

APPLICANT	Grant application 2024/25	Grant received 2023/24	Grant received 2022/23	Information / req
4th Bracknell Sea Scout Group	£6,000.00	£3,000.00	£2,500.00	We would like to convert our garage initially repairing the roof and then converting this into a workshop so we can teach young people would work and mechanics.
ABC To Read	£2,500.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	Assisting Berkshire Children to read (ABC to read) recruits, trains, and supports community volunteers to provide one-to-one mentoring of primary school children (ages 5 to 11) throughout Berkshire who are struggling to read. ABC to read was established and registered with the Charity Commission in 2004. Every year the hundreds of pupils we work with discover the pleasure of reading and gain a crucial skill for at school and beyond. ABC to read specifically assist children not entitled to individual help through statutory funding, with a focus on children from disadvantaged backgrounds and schools in deprived areas. With a monetary donation we would be able to train more Volunteer Reading Mentors to meet the increasing demand for our necessary work
Autism Berkshire	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	The grant would be used to help cover the costs of running our autism Helpline service. We estimate these are likely to be in the order of £23,000 in 2024-25. Calls and emails have continued at a high rate over the past year, with a marked increase in the number of contacts with adults, including several dozen who live in Bracknell, following the launch of the county-wide Berkshire Adult Autism Support Service in November 2022, which we provide on behalf of the Frimley and the Bucks, Oxon & Berks West NHS integrated care boards.
Bracknell Forest Natural History	£200.00	£200.00	£200.00	It will provide the opportunity to be involved with monitoring water quality in our rivers as well as helping maintain and continue improving Nightingale Triangle.

Berkshire Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre	£1,800.00	£1,500.00	£1,400.00	<p>We are applying for help towards running costs to enable us to continue to provide our services. Last year we provided over 200 treatments to 12 members living in the Bracknell area.</p> <p>We will use the grant to continue to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physiotherapy and exercise classes • Oxygen therapy • Counselling • Footcare <p>MS is a lifelong condition: our members will live with this unpredictable disease for the rest of their lives. Support must be ongoing and consistent to maximize benefit. We offer a range of help and the support our members need evolves with time. A donation towards our core services will allow us to adapt to changing needs of our members.</p> <p>Our income is still recovering from the pandemic but our service levels have exceeded pre-Covid levels. Your donation will safeguard our services for people living in your area.</p> <p>We provide our core services free of charge to ensure we can support all those who need support, not just those who can afford it. 46% of our members have told us that the current cost of living crisis is impacting their ability to donate. At the same time our costs are increasing just as demand is rising. A grant from the Bracknell Town Council will ensure we can continue to provide our core services free of charge.</p>
Berkshire County Blind Society (Berkshire Vision)	£5,576.00	2000		<p>This grant will mean we can continue to directly support our growing number of Members living in Bracknell and offer the following impactful services at either no or low cost to them: · Bracknell and Ascot social club · 18-35s group · Dual sensory loss group · Adapted sports and social activities · Telephone befriending · Realeyes befriending support service · Accessible transport.</p>
Bracknell & District Parkinsons Branch	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	500.00	<p>Provide support to people with Parkinson's and their carers who reside within Bracknell and surrounding areas</p>

Create Hope	£10,000.00	1000		<p>As a service we rely on grant funding to help us maintain our therapeutic services and reach families in need in the local area. It will enable us to cover some staffing costs involved with the assessment and referral process to ensure these are completed in a timely manner and maintain our short wait times for sessions.</p> <p>It will also cover the costs for renting our premises in the town centre ensuring we can continue to serve this community.</p> <p>The grant will also cover staffing costs related to the delivery of sessions including supervision and training of staff and volunteers.</p>
Bracknell Twinning Association	£500.00	500		<p>We have just celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Twinning with Leverkusen. This cost the Twinning Association more than £4500. It is anticipated that the recent visit will generate new interest and this money would be used to support clubs/youth groups wishing to visit Leverkusen.</p>

CAB	£6,825.00	£6,500.00	6,500.00	<p>To increase access to our services, this year we are seeking to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We have re-instated our appointment based home visiting service and wish to develop it further, to complement our core service and outreach services, for marginalised and vulnerable clients who are isolated because of physical and mental disabilities. We would do this by developing a home visiting team, improving our lone working systems to ensure the safety of our staff, by enhancing our IT provision and by providing training to the home visiting team. 2. Provide one-to-one, personalised help with housing issues and homelessness by developing our housing specialism. We want to train more advisers to offer more detailed advice on renting, mortgage problems and evictions; as well as help sort out housing problems and assist people applying for homeless help from the council, including making an application and challenging a decision. 3. Focus on clinically vulnerable adults by helping with disability benefit applications, such as helping complete Personal Independence Payment forms and carrying out benefit eligibility checks, giving advice on options which could move our clients to a more sustainable situation so that they can manage their basic living costs, protect the security of their housing and keep paying priority bills such as the Council Tax. 4. Enhance our service provision through developing web-chat as an efficient and accessible platform for people with disabilities and those clients, often younger, who prefer this. <p>These four activities will build on the grant awarded last year as we aim to embed them as an integral part of our advice services, to be included in future core service bids and contract negotiations.</p>
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Diu Vanza Darji Samaj UK	£6,000.00			<p>Bring together persons interested in preserving and promoting Culture and Diu Vanza Darji Heritage. Promote health and sports activities training workshops and other events To calculate the breakdown of costs for the full delivery of all the events, we need to consider the number of events and the venue hiring cost, catering, refreshments, music band, stationery, photography and videography, and promotional costs. From the provided information, we have the following costs for the entire project period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of events: 2, from November 2023 to November 2024. - Venue hiring cost: £1500 - Catering: £2000 - Refreshments: £400 - Music Band: £1100 - Stationery: £300 (including printing and designing for flyer) - Photography and Videography £600 <p>Costs for each event £750 catering, £1000, refreshments £200, Music Band £550, Stationery £150, Photography and Videography £300</p>
First Days Childrens Charity	£7,500.00	1000		<p>We wish to continue supporting families living in financial hardship within Bracknell by providing the essentials they require to ensure their children are safe at home and out and about, are confident in school and have fun.</p> <p>A grant of £7,500 will help to ensure our services can continue to meet the growing needs of the community (demand has increased by 97%).</p> <p>In order to help meet this demand we will be holding “mobile outreach” events at The Kenrith Centre, Great Hollands Community Centre and New Priestwood Community Centre on a regular basis to enable local residents easy access items and support they are in need of.</p>
Friends of Heathlands	£300.00			<p>To organise appropriate transport to take residents out who still have mobility and understanding and affording their relatives positive time and experiences with them.</p>

Home Start	£5,200.00	£5,000.00	£4,995.00	<p>More Volunteers, More Homes. This funding will empower us to deliver weekly one-to-one volunteer support in the homes of up to 12 vulnerable families residing within Bracknell Town (resulting in c.800 home-visits and 1,600 hours of bespoke family support and empowerment).</p> <p>We aim to recruit and train 12 additional volunteers, enabling us to expand our reach and provide essential support to even more families in need within our community facing unique challenges.</p> <p>Our comprehensive Volunteer Training Programme, spanning over 4 weeks, will encompass crucial topics, including mental health support, domestic violence awareness, safeguarding young people, behaviour management for children, developmental support, and equality and diversity awareness.</p> <p>Furthermore, our commitment extends beyond initial training. To ensure that our existing volunteers are equipped to address the specific challenges families are facing, we will continuously provide supervision, ongoing training, and unwavering support to our volunteers. Additional training will focus on financial literacy, signposting, mental health awareness, and cultural competency, enabling our volunteers to provide more effective and empathetic support.</p> <p>In addition, we will facilitate regular meetings between the volunteers and the families they assist, ensuring that progress is monitored and support remains tailored to the family's evolving needs.</p> <p>Typically, our support spans a duration of 6 to 9 months, concluding when we have helped families enhance their lives and improve outcomes for their</p>
Keep Mobile Country Tours	£5,500.00	£1,500.00	1000	<p>By maintaining the current service level. We plan the replacement of our vehicles every 7 years as after that time the maintenace costs become excessive. With a fleet of 12 this equates to a new bus eveyr 9 months at a costs of £95,000 per vehicle.</p>

Stepping Stones Recovery Colle	£2,500.00			We provide courses and workshops to promote the positive wellbeing and mental health of people in Bracknell. The college offers a flexible learning environment, allowing individuals to participate in courses at their own pace and we always endeavour to accommodate their varying needs. Our courses integrate the latest, evidence-based, best practice, so that students are provided with effective skills and strategies to manage and maintain their mental wellbeing. We take a holistic view of well-being, recognising that mental health is interconnected with physical health, social relationships, and personal development. In our safe, welcoming training rooms, we provide 50 different workshops per term, covering 200 topics; these include recovery from ill-health, learning about specific mental health conditions, how to achieve positive health, having fun and gaining confidence with creativity and life skills
St Pauls Contact Centre	£1,500.00	£1,000	£1,000.00	Revenue Funding - the grant will help with the running costs of our centre. Insurance, telephone contract, printing and stationary, subscription to our national organisation data protection registration and website costs.
The Look In Café	£3,500.00	£3,000	£3,000.00	In past years the support of Bracknell Town Council has always helped us survive, no matter how carefully we have budgeted. We have little money for unexpected repair/replacement costs, rises in costs of fuel —further help form Bracknell Town Council in the coming year will ensure we can continue to provide the Community Café.
Wokingham Job Support Centre	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	1,500.00	To continue to be able to provide this unique and free service to Job Seekers in this area and to skill them up to have the best chance of securing new and better jobs, primarily using the internet. Each person helped into employment has a significant impact on the local economy, use of local and central taxpayer's funds, the individual and their family.

Youthline	£10,038.50	£6,500.00	£6,000.00	<p>It is a requirement for each counsellor at Youthline to work with a supervisor both within a group setting and one to one. Supervision is a requirement by the British Association of Counselling Practice (BACP) to ensure all counsellors in practice are keeping their skills up to date and they are working in a safe ethical way with their Youthline clients. The role of the supervisor at Youthline therefore is to ensure high quality clinical practice is provided to our clients to enable the delivery of an effective service.</p> <p>Supervisors will not look so much at the content of what clients are bringing to session as to how the supervisee (counsellor) is working with this safely and ethically.</p> <p>The Youthline Supervisors are highly experienced, qualified counsellors with extra training and qualifications in supervision. Their services are charged to Youthline and we are therefore looking for half of the yearly supervision costs Youthline pays.</p>
<u>Applications Total</u>	£79,439.50	£37,700.00		
South Hill Park Trust	£141,750.00	£135,000.00		<p>Whilst we remain grateful to Bracknell Town Council for your ongoing financial support and enthusiasm for the work we do in and for our community, with grants remaining at stand-still for several years, I would like to ask whether the Town Council might be in a position to consider a small uplift in 2024/25 to help the charity mitigate the ever growing costs of running such a large and complex venue in order to maintain the quantity and quality of our work? I appreciate these are challenging times for us all so I hope councillors will not see our request as greedy but simply trying to safeguard the charity and venue's future. A 5% increase for example from £135,000 to £141,750 would make a real difference in enabling us to help the Council deliver its wider objectives for Bracknell Town residents.</p>
Jealotts Hill Community Landshare	£10,000.00	£8,500.00		<p>To support the employment costs of the project manager for the site.</p>