

Action *with* Communities in Rural Kent



Community groups and Parishes in **Ashford, Canterbury, Dover, Thanet, Shepway and Swale** have a new opportunity to access cash and other support to improve facilities in their rural communities.

For three years from April 2008 **Action with Communities in Rural Kent** is administering two new funding streams on behalf of The Colyer-Fergusson Charitable Trust:

- ✔ The **Small Projects Grant** offers up to £15,000 for small projects based on local need that will significantly improve the quality of life for rural communities

NB – this grant is not available to parish councils

Application deadlines and panel review dates are:

2nd March for a decision on 30th March

4th May for a decision on 2nd June.

- ✔ The **Parish Plan Grant** offers up to £1,400 for groups undertaking a Parish Plan for the first time

Application deadlines and panel review dates are:

30th January for a decision on 13th February

27th March for a decision on 10th April

22nd May for a decision on 5th June

17th July for a decision on 31st July

11th September for a decision on 25th September

6th November for a decision on 20th November

Application forms and full guidance notes are available online at www.ruralkent.org.uk or I can be contacted directly:

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Colyer-Fergusson Charitable Trust Parish Plan and East Kent Rural Community Grant

Brief Guidance Notes

Purpose of the Grant

The Colyer-Fergusson Charitable Trust believes that local people should be at the heart of the regeneration of their area and that access to services and opportunities are essential to a sustainable rural way of life. This grants programme is targeted at small projects in East Kent that propose innovative ways of tackling rural community problems, or create a wider range of opportunities in these areas.

You can apply to carry out a Parish Plan

Or

for a project which benefits and improves your community

Who Can Apply?

Grants are available for charities and other properly constituted organisations. (Parish councils are excluded from the small projects grant.)

Organisations should be based and work within East Kent (Boroughs of Swale, Canterbury, Ashford, Thanet, Dover or Shepway). Evidence of local need for the project will be required (e.g. through community planning, parish plan or another consultation process).

Scale of Grants

The maximum size of grant is £15,000. We expect applicants to raise match funding from other sources and we will not make grants for more than 75% of the total project cost. Volunteer time will not be counted as eligible match funding.

Applications

Applications should be made on the form available from our website and returned to us as an email attachment. Applications can be submitted at any time.

Decisions

Applications will be processed at regular meetings of a review panel, usually within six months, but they may take longer on occasion. All applicants will receive a letter informing them of the panel's decision as soon as it has been made.

Exclusions

- National charities - unless they have a dedicated office and project located and operating within East Kent
- Animal welfare charities
- Individuals directly
- Research
- Hospitals or schools
- Political activities
- Commercial ventures or publications
- Overseas travel or holidays
- Retrospective grants or loans
- Direct replacement of statutory funding or activities that are primarily the responsibility of central or local government
- Large capital, endowment or widely distributed appeals
- Salaries
- General on-going running costs
- Feasibility Studies