

It was the recommendation of 24.10.25 Finance Committee meeting was that this is increased to £4000. Following a discussion at the Town Council meeting held on the 30.10.25 a decision on this recommendation was deferred by full council for consideration at the budget meeting.

Outlined below are details on the number of grants awarded over the past 3 years

Year	Number of applicants	Number of grants awarded	Award amount	Total Budget spent
2023-24	11	8	£200-£500	£3250
2024-25	14	11	£200-£500	£3500
2025-26	11	10	£200-£500	£3050

It is the Clerks recommendation that as there has been an underspend in the small grant budget in 2 out the last 3 years and due to financial pressures of the Town Council in the 2026/27 caused by the reduction in the tax base and asset support the budget,m the amount allocated for small grants should remain at £3500.