



## Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council

# Community grant application form - part A

Please ensure you complete all of this form and Part B and send:

- forms A and B
- your organisation's last set of accounts
- the most recent bank statement

to [enquiries@abingdon.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@abingdon.gov.uk).

## 1. About your organisation

**Name of the organisation requesting the grant**

ATOM Festival of Science & Technology

**Please state briefly what the purpose of your organisation is**

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.

## 2. Your grant request

Please describe the project for which the grant is needed.

The ATOM Festival is held annually. In 2023 we are returning to holding the Festival in March rather than June as in 2022. The Festival will be held between 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March. The festival will comprise two ticketed talks on science and technology subjects open to the public in the Amey Theatre Abingdon and a free talk on Fame Lab primarily for local teachers with the aim of setting up a schools Fame Lab event for the 2024 Festival.

11<sup>th</sup> March - Science Market in the Market Square comprising interactive demonstrations by local academic and commercial organisations and several local societies.

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| <b>What is the total cost of the project</b>  | <b>£11440</b>  |
| <b>How much grant are you seeking</b>   | <b>£800</b>  |
| <b>What percentage of the total cost of your project are you seeking via this grant</b>     | <b>5.2%</b>  |
| <b>How do you plan to raise the rest of the money for your project</b>                      | <p>Ticket Sales £3550<br/>                 Sponsorship £1950 (£700 in-kind)<br/>                 Donations £4375 (inc. Gift Aid)<br/>                 Merchandise sales £45</p>  |
| <b>Please show roughly how the costs of the project are broken down</b>                     | <p>Advertising £4390 (inc. £700 in-kind)<br/>                 Ticketing Costs £519<br/>                 Speaker costs £1650<br/>                 Venue costs £900<br/>                 Science Market costs £1371<br/>                 Insurance £110<br/>                 Paid Festival Management £1600<br/>                 Contingency £900</p>  |
| <b>What fund-raising have you undertaken for this project or others in the past 2 years</b> | <p><b>2020 Festival (cancelled day before first event due to Covid)</b><br/>                 Abingdon Town Council £1000<br/>                 Oxfordshire County Council £950<br/>                 UKSFN £1850<br/>                 Companies Sponsorship £1400<br/>                 Abingdon School £5000<br/>                 Sponsorship in-kind £1650<br/>                 Donations £1300<br/>                 Donations of cancelled event tickets £1733<br/>                 Gift Aid £637</p> <p><b>2021 Festival (limited by Covid to on-line event)</b><br/>                 Grants £1100<br/>                 Sponsorship £800<br/>                 Merchandise sales and donations £70</p> <p><b>2022 Festival</b><br/>                 Abingdon Town Council grant £1200<br/>                 Charity grant £600<br/>                 Sponsorship £2781 (£981 in-kind)<br/>                 Private Donation £3750 Inc Gift Aid<br/>                 Ticket Sales £2019</p> |

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| Merchandise sales £44 |
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### 3. Local benefit.

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

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| As members    | 10             |
| As recipients | In 2022 - 1600 |

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 |
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| - Members    | 0    | 5     | 5       |
| - Recipients | 800e | 500e  | 300e    |

| Gender profile | Male | Female |
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| - Members      | 6    | 4      |
| - Recipients   | 900e | 700e   |

| Local connection | Town resident | Attend education in town | Neither resident nor attending education in town |
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| - Members        | 10            |                          |  |
| - Recipients     | 1400e         | 800e                     | 200e   |

### 4. Vision and objectives

Please explain how your project will meet the town councils vision and objectives, which are set out below. **You do not need to respond to each point** but it is important that your project addresses the town council’s vision and at least one objectives.

#### 4a. Vision

**To develop an inclusive community so that Abingdon is the place where everyone wants to live and where the wellbeing of residents is prioritised. In developing this community, the town will be one which is environmentally sustainable, vibrant, resilient and safe.**

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| The festival is open to all the community. We try to keep the cost of tickets low so that they are as widely available as possible. |
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The Science Market held in the Market Square on a Saturday is free and aims to provide fun interactive demonstrations of science for families by local academic and science companies to showcase their activities and encourage an interest in science and technology in the young. The event also includes displays by several local societies (astronomy and naturalists).

#### 4b. Objectives

1. **To respond effectively and speedily to the climate emergency**
2. **To develop a resilient, sustainable town which will provide a home for residents now and in the future**
3. **To manage the Council's assets efficiently and effectively to meet for the needs of the community now and in the future**
4. **To work with community partners to support those who are vulnerable and in need and to create opportunities to increase social inclusivity**

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| The Science Market makes full use of the Market Square to present a free interactive event for the community. |
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## 5. Other/previous grant awards

**Please provide details of any grant awards you have received from the town council, other councils or large organisations that you have received in the past three years**

**2020 Festival**

Abingdon Town Council £1000

Oxfordshire County Council £950

UKSFN £1850

**2021 Festival**

Abingdon Town Council £600

Doris Field Charitable Trust £500

**2022 Festival**

Abingdon Town Council £1200

Doris Field Charitable Trust £600

**Please list any grant applications to other councils or bodies which are currently pending**

None

## 6. About your organisation

**Please explain what structure your organisation has, i.e. is it a charity, a society, or another type of model**

Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

**What is the balance of your main account according to the most recent bank statement?**

### Additional financial information

**Does your organisation have any other finances held in other accounts?**

No

**If so, please provide full details of all your additional finances, including recent figures.**

**If these funds are earmarked for any specific projects, please provide further information about this.**

