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### Grant Aid and Financial Support 2016/17

The Town Council continues to recognize and respond to local needs through the availability of grant aid to individuals and local organisations.

In 2016/17, the Town Council is setting aside £2,600 for this purpose; applications for grant aid will be considered where the aims and objectives demonstrate an economic, social or environmental benefit to the town or local community.

In recognising the important work of the voluntary sector at a local level, Cirencester Town Council will also be setting aside a total of £8,200 to be shared between Cotswold Counselling and Citizens Advice and project match funding of £3,500 for Cotswold Volunteers projects in Cirencester.

“We are pleased to be able to continue our commitment in providing grant support and to do what we can in helping to make a difference within the community” – Councillor Oliver Cooper, Lead Member for Community Services.

To apply for a small grant from the £2,600 fund please obtain further information and an application form from the Local Information Centre at Bingham House, by e-mail via [info@cirencester.gov.uk](mailto:info@cirencester.gov.uk) or on-line via [www.cirencester.gov.uk](http://www.cirencester.gov.uk)

There will be two opportunities to apply for funding, subject to availability:

1. Spring/Summer - Closing date for applications is noon on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April; applications will then be processed and determined by Council in June.
2. Autumn/Winter - Closing date for applications is noon on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September; applications will then be processed and determined by Council in November.

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