



## Aldenhams Parish Council

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### **The CIL community capital grant scheme**

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a charge that local authorities set on construction developments in order to raise funds to help support local infrastructure, facilities and services - such as schools, roads and transport facilities.

Aldenhams Parish Council (APC) has set the grant ceiling to be £5000 per application, with larger requests to be looked at if they are deemed suitable by the committee. Applications are welcomed for capital spending, but operational costs, such as salaries, rent, or utilities will not be eligible.

APC will look at its own projects' requirements first, and then decide how much of the remaining CIL funds will be allocated for grants. This will be reviewed twice a year following a receipt of CIL funds from Hertsmere Borough Council (HBC), usually in April and November.

#### CRITERIA:

Grants will normally be given only for schemes that meet the following criteria:

- Projects and schemes must serve the area within the civil boundary of Aldenhams Parish.
- Projects and schemes that show a clear benefit to parish residents and businesses, and application should state the number of individuals who will benefit from an allocation.
- The funding will not be available for projects that are completed.
- The funding is for applications for maximum amount of £5,000, with larger amounts possibly to be considered on their own merits
- The project must be achievable within the funding timescales, but no longer than 12 months.
- If planning permission is required, it should be obtained prior to submitting the grant application.
- The project does not require on-going revenue funding from APC, and has sound business planning in place for ongoing expenditure requirement such as maintenance.
- The project must be run by a local voluntary organisation, community group, or social enterprise - not individuals or businesses
- The project should have a long-term impact for the applicant and the community.
- If match funding is available from other sources, this should be detailed.
- APC would prefer grant application should be for part funding projects.

#### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Grant applications from organisations will only be considered when accompanied by at least one of the following:

1. Audited accounts; or
2. Accounts that have been subjected to independent inspection as required by the Charities Act or, where the organisation is newly formed, a case for funding including supporting evidence of fund raising efforts.
3. Project business plan

**Three quotes for the works are also required.**



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Below are some examples explaining whether or not they might qualify as capital spending:

Type of Expenditure	Is it Capital Expenditure?	Reason
Construction of New Building	yes	Creation of an asset, which will provide benefit for more than one accounting period.
Replacement roof	yes	A major structural repair, which will have the effect of extending the useful life of the building as well as increasing the economic benefits offered by it – e.g. improved energy efficiency. In this instance consideration should be given to componentising the asset.
Replacing a few roof tiles or a section of a flat roof	no	Repairs only maintain the asset; they do not increase the life of the building.
New boiler	yes	Creation of an asset, which will provide benefit for a period of more than one accounting period. In this instance consideration should be given to componentising the asset.
Repairs to boiler after breakdown	no	Repairs only maintain the asset; they do not materially increase the life of the boiler.
Signage for directions to a new pavilion	yes	Can be considered for capitalisation as part of the overall project costs of the new pavilion, which results in the creation of an asset that will provide benefit for more than one accounting period.