.org.uk) or call **01392 248919**

Successful applicants will be contacted after the panel meets on Wednesday 23rd October 2024.

**Next Steps**

* You will receive a confirmation email with further information if your application is successful.