

APPLICATION FORM FOR GRANT 22/23

Please read the policy on pages 1, 2 and 3 **before** filling in the form.

1. Name/Address of Organisation:

The Nest Weymouth CIC

Name of person making the application: Dr Neil Hardisty

Position in organisation: Director

Contact phone number: Provided

Email address: Provided

About Your Organisation

2. Does your organisation:

Have its own bank account, which requires two unrelated people to authorise cheques and make withdrawals?	Yes
Have at least three members on its management committee	Yes
Have a constitution, terms of reference or set of rules (<i>please contact for help with this if needed</i>)	Yes

3. Are you a registered charity? No but we are a CIC Company Number 11648518

If so, please give your charity number

4. Is your organisation part of, or affiliated to, a larger organisation? No

5. Aims and objectives of your organisation; What does your organisation do and how does it benefit the residents of Weymouth?

- a) The prevention or relief of poverty or financial hardship or the social and/or economic hardship by providing items and services to individuals in need and/or charities or other organisations wishing to prevent or relieve poverty.
- b) To provide a centre for the benefit of people of all ages, ethnicity or social status where they can meet to enjoy friendship, social interaction and/or advice.
- c) The eradication of food waste through the use of, and distribution of, food from prime and secondary sources for the benefit of individuals of charities serving the disadvantaged in Weymouth and Portland.

(a) and (c) have led to the setting up of two shops – one in Westham and one in Littlemoor – which between them have over a thousand members representing almost 3000 people who are classed as food insecure. These people can shop once a week at one of the shops and buy shelf items (10 for £4 for an individual, or 15 for £6 for a family) and also get free fruit, vegetables and bread.

Objective (b) has led to the setting up of The Nest Café at The Waverley. Members of the public can get a meal and a drink for about £5.50 and a Nest member will pay about £2.00. The café provides a wonderful community space for everyone and it has grown steadily since opening just over a year ago. It is a warm, welcoming space with a very friendly atmosphere and gives the opportunity for established residents to meet people new to the area e.g. Ukrainians, refugees and folk who have moved to Weymouth. Alternatively you can sit in a corner and mind your own business!!!

6. Where does your organisation meet? The Waverley in Westham and The Top Club at Littlemoor
7. How often do you meet? The Westham Nest is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and Littlemoor is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
8. How many members does your organisation have? Approximately 1,100
9. How many people will benefit from this funding? 300
10. How many of these are Weymouth Town Council area residents? 100%
11. How much funding are you applying for? £3,000
12. What is the total cost of your project? £ 28,000

NOTE: Weymouth Town Council will only approve allocations up to £5,000 in exceptional circumstances that are clearly detailed in question 15, with regard to the information in Policy point 6.

13. Briefly describe the project or purchase you would like the funding for:

We would like to use the funding to make good the shortfall every time a Nest member buys a meal and a drink in the café. 60% of café customers are Nest members and so we are having to heavily subsidise them but what a blessing it is for them. In the last 12 months we have served about 2,000 meals to members, resulting in a shortfall of over £6,000 and so a grant of £3,000 would help us greatly.

14. Which of the Council's priorities does the project contribute to?
 - Improve the wellbeing of the people of Weymouth.**
 - Manage the Council's assets and resources responsibly and transparently.
 - Manage the Council's services effectively to meet the needs of the communities we serve.
 - Work to become greener and cleaner in our activities as well as supporting our communities and partners to be as green as possible.
 - Promote opportunities for economic success of the area.
 - Strive for continuous improvement and service development.
 - Work with partners to deliver our core values and strategy.

15. If your application is for between £3,000 and £5,000 please give full details of the **exceptional circumstances** relating to your request. Please see policy point 6 for examples of what constitutes exceptional circumstances

16. How will you spend the money you are applying for? Please remember that Weymouth Town Council do not normally give grants for running costs unless associated with a specific project:

Item	Amount
See 13 above	£
Supporting people on low income in the Nest café.	£3,000
	£
	£
Total	£3,000

17. How else are you funding your project? Include grants from other organisations, fund raising and existing reserves:

Source	£	Confirmed?
Grants	5,000	No
Gifts	5,500	Yes
Sales	12,000	No but confident
Own funds	6,500	Yes
Total	29,000	

18. How will the funding benefit the community or residents of Weymouth?

By enabling the café to accommodate more customers – especially those on low income who need support – and thus allowing more integration between established and new residents. We have already seen the positive effect it has had in the lives of people coming from abroad to start a new life here.

19. If your project focusses on a particular area of Weymouth, please give the name of the Councillor who is supporting your application?

Alex Fuhrmann

20. How do you know that the groups you work with, or the local community, want this project to take place? Please detail any consultation undertaken:

By the steady increase in customers, month by month, over the last year and also by the comments we have received from established residents and people new to Weymouth. Overwhelmingly positive. These are picked up by staff each week.

21. How will this funding lead to greater self-sufficiency and lessen the need for future applications?

Not sure it will because we are there to bless and support those on low incomes and therefore, as we are a not-for-profit organisation, both the shops and the café will need financial help. We have done well so far without having to run a fund raising campaign because the local community is being generous.

22. How is your organisation normally funded? Not applicable to new organisations:

By grants, gifts and income from the shops and café.

23. What are your current/planned subs/fees/charges?

We have a café menu price list which has separate prices for Nest members and non-members. This is attached to the application.

24. Have you applied for any other funds/grants towards the cost of this project or purchase? Please include details below:

We have applied to Dorset Council Community & Culture Fund for support for the community café.

25. What fund raising activities took place in the **last** 12 months and what fund-raising activities are planned for the **next** 12 months, if any?

None ourselves but we have benefitted from members of the local community organising events with the proceeds coming to The Nest.

26. Anticipated income/expenditure for the next 12 months?

For the café we expect the income and expenditure to both be around £28,000

27. Details of any grants or financial support received from local authorities including Weymouth Town Council in the past three years with dates:

14-09-20	Dorset Community Foundation	£2,000.00
23-10-20	WTC	£2,000.00
25-11-20	Dorset Council	£5,000.00
05-02-21	Dorset Council	£1,000.00
07-04-21	Dorset Council OSRF	£7,500.00
02-08-21	Dorset Council	£5,000.00
04-03-22	Dorset Council	£2,500.00
23-03-22	Dorset Council CCFR2	£5,000.00
07-06-22	Dorset Council OSRF2	£10,000.00
17-07-22	Dorset Council FSF	£5,000.00
01-08-22	Dorset Council CCFR3	£4,800.00
28-11-22	Dorset Council	£3,500.00

28. Grants from non-local authority sources in the last three years with dates, if you have any:

11-11-20	DEFRA	£10,000.00
30-11-20	Feeding Britain	£10,000.00
04-02-21	Lottery Awards for all	£10,000.00
07-05-21	DEFRA	£2,000.00
14-09-21	Waitrose	£1,000.00
11-02-22	Alice Ellen Cooper Dean	£20,000.00
09-09-22	Lottery Awards for all	£10,000.00
Various	Neighbourly	£1,000.00

29. Has the project that you want the funding for already happened? No

30. Will you be passing the funding on to any other groups (except to pay for goods and services)? No

31. If the funding is for security measures do you have the support of the local police and/or crime reduction officer?

Not applicable

32. If the funding is for work with vulnerable adults or children, do you have the support of either Adult Social Care or Children's Services at Dorset Council?

Not applicable

Please give us details of the bank account that the grant should be paid into if approved (this cannot be a building society passbook account):

Name of Account: Provided

Account number: Provided

Sort Code: Provided

Please ensure you have read the policy on pages 1 - 3 before signing the form.

Checklist (please tick the appropriate boxes)

Have you submitted the following?

- A copy of your most recent accounts (not more than 12 months old);
- Your most recent bank account statement & details of any other investments/savings (not more than 3 months old);
- A copy of your constitution / terms of reference / set of rules;
- A copy of the notes from your last Annual General Meeting;
- Details of your organisation's officers;
- A copy of your safeguarding policy if your group works with vulnerable adults, or children;
- A copy of your adopted equal opportunities policy or statement;
- Any other documentation you feel may help in assessing your application.

Privacy Notice

In accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), I/We agree that Weymouth Town Council will process and hold personal information about me/us and my/our group or organisation only in relation to this grant application. I/We consent to my/our personal information, including that contained in this form, being stored manually and/or electronically by Weymouth Town Council. It will be held securely and treated confidentially for six years after an application is made. I/We understand that it will only be accessed by authorised staff members to manage the grant application process.

I also understand that Weymouth Town Council may pass details onto an official organisation where required to do so by law or contract. I/We understand that my/our data will be disposed of securely six years after the application and that I/we have the right to correct the information at any time. I/We have been made aware of my/our rights under GDPR.

Declaration:

I/We declare that the information confirmed in this application is correct and that any grant received will be applied as detailed in the request.

I/We declare that we have read the policy on pages 1 - 3 and that our application complies with the policy.

I/We declare that I/we have included all the requested information.

I/We fully understand that if I/we do not include the requested information and/or if mine/our application does not comply with the policy, the application may be rejected.

I/We fully understand that we will need to attend a Finance and Governance Committee meeting to present our request.

Signed: Provided

Name: Dr Neil Hardisty

Date: 18th January 2023

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Grant applications must be checked against the following criteria. Any questions where the answer is no must be reported to the Finance and Policy Committee meeting where the application is being considered and must form part of the formal agenda items list for that meeting.

Yes	No (investigate)	
Yes		The grant will result in a benefit for the area covered by the Town Council and will contribute positively to the area of Weymouth?
	No	Does the grant exclude ongoing running costs?
	No	If the application is for running costs has the applicant included plans for where future running costs will be found from?
Yes		Is the grant for a group and not for individuals or organisations whose function is primarily undertaken by the health authority or Dorset Council's Social Services?
Yes		Is the grant for non-political or non-quasi-political organisations or projects?
Yes		Is the grant application for £5,000 or less?
n/a		For applications in excess of £5,000, has the applicant fully detailed the exceptional circumstances?
Yes		Does the application include the required financial and organisational information?
Yes		Is this the only application in this financial year from this group or organisation?
Yes		Is the applicant based in the Town Council area? If not, has the applicant detailed what proportion of beneficiaries of the grant reside in the area?
Yes		Is the application for future funding? (i.e. not retrospective)
Yes		Is the grant for the sole use of the applying group and not to pass on money?
	No	Has the applicant demonstrated how one-off grant funding will lead to greater self-sufficiency and lessen the need for future applications?
n/a		For applications for funds for security measures, does the applicant have the support of the local police or crime reduction officer?
Answered n/a on application form		For projects involving vulnerable children or adults, do the organisers have the support of Adult Social Care or Children's Services at Dorset Council?
Yes		Will a representative be attending an F&G meeting?

Assessing officer: Helen Legg

Date of assessment: 24th January 2023

Decision (delete as applicable): proceed to committee

Approved as agenda item for the Finance and Governance meeting on: 1st February 2023