

STANDISH PARISH COUNCIL

GRANTS POLICY

(Adopted October 8th, 2015)

The council has only a small income for all its work for the community and with this in mind will only award its limited grants budget to individuals or for activities that will benefit the residents of Standish.

The amount of any award made will be at the council's discretion.

Applicants should note that grants will not be awarded to commercial ventures, party political activities, or to other public sector bodies e.g. schools, hospitals, although voluntary groups associated with such public bodies may apply.

For grants in excess of £100 the latest set of annual accounts showing the organisations' income, expenditure and level of balances should be submitted to the council **with the below form**. (If accounts are not available please enclose copies of the latest six months bank statements.)

The form should then be returned to the council clerk.

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

1.	Name of organisation	Citizens Advice Stroud & Cotswold Districts Ltd
2.	Name, address, e-mail, and status of contact	Darcie Cooper darcie.cooper@ca-scd.org.uk Business Support Officer (Training & Grants)
3.	Telephone number of contact	n/a
4.	Is the organisation a registered charity?	Yes/No
5.	Amount of grant requested	£ 18,000
6.	For what purpose/project is the grant requested?	Any funding received will contribute to the cost of our core advice service which is available across the Stroud District. This service is provided by a team of highly trained and experienced volunteer advisers who are supported by a small team of paid staff.
7.	What will be the total cost of the above? (NB retrospective applications will not be permitted)	£ 18,000
8.	If the total cost is more than the grant, how will the residue be financed?	Our predicted costs for the core advice service in the Stroud District for 2026-27 are £258,269. We are grateful to receive a core grant from Stroud District Council and a small grant from Gloucestershire County Council but this covers less than 50% of our full core costs so we have budgeted to raise £18,000 during 2026-27 from town and parish councils to contribute to our core costs.
9.	Have you applied for grant for the same purpose to another organisation? If so, which organisation and how much?	Yes we have applied to to other parishes requesting grant amounts in proportion to the amount of residents we advise and support. For example: - Brimscombe & Thrupp (£500 granted) - Rodborough (£400 granted)
10.	Who will benefit from this expenditure?	This expenditure will directly benefit residents of Standish by helping Citizens Advice Stroud and Cotswolds continue to provide free, confidential and independent advice to local people. The
11.	Approximately how many of those who will benefit are parishioners?	funding will support Standish residents who need help with issues such as benefits, debt, housing, employment, energy costs and other financial or legal problems.

Signed.....D.Cooper.....Date.....26.08.2026.....