

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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POLICY FOR AWARDING GRANT AID TO TOWN CENTRE PROPERTIES FOR REDECORATION AND EXTERNAL PLANTING

Faringdon Town Council is committed to the regeneration of the Town Centre. The Council are ring fenced £2,500, from a developer contribution to improve the Town Centre, to enable businesses and property owners to refurbish the front of Town Centre buildings.

To ensure that fair and proper consideration can be given to all requests, the council requires the following to be submitted to the Town Clerk by the deadlines explained in section 3 below:

- A completed application form
- Any additional information the organisation considers would support their application

APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR GRANT-AID UNDER THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. Locality

- a. Properties must be in the location outlined in the attached map

2. Type of financial assistance

- a. The Council will grant up to £150 towards external decoration of a property, if the Facilities Committee considers that redecoration is necessary to improve the appearance of the Town Centre.
- b. The Council will grant up to £50 for external planting that the Facilities Committee considers improves the look of the Town Centre (eg. hanging baskets).

3. Deadlines

- a. First time grants will be considered at Facilities Committee Meetings. The deadline for first time applicants is **12 noon** on the following dates:
 - 30th June 2021
 - 29th September 2021
 - 24th November 2021

- 30th March 2022

4. **General**

- a. Applications will be considered on an individual basis. The decision of the Facilities Committee is final.
- b. In most cases the grant will not exceed 50% of the total required.
- c. Grants should be spent within the year, for the purpose for which they have been given.
- d. Grants cannot be made to cover money already spent.
- e. This Council will make payment of successful applications on receipt of a copy of invoices and/or other documentation as evidence the expenditure has been incurred.
- f. Properties are required to provide the council with a written report and photographs on completion.
- g. Properties are restricted to one application