



## Frequently asked questions

- 1 What is an Area Wide Grant (AWG)?**  
Area Wide Grants can be applied for to support community projects or services that cover a wider area of South Gloucestershire than [Member Awarded Funding](#). There is a general principle that projects should aim to meet the needs of residents in at least six of the [14 Community Engagement Forum \(CEF\) areas](#).
- 2 Who can apply?**  
Voluntary, community and Social Enterprise organisations and Town and Parish Councils can apply for funding.
- 3 Where can I get an AWG application form?**  
Currently the form is available from the Grants Team but this is a temporary measure and it will be available on-line in the coming months.
- 4 Can I apply for more than £3,000?**  
Yes, but awards over £3,000 are subject to budget availability and/or an assessment that the application has exceptional merit.
- 5 As AWG is a revenue budget can capital items be purchased?**  
Yes, capital items can be purchased up to £10,000.
- 6 Is there an appeals process?**  
No, there is no process for appealing against an AWG decision.
- 7 Is the AWG information available in other formats?**  
Yes it is available in other formats on request from the Grants Helpline 01454 865865.
- 8 When should I register my organisation?**  
All organisations need to register with the Grants on-line system prior to making an application.
- 9 Can projects be funded retrospectively?**  
No, projects cannot be funded retrospectively; refer to Restrictions and Exclusions within the Principles and Processes document.
- 10 What happens if an award is made but the organisation doesn't spend it or spends it on something else?**  
If a project does not go ahead, or the money is used for a purpose other than that originally agreed, the funding will need to be repaid by the organisation to the Council.

- 11 Can any uncommitted AWG budget be carried forward into a new financial year?**  
Unspent Council revenue budgets cannot be carried forward and will be returned to the Council budget.
- 12 Where are the awards published?**  
All awards since 2013 under the schemes of MAF, AWG, Community Grants, NHB, PAS and 3 Year Grants are published on the [Open Data webpage](#)
- 13 Are organisations obliged to identify how much cash they have as reserves?**  
Information on cash reserve amounts must be made available. For charities registered with the Charity Commission, reserve amounts must be published as part of their submission of annual report/accounts.
- 14 Can an award made in this financial year be spent in the following financial year?**  
Yes, AWG awards made in this financial year 2017/18 can be spent in 2018/19 but must be spent within 12 months of payment, in line with the Terms and Conditions of award.