

Help For You 2017

Up to £200 to help a young person achieve an ambition

GUIDANCE FOR APPLICANTS

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What we do?

As part of the new Community Chest Scheme, we can provide grants to individual young people under the age of 18 to help them to achieve an ambition. Grants will not exceed £200 and may be offered towards fees, travel, equipment or any other relevant costs.

What do the Grant Panel look for?

The grant panel will be looking for demonstrations of leadership, sporting excellence or other endeavour, which will inspire other young people or project a positive role model for others to follow.

When to apply

Applications can be made at any time. There are two rounds each year with deadlines at the end of September and January. Decisions are usually with 6 weeks of the deadline. Successful applicants have up to 12 months to spend the grant which is provided in advance, although the grant must be spent prior to your 18th birthday

How to apply

You must submit your application in writing, and include a signature from a parent or guardian, and the details of one referee (e.g. teacher, club leader, etc). Application forms are available on the County Council website:

<http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Business/Grants/Grants-Funding.aspx#communitycheestscheme>

What information will we need from you?

We will need your contact details and those of your referee. There are four questions about yourself and your request, which you must answer. If successful, we will require the bank details of your parent or guardian in order to pay the grant. Once you have

completed your initiative you will be required to submit a brief account together with copies of receipts or other evidence of how the grant was spent.

Want to know more?

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- Castle Morpeth LAC - Iain or Tony
- Cramlington, Bedlington & Seaton Valley - Iain or Tony
- North Northumberland LAC - Iain
- Tynedale LAC - Anne

Completing your application

1. Please provide contact details for yourself and a referee (e.g. teacher, scout leader, etc). Note that you must be aged under 18 when the activity takes place.
2. Tell us about yourself: This is your opportunity to provide the grant panel with an idea of who you are and what you are about.
3. Tell us what you will spend your grant on: this is where you can sell your idea to the grant panel.
4. how you will benefit?: here you can outline what you expect to achieve and how this will benefit you.
5. Tell us why you require funding: it is important for the panel to understand why you require financial assistance.
6. If successful, we will publish your name as a beneficiary of the scheme. You will need a parent or guardian to sign the form as an agreement on your behalf. Once you have completed your activity, you must send us copies of receipts showing how you have spent the grant and a brief statement outlining what you have achieved.

Please note: you may only spend the grant on the purposes approved by the Grant Panel.