

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council

Grant Application Form - Part A - for committee review

Please ensure you also fill in Part B and send it in with this form to enquiries@abingdon.gov.uk

A1. Your organisation.

Name of the organisation

ATOM Festival of Science and Technology

State briefly the purpose/objectives of the organisation requesting the grant:

To encourage and promote an interest in science and technology within the public of all ages in Abingdon and the surrounding areas.

To promote an interest in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) subjects in children and students of all ages, in Abingdon and the surrounding areas through ATOM Festival events (talks, activities and lectures for local school students of all ages with the aim of encouraging more students of both genders to take up careers in STEM subjects.

To involve and co-operate with local companies to further the above objects.

A2. Your grant request.

Describe the project for which the grant is needed.

The Festival in 2021, June 11th to 13th, will be much reduced to allow for adjustments to comply with Covid 19 regulations in force at that time. We are determined to give the students and people of Abingdon some regularity and an event to look forward to in these insecure times.

The Festival will comprise the following events:

Talks on science and technology subjects open to the public in the Amey Theatre, Abingdon plus broadcast on-line, which will allow us to limit or exclude the live audience according to the current Covid-19 regulations. For 2021, these talks will all be free of charge, although we will ask for donations. This will both provide a thank you to our ticket holders from 2020, who generously converted some or all of their ticket purchases to donations following cancellation of the festival due to lockdown in March, and make the talks more widely available to the more disadvantaged parts of our community with as inclusive as possible.

The following free events:

12th June Science Market in the Market Square with demonstrations by educational, research and commercial organisations (planning for socially distanced activities) but will be cancelled if public gatherings are not allowed. We plan to present the results of the Schools Air Monitoring Project (SCAMPA) to the public at the Science Market, which we are pleased to say has been progressing despite all of the restrictions.

13th June Bottle Rocket Challenge on riverside meadow, Abingdon. This could be held via ZOOM if public gatherings are not allowed.

What is the total cost of the project?	£7825
How much grant are you seeking?	£600
What percentage of the total cost are you seeking via this grant?	7.7 %
How will you be raising the rest of the money for the project?	Sponsorship by local companies £3500 inc. in-kind Grants £1400. Donations £1375 inc. Gift Aid From Festival Reserves £1510 Ticket Sales £0 Merchandise sales £40
Show roughly how the costs of the project are broken down.	Advertising £1830 inc. web site and social media Speaker Expenses £1700 Venue costs £1800 Science Market £495 Prizes for Primary School Air Quality Monitoring Project (SCAMPA) £400 Bottle Rocket Challenge £400 Insurance and other expenses £800 Contingency £800

What fund-raising have you undertaken for this project or others in the past 2 years?

	2019	2020
Sponsorship	£8373	£8050
Grants	£4550	£5700
Donations	£2450	£3682 (inc. donations from ticket refunds and gift aid)
Advertising	£150	£0
Merchandise Sales	£210	£25

A3. Local benefit.

How many people take part in your organisation's activities? Give local branch numbers if you are a national organisation.

a. as members

60 volunteers
inc. 25 student
ambassadors

b. as recipients

Over 2844

Please fill in the table below relating to numbers of members and/or recipients falling into each category. Estimates are acceptable provided an "e" is put after the figure.

age profile	0-16	16-65	over 65
members	25	30	5
recipients	1406	1238	200
gender profile	male	female	
members	35	25	
recipients	1500	1344	
local connection	town resident	attend school in town	neither resident nor attending school in town
members	34	25	1
recipients	1700	800	344

Figures from 2019 as 2020 Festival was cancelled.

A4. Other/previous grant awards.

Please list below any grant awards from this council, other councils and large organisations made in the past three years.	Please list any grant applications to other councils or bodies on which you are awaiting the result.
Abingdon Town Council 2018 - £1000 2019 - £1000 2020 - £1000 Vale of White Horse 2018 - £250 Oxfordshire CC 2019 - £950 2020 - £950 Foyle Foundation 2019 - £1500 British Science Festivals Association 2020 - £3750	Foyle Foundation £1000 being prepared. Oxford University Dept of Physics £400

A5. Further detail about your organisation: *Please provide your last set of accounts and the most recent bank statement.*

How is your organisation run?

The festival is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation run by a group of 7 Trustees. The festival is organised by a Committee comprising the Trustees and co-opted committee members from the Abingdon Science Partnership, local companies and other volunteers.

What is the balance in the club account on the most recent bank statement?

£10129

How much do you charge your members or attendees in subscriptions/fees and how much does this raise each year?

We have no members.
Tickets for talks in 2021 are free (donations sought). In a normal year we raise about £5600 through ticket sales
