

REPORT 23.109 Grant Applications September 2023

Laverstock and Ford Parish Council

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1. REPORT SUMMARY

A report to councillors on Grant Applications received for consideration at the September 2023 meeting.

2. SUMMARY

Old Sarum and Longhedge Pantry

The Clerk circulated an email on 21st July, with apologies that a grant application for £500, to provide summer holiday meals, by the Pantry, had been omitted from the July meeting. Councillors reviewed the application and a majority indicated support for the grant. Payment was made to the Pantry in August to facilitate the provision. The application is attached as Annex One.

Old Sarum and Longhedge Community Centre

In May 2023 Councillors supported a grant application from Old Sarum and Longhedge Community Centre towards the salary of a Community Centre Manager. The Centre Manager continues to work with the Clerk toward making the Centre Manager role self sustaining, but the trustees feel this will not be achieved in this financial year. A grant application for a further £5000 towards the salary for the role is attached as Annex Two.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

That in accordance with the powers granted under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the council considers retrospective approval for a grant of £500 to Old Sarum and Longhedge Pantry.

That in accordance with the powers granted under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the council considers a grant of £5000 to Old Sarum and Longhedge Community Centre.

ANNEX ONE



incorporating Bisnopdown Farm, Ford, Hampton Park, Laverstock, Longhedge, Old Sarum, River Down Park and parts of Milford

**Application for Grant for Voluntary Organisations
Local Government Act 1972, Section 137**

Please be advised that all applicants are invited to attend and address the Laverstock and Ford Parish Council Meeting deciding your application. Although this is not compulsory it is seen to be beneficial especially for grant applications over £500.

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1	Name of Organisation and date (the name of your club, charity etc. plus date of application)
	Old Sarum and Longhedge Pantry (old Sarum Community Centre) - Monday 19th June
2	Amount of Grant aid being requested (how much money are you asking for?)
	£500 to cover 6 weeks summer holiday meals and resources.
3	Tell us about the project or activity you are applying for financial support for (this space is for a summary, you can also include further detail and supporting documents with this application).
	<p>During the school holidays we will be running the Pantry on a Wednesday at the Old Sarum and Longhedge Community Centre and would like to offer a free lunch to families who attend. We tried this during the May Half Term and had between 30 - 40 in attendance, offering a light lunch from what we had available in our store cupboards. We also offered craft activities in the side room and would hope to have some money spare to either pay for activities to take place or provide resources to run our own.</p> <p>We have been running the pantry for a month and currently have 40 members who have signed up and have several very experienced volunteers who help with food collections, set up and running of the pantry, some of which are ex teachers.</p> <p>We intend to offer the light lunch option whether we receive the funding or not but if we were successful we could offer a better choice of lunch those coming.</p>

4	Please explain how your project or activity supports the Laverstock and Ford Parish Council's Parish Plan (available to view at www.laverstockford-pc.gov.uk)
	<p>As discussed above the Pantry is inclusive and welcoming hub for the whole community using a local facility. This is not a referral service and operates so that anyone is able to have food at a reduced rate making this an real asset to those living in and around the centre.</p> <p>As most of the holiday provision is situated in and around Salisbury Centre we hope to be a Hub for those during the school holidays where cost of living still is a struggle, food costs are high and having free activities available for children and young people often scarce.</p> <p>We limit food waste through using the provider FareShare and rotate stock in order to maximise our food sources and protecting the environment.</p> <p>Our service has seen steady growth over the last 4/5 weeks of opening and we feel this will be well received by the residents and builds a sense of community.</p>
5	Please tell us how your project or activity meets the criteria set out in the Laverstock and Ford Parish Council's grant policy (available to view at www.laverstockford-pc.gov.uk)
	<p>This grant would support the pantry (a non profit based community initiative) to run the above project during the school holidays and would benefit the community.</p> <p>We already have systems in place to monitor membership and could create a way to monitor those we have supported with meals over the summer.</p> <p>We have an open door policy which allows families to still come to the pantry without accessing the pantry. This is to reduce social isolation and to build community spirit.</p>

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5	Approximately how many people who will benefit from your project or activity are residents of Laverstock and Ford Parish?
	A minimum of 30 - 40 people each week over 6 weeks.
7	What will be the TOTAL cost of your project/activity (not just the money you are applying for in this application but the overall cost of the project)
	£600 - without paid activities. Budget based on £100 per week for food and resources. We are hoping to make other funding applications to support this.
8	Have you applied for grant/s for this project or activity from any other source? (Please give details and tell us the dates of when these monies will be awarded)
	Not at this time.
9	If the TOTAL cost of your project/activity is more than the grant being applied for how will you fund the remaining costs?
	We will utilise the money we receive to accommodate the families who come.

ANNEX TWO



Laverstock & Ford Parish Council

incorporating Bishopdown Farm, Ford, Hampton Park, Laverstock, Longhedge, Old Sarum, River Down Park and parts of Milford

Application for Grant for Voluntary Organisations Local Government Act 1972, Section 137

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1	Name of Organisation and date (the name of your club, charity etc. plus date of application)
	OLD SARUM AND LONGHEDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE. 31.08.23
2	Amount of Grant aid being requested (how much money are you asking for?)
	£5,000
3	Tell us about the project or activity you are applying for financial support for (this space is for a summary, you can also include further detail and supporting documents with this application).
	We are applying for this grant to cover the wages of the Centre Manager. This role will cover admin making sure that the building is compliant with all the necessary regulations. Bookings including securing new bookings in vacant slots. Making improvements to the centre to produce a more sustainable future this includes new LED lighting being installed in October and we are awaiting the outcome of an SSE Grant to enable us to install Solar Panels.
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4	Please explain how your project or activity supports the Laverstock and Ford Parish Council's Parish Plan (available to view at www.laverstockford-pc.gov.uk)
	<p>We believe that the Community Centre is a vital facility providing a home to Monday Monkeys toddler group, youth club, Beavers, Cubs + Scouts, Tumble Tots toddler group, Aspire Martial Arts, Radiant Yoga, Old Sarum + Longhedge Community Pantry, New Sarum Women's Institute, RMB Yoga with Pip, Old Sarum Nursery, LME Action Alternative Education, HCRG Care Group, Rock Choir, Cocaine Anonymous, Slimming World, Hope Church, Salisbury Drift Radio Cars and Exodus International Ministries. We are the hub of the community and without the position of a paid manager this facility would close.</p>
5	Please tell us how your project or activity meets the criteria set out in the Laverstock and Ford Parish Council's grant policy (available to view at www.laverstockford-pc.gov.uk)
	<p>Our Community Centre meets the criteria set out in the Laverstock and Ford Parish Council grant policy as it is at the heart of the community in Old Sarum + Longhedge used by many groups. I have already increased the bookings since my appointment in April and my aim is to make the centre as self-sufficient over the next few months as possible to enable the paid position to continue.</p>

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5	Approximately how many people who will benefit from your project or activity are residents of Laverstock and Ford Parish?
	THE PARISH IS HOME TO APPROXIMATELY 11,000 PEOPLE. THE CENTRE IS AVAILABLE TO ALL. HOWEVER CURRENTLY I THINK WE SERVE BETWEEN 100-200 PEOPLE PER WEEK.
7	What will be the TOTAL cost of your project/activity (not just the money you are applying for in this application but the overall cost of the project)
	£13,260
8	Have you applied for grant/s for this project or activity from any other source? (Please give details and tell us the dates of when these monies will be awarded)
	I have applied to the Postcode Lottery and Grants for Good but have heard back from them yet.
9	If the TOTAL cost of your project/activity is more than the grant being applied for how will you fund the remaining costs?
	WITH THE INCREASE IN BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES ON GOING I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO SUPPORT OURSELVES.