

# 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 West Suffolk

**Address:** 90 Risbygate Street, Bury St. Edmunds, IP33 3AA

**Contact Telephone No.** 01284 596355

**Email:** [joanne.albini@swcab.org.uk](mailto:joanne.albini@swcab.org.uk)

**Registered Charity No.** 1144118

**If you are part of a larger organisation, enter its name:** n/a

### **Principal aims and objectives**

To provide advice people need for the problems they face

To improve the policies and practices that affect people's lives

Provide free, independent, confidential and impartial advice to everyone on their rights and responsibilities

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;**

In total in 21/22 we helped almost 6000 clients with over 23,000 issues.

The income gain for clients amounted to £2,298,078.

Debts managed amounted to £760,184.

Most clients we help are aged 25 to 64.

We helped 52 clients from the Thurston area, with 256 issues.

The funding we are requesting would help support our services in Thurston. We do expect to see an increased demand for our services in the current economic climate.

**Grant requested:** Up to £500, but we would welcome any contribution.

## DETAILS OF OTHER GRANTS

**Received in the last two years –**

**Our grant funders include:** West Suffolk Council, Suffolk County Council, Mid Suffolk District Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council, East Cambridgeshire District Council, Bury St. Edmunds Town Council, Newmarket Town Council, Brandon Town Council, Clare Town Council, West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group. We also have funding to provide projects to help clients who have long term health conditions with various issues, an example would be funding from the National Lottery for our Supported Advice Service.

**Currently applied for:-**

We have submitted a bid for £2,000 (the maximum we can apply for, it will not cover the increase) to the Suffolk Community Foundation to help with the increased energy costs for our office accommodation.

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

We are asking all Parish Councils in the West Suffolk Area for their support. We want to ensure that we can assist everyone that needs our help.

In addition to the practical help we offer, we also have a research, influencing and campaigning role. We make sure we highlight the local issues and problems we see to other statutory organisations, and our local MP's.

We are a local, well established advice charity, which holds the Advice Quality Standard (AQS). Our services are free to our clients. Many of our team are volunteers.

The AQS standard involves being audited every year and we have to demonstrate that we are accessible, effectively managed and employ staff with the skills and knowledge to meet the needs of our clients. We have just had our audit and have continue to meet all the five standards.

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

Signature of applicant Jo Albini (Sent by email)

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Office Held Business Development Manager

Date 25 May 2022

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