



Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council

Community grant application form - part A

Please ensure you complete all of this form and Part B and send the following information to enquiries@abingdon.gov.uk:

- forms A and B, completed in full
- your organisation's last set of accounts
- the most recent bank statement for your organisation, which should match the payment information on form B

1. About your organisation

Name of the organisation requesting the grant

Abingdon Town Band

Please state briefly what the purpose of your organisation is

The aim of the Band is to promote, encourage and teach the playing and appreciation of brass band music in the town of Abingdon-on-Thames and the surrounding district. The Band shall do this by means of the rehearsal and presentation of concerts and similar activities, including those of a charitable nature.

2. Your grant request

Please describe the project for which the grant is needed.

Our project is to:

1. upgrade our stock of concert music by purchasing a selection of new pieces to enable to us to play more topical music to our audiences at concerts and other local occasions (fetes, playing in the town square, etc.).

2. Increase our "Brand" awareness by purchasing an outdoor "Sail" banner and an indoor roll-up banner. Both of which will display the band's name and the Abingdon shield/coat of arms.

Much of the band's current stock of music is getting a bit dated and, while still playable, is less appealing to our younger audience members. A musical item consisting of the score and a complete set of parts for a brass band would currently cost in the region of £55 to £65 including postage, so that 13 to 16 pieces, sufficient for 2-3 concert or out-door event programs would cost around £900 including postage.

The "Sail" and "Roll-up" banners would be used at both in-door and out-door events to more effectively draw attention to the band's name and its home location. The "Sail" banner and "Roll-up" banner would cost approx. £225 and £125 each respectively, including VAT and postage – a total of £350,

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| What is the total cost of the project | £1250 |
| How much grant are you seeking | £1000 |
| What percentage of the total cost of your project are you seeking via this grant | 80% |
| How do you plan to raise the rest of the money for your project | We would use existing band funds to make up the balance. |
| Please show roughly how the costs of the project are broken down | Purchase of manuscript music for Brass Band £900 (72%) Purchase of 2 banners: 1 “Sail” and 1 “roll-up” £350 (28%) |
| What fund-raising have you undertaken for this project or others in the past 2 years | We have played at a number of local events which, for the year-ending 23 Sept. 2023 has raised some £425. However, this wasn’t sufficient to cover the running costs of the band and we had a deficit of £3279 for the year. |

3. Local benefit

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| How many people take part in your organisation’s activities? Give local branch numbers if you are a national organisation. | As members | 15 |
| | As recipients | 50e. (an average audiences size at a band performance) |

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 | NIL | 11 | 4 |
| - Recipients | 10e (Avg.) | 25e (Avg.) | 15e (Avg.) |

| Gender profile | Male | Female |
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| - Members | 6 | 9 |
| - Recipients | 25e (Avg.) | 25e (Avg.) |

| Local connection | Town resident | Attend education in town | Neither resident nor attending education in town |
|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| - Members | 12 | 7 | 3 |
| - Recipients | 35e (Avg.) | 25e (Avg.) | 15e (Avg.) |

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 objective.

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.

1. Making Abingdon a place where everyone wants to live: The band helps facilitate diversity within the community by making band membership available to all who have a desire and the ability to play a brass instrument regardless of sexual orientation, religion or race.

2. Making Abingdon a place where the wellbeing of residents is prioritised: the band helps to create a vibrant community by providing musical entertainment in a safe environment that promotes social interaction by enabling local people with similar musical interests to gather together.

4b. Objectives

1 **To respond effectively and speedily to the climate emergency**

We help help the community respond effectively and speedily to the climate emergency by providing cultural entertainment locally and thus reducing the need to travel further afield.

2 **To develop a resilient, sustainable town which will provide a home for residents now and in the future**

To be resilient and sustainable a town needs to cater for the diverse cultural and social needs of its inhabitants. The band helps the town do that by making a contribution to the cultural life of the town through its concerts and by playing a supporting role at other local events such as Fetes, church services and other commemoration events.

3 **To manage the Council's assets efficiently and effectively to meet for the needs of the community now and in the future**

We understand that the council is currently considering building a Bandstand in the Abbey Meadow. If this project comes to fruition then the participation of musical societies such as ours will essential to ensure good use is made of it.

4 **To work with community partners to support those who are vulnerable and in need and to create opportunities to increase social inclusivity**

The band promotes social inclusivity as the only requirement to joining the band is that the person be able and willing to play a suitable band instrument. A persons race, sex, age or religion is not a barrier. Nor is money, since instruments are provided free of charge and membership fees would be waived in cases where this was a problem.

4. 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

None

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

The band is a registered charity (charity no. 1161749)

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

£16,201.11 as at 31 July 2024

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.

N/A

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

No.

7. Reporting back on your grant

Organisations receiving a grant from the town council are required to provide a written report on their event or project within twelve months of the award date. The report should detail how the funds were spent and how residents of Abingdon are benefitting. The report may be included in any town council publicity, including the website or the Town Crier magazine.

Declaration

I declare that the information given in this grant application, both parts A and B, is complete and accurate and that no relevant information has been omitted.

I agree that the organisation receiving the grant will report back to the town council within 12 months of the award of this grant on how it has been used.

Signature

Name

Position with organisation

Date

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| Joanne Grundonner (Mrs) |
| Treasurer |
| 31 st July 2024 |