

# APPLICATION FORM FOR GRANT 25/26

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

## 1. Name/Address of Organisation:

The Lantern Trust  
2 Ranelagh Road  
Weymouth  
Dorset  
DT4 7PL

Name of person making the application: Jo Hurst

Position in organisation: Project Development Manager

Contact phone number 01305 787940

Email address: provided

## 2. About Your Organisation

Does your organisation:	Yes/No
Have its own bank account, with 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
Is your organisation:	Yes/No
a voluntary organisation without any paid members	No
a registered charity? (include charity number)	Yes 1114979
part of, or affiliated to, a larger organisation? (name)	No

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

The Lantern Trust is an independent registered charity, established in 1983 to benefit vulnerable and marginalised people in the Weymouth and Portland area, and we now serve the wider Dorset area through outreach. Based in an area which is in the top 20% most deprived areas nationally regarding multiple deprivation, we have developed Crisis, Recovery and Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub services in response to the presenting needs of our community. We possess great experience in delivering holistic, tailored support which has a positive impact on our local community. We achieve this through relieving financial hardship, funding people into accommodation, facilitating income maximization, providing personal, practical, emotional, health and welfare support and providing community Hubs which help relieve the isolation experienced by the socially excluded. Our clients present with multiple social exclusion factors and face associated barriers to housing, benefits, health care, practical and emotional support which our services seek to address. We have recognized the value of collaborative working and have strengthened our service by developing our range of services, giving easy access to Lantern Trust in-house services and partner agencies, assisting people with a range of complex needs for

whom traditional services have not succeeded. Our Hubs give access to partner agencies which are currently Shelter Housing First, Julian House, CAB Benefit Service, NHS GP Outreach Service based from our clinical room, NHS Podiatry Service, DentaId, and Catch 22. We complement local statutory services by having the ability to work with those who are unable or unwilling to engage with mainstream services, acting as a last line in assistance for the difficult to engage. We are landlords of 9 units of accommodation via partnership with Green Pastures and also lease 4 units of accommodation from another landlord. Our most significant recent achievement has been our success, along with Dorset HealthCare, BCHA and Help and Care, in securing the Dorset-wide tender for a new Access Wellbeing Service, delivered from Hope House, our Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub. Access Wellbeing currently offers access to a team of Wellbeing Coordinators, access to a Community Psychiatric Nurse, psychological therapies, referrals to Dorset Mind Active Monitoring Service, referrals to an Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme Worker, referrals to an Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing Worker and numerous groups such as yoga, Women's Group and mindful activity. We were shortlisted in the top 20 out of 350 organisations for the GSK Impact Awards 2022 for our work regarding health inequalities, showing that we deliver high levels of social benefit. This was reinforced in January 2025, when we were recognised by The Big Issue as one of 100 Big Issue Changemakers of 2025, in the Housing and Homelessness category, for our work in tackling housing insecurity. We believe our charity is an essential local asset and a driving force against social and financial exclusion in our locality.

Additional Information:	
How many members does your organisation have?	28
How many people will benefit from this funding?	1300
How many of these are Weymouth Town Council area residents?	100%
How much funding are you applying for?	£15000
What is the total cost of your project?	£89040
Has the project that you want the funding for already happened?	No
Will you be passing the funding on to any other groups (except to pay for goods and services)?	No

4. Briefly describe the project or purchase you would like the funding for. Please include how will the funding benefit the community or residents of Weymouth? How do you know that the groups you work with, or the local community, want this project to take place? How will this funding lead to greater self-sufficiency and lessen the need for

Our proposal is to request £5000 funding per annum over a period of 3 years towards the salary of one Housing Officer, which would fund the post for 1 day per week. Our Housing and Benefits Teams consists of 3 Support Workers, offering a dedicated and comprehensive service covering all aspects of housing support. People in housing need in our community benefit from access to private sector accommodation, access to our own supported accommodation, assistance with the Home Choice Housing register, help with forms and specialist referrals where required to our own CAB Benefits Worker/Income Maximisation Service based at the Lantern trust 3 days a week. To illustrate the value of our Housing Team and the benefit it provides to our community, statistics taken from our evidence-based case management system show that, in the period 01/04/22 to 31/03/25, which is the grant funding period of our last

future applications?

Weymouth Town Council grant for the service, we delivered a total of 5827 housing interventions and housed 338 individuals. In total, we assisted 1333 unique people during the three year period. In 2024/25 alone, our Housing Team assisted a total of 511 unique clients and delivered 1948 housing interventions. The sheer numbers of people approaching and the numbers of interventions delivered to meet people's housing needs illustrates that we are providing a vital service in Weymouth. We use customer feedback and community consultation in order to shape our services. Our ongoing focus group, "Your Voice," aims to provide a safe and confidential environment where Lantern Trust staff and beneficiaries share and respect each other's opinions, look at ways forward collectively to build a better Lantern Trust and share ideas around our Hub working partnerships. We also have a Trustee role of Trustee for Beneficiary Value, to assist in collecting beneficiary feedback and identifying gaps in provision. We are supported in our work by stakeholders from the local community, local businesses and stakeholder agencies. Our Hub stakeholders include the CAB, Dorset Council Housing Advice, You First, the NHS, Dentaaid, Shelter Housing First, Julian House Homeless Outreach Team and Criminal Justice Support Services (Catch 22 and Interventions Alliance). Through these channels, we can be confident that we are providing a Housing Service which is required and desired by our client group and the local community. Although this funding is essential, we will be exploring other funding avenues to ensure that we would not be solely reliant upon a Weymouth Town Council grant to fund the role, and therefore the failure to receive a grant or the discontinuation of funding would not directly impact the role's continuation or cessation.

How will you spend the money you are applying for?

Item	Amount
Housing Support Worker Salary for 1 day per week per annum (£5000 X 3 years)	£15000
	£
	£
<b>Total</b>	<b>£15000</b>

5. How else are you funding your project? Have you applied for any other funds/grants towards the cost of this project or purchase? Please include details below and include grants from other organisations, fund raising and existing reserves:

Source	£	Confirmed?
Core Costs	74040	Yes
Weymouth Town Council grant	15000	No
<b>Total</b>	<b>89040</b>	

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

N/A

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

We receive funding for commissioned services and make applications to grant-making Trusts in order to fund core running costs and other specific projects when required.

8. The Council wishes to ensure that its limited grant budget goes to help those most in need. The Council will not normally fund events or activities for which a charge is made e.g. tickets for a dinner or a fee to attend a club. If it is intended to have a charge, please let us know how much people will be charged to access this project and what steps are to be put in place to ensure as many people as possible from Weymouth are able to access the project.

If a surplus is to be made please detail how and when these funds will benefit the communities in Weymouth:

N/A

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

We have made numerous applications to grant-making trusts and will continue to undergo regular grant searches and make applications to all available funders in the next 12 months. Please see our attached budget.

10. Details of any grants (including from non-local authority) or financial support received from local authorities including Weymouth Town Council in the past three years with dates:

Weymouth Town Council:

- £15k Three Year Grant to part Fund a Housing Advisor @ £5k per year From 01/02/2023 to 31/03/2026. Payment Schedule: 01/02/23 £5,000, 01/04/24 £,5000, 01/04/25 £,5000

Dorset Council:

- £20k 01/04/25 to 31/03/26 – Household Support Fund
- £17k 01/10/24 to 31/03/25 – Household Support Fund
- £10k 01/11/24 to 31/03/25 - Cost of Living Support – Senior Persons Benefits Maximisation Worker
- £3.2k – 01/02/23 to 31/12/23 - Culture & Community Project Fund Round 4 - Cost of Living Fund
- £16.8k – 14/12/21 to 31/03/22 – Household Support Grant

11. If the funding is for security measures do you have the support of the local police and/or crime reduction officer? Yes / No

N/A

Crime Reduction Officers Name: N/A

12. 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? Yes / No

N/A

Dorset Council Employee Name: N/A

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?*

- ☒ Your most recent bank account statement that relates to the bank account into which the grant will be paid;
- ☒ A copy of your constitution / terms of reference / set of rules;
- ☒ A copy of the minutes 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.
- ☐ 3 quotes for building works

#### 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: Jo Hurst

Name: Jo Hurst

Date: 23/05/25

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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 Governance 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?
Yes		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?
	No	Is the grant application for £3,000 or less?
Yes		For applications between £3,000 or £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?
Yes		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?
n/a		For projects involving vulnerable children or adults, do the organisers have the support of Adult Social Care or Children's Services at Dorset Council?
Unknown		Will a representative be attending Finance & Governance Committee?
n/a		Scoring matrix approved by the Grant Subgroup?

Assessing officer: Helen legg

Date of assessment: 24/06/25

Decision (delete as applicable): proceed to Deputy Town Clerk

Approved as agenda item for the Finance and Governance meeting on: tbc