



## 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 2024 we will be holding the Festival in March, same as in 2023. The Festival will be held between 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>th</sup> March. The festival will comprise of talks on science and technology which are open to the public and also the start of the brand new Fame Lab event which will be happening on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March at the Amey Theatre. We will then also be hosting the family science day on Saturday 23<sup>th</sup> March in the Market Square comprising interactive demonstrations by local academic and commercial organisations and several local societies.

**What is the total cost of the project**

**£13,600**

<b>How much grant are you seeking</b>	<b>£1,000</b>
<b>What percentage of the total cost of your project are you seeking via this grant</b>	<b>7.3%</b>
<b>How do you plan to raise the rest of the money for your project</b>	<p>Ticket Sales £4,750</p> <p>Sponsorship £3,500 (£800 in-kind)</p> <p>Donations £3,750 (inc. Gift Aid)</p>
<b>Please show roughly how the costs of the project are broken down</b>	<p>Advertising £3,740 (inc. £800 in-kind)</p> <p>Ticketing Costs £586</p> <p>Speaker costs £1,950</p> <p>Venue costs £1,050</p> <p>Science Market costs £1,745</p> <p>School Events Fame Lab £950</p> <p>Insurance £650</p> <p>Paid Festival Management £1,800</p> <p>Contingency £600</p>
<b>What fund-raising have you undertaken for this project or others in the past 2 years</b>	<p><b>2022 Festival</b></p> <p>Abingdon Town Council grant £1200</p> <p>Charity grant £600</p> <p>Sponsorship £2781 (£981 in-kind)</p> <p>Private Donation £3750 Inc Gift Aid</p> <p>Ticket Sales £2019</p> <p>Merchandise sales £44</p> <p><b>2023 Festival</b></p> <p>Abingdon Town Council £800</p> <p>Sponsorship £3,241</p> <p>Donations £5,020</p> <p>Ticket Sales £2,980</p> <p>Merchandise sales £227</p>

### 3. Local benefit.

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

As members	11
As recipients	3,600

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	0	6	5
- Recipients	1,800e	1,080e	720e

Gender profile	Male	Female
- Members	7	4
- Recipients	2,000e	1,600e

Local connection	Town resident	Attend education in town	Neither resident nor attending education in town
- Members	11		
- Recipients	2,900e	500e	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.**

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.

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

<p><b>1. To respond effectively and speedily to the climate emergency</b></p>	
<p><b>2. To develop a resilient, sustainable town which will provide a home for residents now and in the future</b></p>	<p>The Festival is helping Abingdon spring back post pandemic by resurrecting the public festival and adding to public awareness of Abingdon as a centre of national scientific heritage.</p>
<p><b>3. To manage the Council's assets efficiently and effectively to meet for the needs of the community now and in the future</b></p>	<p>ATOM Festival is delivered using a range of funding sources: the Town Council's contribution helps to leverage sponsorship from private companies and other grant giving bodies which gives Abingdon residents "more bang for the buck" for the amount of money the council spends.</p>
<p><b>4. To work with community partners to support those who are vulnerable and in need and to create opportunities to increase social inclusivity</b></p>	<p>The Science Market makes full use of the Market Square with the participation of local companies and academic institutions to present a free interactive event for the community.</p> <p>Local businesses in the market square also benefit from the ATOM Festival event by increased footfall.</p>

## 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**

### **2021 Festival**

Abingdon Town Council £600

Doris Field Charitable Trust £500

### **2022 Festival**

Abingdon Town Council £1200

Doris Field Charitable Trust £600

### **2023 Festival**

Abingdon Town Council £800

**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?**

£10,156.69

### **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.**