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| **ABOUT THE AWARDS** |
| **Stroud Rotary Community Awards 2025** |

**Application Deadline - 6:00 pm - 31st January 2025**

The aim of the Community Awards programme is to support organisations within the Stroud area with a small grant which will make a real and lasting difference. This is a programme with awards of up to a maximum of £500 and organisations with significant assets or turnover will not be considered.

This programme has been running for a number of years and it has been encouraging to see the response by newly formed community organisations and also the creative ways in which the grants were used.

**Community Award Application Criteria**

**The maximum award to any one organisation is £500 and no application will be considered to be too small.**

Priority will be given to projects promoted by **small** groups or organisations that:-

* Offer value for money because their work will have a significant number of beneficiaries.
* Work with vulnerable or disadvantaged children or adults, or with a deprived community.
* Are responding to a need brought about by the Fuel and/or Cost of Living crisis.
* Are staffed mainly by volunteers. Applications for payment of salaries will not be considered.

**Eligibility**

The funding is open to registered charities, voluntary organisations and community groups whose work benefits local residents or communities in and close to Stroud.

**Application Process and Submission**

Interested groups/organisations should complete the attached application form**.**

Applicants will need to provide a copy of their latest accounts/financial statement and a copy of their constitution or governing document. **Note**: Failure to enclose either or both of these documents would disqualify the application

Please do not enclose any additional paperwork – we will contact you if any other documents are required

If you have any queries about this programme or the completing the application form, please contact Stroud Rotary Club.

Your completed application should be returned, preferably by email to : **community.awards.stroud.rotary@gmail.com** or by post to **The Community Awards Administrator**, 12 The Chestnuts, Bussage, GL6 8AT

**Assessment and Decision Making**

1. Applications will be logged on receipt and checked for their eligibility to apply.
2. Applications will then be voted upon by members of Stroud Rotary Club..
3. Successful applicants will be notified by post or email and be invited to attend a **Presentation Evening which is planned for Tuesday 18th March 2025.**
4. Successful applicants agree to use the Rotary logo on publicity and promotional material for their project and to submit a report on progress/impact of the project.
5. The decision of Stroud Rotary Club will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.