

# Thurston Parish Council

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## APPLICATION FOR A GRANT

*Before competing this form, please read carefully the attached document entitled Thurston Grant Awarding Policy. Copies of the form together with the **latest copy of examined accounts** must be submitted along with any supporting documentation requested.*

### **General information for applicants**

*It is Thurston Parish Council's intention (subject to budget restrictions and available resources) to support initiatives from local community groups and organisations. Priority will be given to applicants who have not previously received grants from Thurston Parish Council. The size of any grant awarded is at the discretion of the Parish Council but will not exceed £500 in any one application.*

*If you have any queries on the completion of this form please contact the Parish Clerk, Thurston Parish Council, New Green Centre, Thurston, IP31 3TG. Email: [clerk@thurstonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@thurstonparishcouncil.gov.uk)*

### **DETAILS OF YOUR ORGANISATION**

**Name of Organisation:** Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk

**Address:** 5 Milton Road South Stowmarket IP14 1EZ

**Contact Telephone No.:** 01449 742473

**Email:** [manager@midsuffolkcab.org.uk](mailto:manager@midsuffolkcab.org.uk)

**Registered Charity No.:** 1107152

**If you are part of a larger organisation, enter its name:** We are an independent charity who are members of the national Citizens Advice network.

### **Principal aims and objectives:**

Organisational Aims & Principles

We have dual aims:

To offer the residents and workers of Mid Suffolk a free, confidential and impartial advice and information service about their legal rights and responsibilities. We call this our advice work.

And equally:

To use the experiences of our clients to highlight evidence of unfair rules and decision, and to help influence local and national services and social policy. We call this our policy work.

We value diversity, promote equality and challenge discrimination.

## DETAILS OF GRANT REQUESTED

### Explain your need for a grant with the likely number of beneficiaries, their age profiles and their location

We are an independent charity that relies on grants and charitable donations to provide us with funding to help and support those in need within our communities. We have a small paid workforce supported by 24 volunteers who provide generalist advice and administrative support.

Over the past 12 months we have provided advice and support to 14 residents of Thurston with 43 issues. Many clients present with one issue, but it transpires they have many complex issues requiring additional casework. As you can see from the table below, there have been many crucial issues in Thurston with which we have assisted, including domestic violence and debt.

The types of client issues were:

Benefits & tax credits	6
Benefits Universal Credit	3
Debt	4
Employment	6
Domestic abuse	2
Housing	3
Other	4
Relationships & family	5
Tax	1
Utilities & communications	9

The majority of clients were working age (20 – 65), compared to the previous year when the majority were retirement age, which reflects the fact that a new group of clients have needed support from Citizens Advice during the pandemic.

We have continued to provide our services throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, adapting to meet the challenges faced. Clients have been able to receive our advice by telephone, email, video calls, as well as face to face when required. The financial impact has been felt across all age groups recently, from redundancies to lack of work during the pandemic. We have been and continue to be a source of support for anyone who needs it.

Looking forward, a combination of increased energy costs, rising food prices and the reduction of Universal Credit by £20 per week will create a very difficult climate for our clients. We expect this winter to be quite challenging. We continue to face additional costs, such as recruiting and training new volunteers, funding to provide casework for clients with money advice related issues and adapting our premises to changing requirements. We would appreciate the support of Thurston Parish Council in the 21/22 financial year.

**Grant requested: £500**

## DETAILS OF OTHER GRANTS

**Received in the last two years** Thurston Parish Council £500 Mar 21 (20/21 Financial Year), £500 Feb 20 (19/20 Financial Year)

### Currently applied for

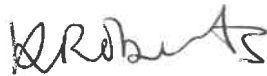
We currently have applications submitted for local authority grants and charitable donations.

Please use this space for any significant information about your organisation not already supplied

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I certify that the foregoing replies are accurate to the best of my knowledge

Signature of applicant:



Kimberly Roberts

Office Held: Operations Manager

Date 15/11/21

