Ward Forum Grants Information for Applicants

The Council has made a total of **£5,000** available for each ward to be spent by the end of the financial year. The fund must be spent on grants for activities and projects that benefit the Ward.

It must be a group that applies, and that group must have a constitution (or rules) with a dissolution clause, a bank account in the name of the organisation, and a policy describing how you will safeguard children, young people or vulnerable adults.

The maximum grant per application is £500.

Your local Neighbourhood Team is running the scheme for your ward, and eligible applications will be decided upon by Ward Councillors and the Neighbourhood Team; decisions will be reported back to Ward Forums. In the future when Ward Forums are back in place, residents attending will be more involved in the decision making process and will be able to influence priorities and projects.

Your application form should be sent to the Neighbourhood Team for the panel to consider and it must meet one of the following priorities:

Priority 1 - Activities/projects which bring people together from different age	
groups, backgrounds, neighbourhood's and make a difference to the ward (activ	
must comply with the current Covid regulations, social distancing and health and	d
safety requirements)	
Priority 2 – Improve the health and well-being of local people	
Priority 3 – Improving the Environment in the Ward	

Please note: Funds will need to be paid back if any activities need to be cancelled due to Covid or alternatively may be retained for another date provided a postponement has been agreed.

It is essential that any activities planned observe Government guidelines to keep safe and contain the spread of COVID-19. Please visit the Government's web page for the <u>social distancing guidance</u>.

In the absence of associated Government guidance and a date when gatherings may be permitted the Council is currently advising organisers against entering into any commitment, financial or otherwise, that may later become an issue if for any reason an event cannot take place.

For an online form email wardforums@calderdale.gov.uk.