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**Seaford Town Council’s Community Grant Scheme 2020/21**

*Seaford Town Council is pleased to announce that its annual Grants Scheme is now open for applications!*

Each year the Town Council extends the opportunity to local community groups, charities or voluntary organisations to apply for a financial grant from the Town Council’s grants pool.

Unfortunately, due to the current pandemic, the application process of this year’s Grants Scheme was delayed. However the Town Council has now opened the Grants Scheme and is welcoming applications.

In the 2019/20 Scheme the Town Council was delighted to be able to support the local community with grants totalling £30,000.

There are two types of grant available, small grants of up to £500 or larger grants over £500, up to a maximum of £3,000. Terms and conditions do apply.

In previous years grants have been awarded for a variety of projects for example helping to fund the Lapwing Music Festival for Cuckmere SOS, assisting with funds for a Summer Camp for the Downs Syndrome Development Trust and new bowling aids for the Crouch Bowling Club to name but a few.

Grants have also been awarded to help ensure the continuation of services offered that have a clear benefit to the community and residents of Seaford such as the Dial-A-Ride bus service and Seaford Citizens Advice Bureau.

There are certain criteria that must be met to be eligible for a community grant, these are set out in the Council’s Grants Policy, this policy and all details including the application form can be found on the Town Council’s website here –

<https://www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk/community-grants/>

Please note that the closing date for applications to be submitted is noon on **Friday 14th August 2020** and that applications should be marked for the attention of Lucy Clark, Finance Manager and emailed to admin@seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk