

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

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: fundraising@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 number of beneficiaries, their age profiles and their location

In 22/23 we helped 5,418 clients with 28,588 issues. This was an increase of 270 clients based on a comparable outturn of 5,148 in 21/22.

In 22/23 the three highest age groups we supported were:

30 to 34 = 525

35 to 39 = 543

50 to 54 = 519

The continuing financial pressures are very challenging for many people. In the first four months of 2023/24, we have helped 2,277 clients with 8,740 issues. We expect this increase to continue. We are currently seeing a significant increase in the multiple number of issues that clients are now approaching with. This often means advice work takes more time and can also be more complex.

Grant requested: £500

DETAILS OF OTHER GRANTS

Received in the last two years

Our grants 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, West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group. We also have projects to help clients living with long term health conditions supported with funding from the National Lottery and Suffolk Community Foundation/East Suffolk & North Essex Foundation Trust. In 2023 we successfully applied for grant funding (National Citizens Advice) to support the significant increase in the numbers of people now being referred to us via the Social Prescribers working with GP's surgeries.

Currently applied for: We have submitted a funding bid to the Nationwide Building Society, that we have called 'Income Plus' to help older people to maximise their income and provide other relevant advice.

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

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

Signature of applicant: Joanne Albini

Office Held: Business Development Manager

Date: 9 August 2023