Grants & Donations Review 2023

Recent Year's Spend on Grants and Donations

The following table shows the grants and agreed by the Redgrave Parish Council at its Feb meeting each Year and donations awarded in year:

Grant Payee	FY2021/22	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25	Notes
	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	
Total Grants Budgeted (£)	£1,250	£1,350	£1,450	£1,440	Amount budgeted each Dec PC Mtg. See Note 1 below
RBR PCC (Churchyard Maintenance)	£500	£500	£600	£600	
Redgrave Amenities Trust	£300	£300	£0	£0	
Suffolk Accident Rescue Service	£100	£100	£100	£100	
RBL (Remembrance Wreath)	£0	£50	£50	£100	Includes costs (£50) for Silver Band Remembrance
East Anglia Air Ambulance	£100	£100	£200	£200	
Neighbourhood Watch	£50	£50	£50	£10	Mr Campbell does not wish for larger amount
Citizens Advice Bureau	£50	£50*	£200	£200	
Green Redgrave	£0	£200**	£200	£200	
Knoll Gardening (Mrs S Smith)	£0	£0	£50	£30	Grant allocated in FY23/24 after budget setting process
Total Grants Allocated (£)	£1,350	£1,350	£1,410 **		** Reduced Neighbourhood Watch grant at request
Total Grants Spent in Year (£)	£1,230	£1,080	£1,379.98		
Total S137 Donations Spent (£)	£260	£0	£358.91		S137 donations agreed during the Financial Year
Total Donations & Grants Spent (£)	£1,490	£1,080	£1,738.89		

Table Legend and notes:

Note:

1. The figures shown in red are the grants to be discussed in the Dec 23 PC meeting (to be confirmed in the Jan 24 PC meeting).

Grants & Donations Policy

The new Grants & Donations policy was adopted by the PC on 1 Jun 22. It notes (inter alia) that:

• Para 1. Redgrave Parish Council will set a budget each year for donations and grants to organisations that undertake work or provide services of benefit to the Parish and its residents.

- Para 2. Donations are defined as contributions towards the cost of specific projects or other one-off costs.
- Para 3. Grants are defined as recurring annual payments towards the general running costs of an eligible organisation.
- Para 4. All requests for donations and grants will be considered and assessed against the criteria outlined in this policy. There will not be a formal application process, nor a specified application timescale organisations may approach the Council at any time with a request in writing.
- Para 5. Applications will be especially welcome from organisations that complement services delivered by local authorities.
- 10. The Council may require confirmation that donations and grants have been spent for the purpose and on the project/activity for which they were given.

Conclusion is that we should only award grants and donations to organizations that make a formal request. Local organizations should be preferred.