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Dear Parish Clerks,

We just wanted to remind you that our Small Grant Scheme is currently open for applications. We are yet to receive any applications to this scheme, so we would be very grateful if you could pass this information on to any organisations in your area that may be looking for funding at this time.

### ***Small Grant Scheme 2020/21***

*This scheme aims to make small grants easily available to local voluntary and community groups. Grants are quick and easy to apply for, and we will offer you advice whenever you need it. The grants of up to £500 are available for one-off pieces of expenditure if on projects, equipment and other items which will help your organisation to do more, to reach more people, to provide better services or to try something different.*

*We are encouraging organisations to apply for Coronavirus (COVID-19) related activities which support our themes (dealing with peoples and communities needs and striving for positive change). Items of expenditure for example could be:*

- Trailing a different way of working during these socially distanced times*
- Buying different or updated technology*
- Increasing or updating your resources*
- Improving digital connectivity to enhance service user engagement*
- Activities to increase your support to vulnerable individuals*
- Creating a COVID safe environment in which to deliver your service*
- Provision of equipment including Personal protective equipment (PPE)*

*Should your application be eligible and suitable for funding we would like you to attend a virtual panel meeting in order for us to have a brief discussion with regards to your application. You will be advised on the day if your organisation will receive the funding you requested. Small Grant Panel Meetings will be held on a 6 week rolling basis via MS Teams.*

*Please visit our website for full criteria and a link to the application form.*  
<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/grants/small-grant-scheme>

Thank you in advance for your assistance in signposting organisations to this scheme.

Kind regards,

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