

RYEDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL STANDARD GRANT CONDITIONS

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1. No work must be started or firm contracts made in respect of any project before the grant application has been considered and a written offer of grant received. This does not apply to certain preliminary work, such as the drawing of plans, which is necessary in preparing the application for submission.
2. In urgent cases, with prior consent of the Council, some schemes may proceed before the application for grant aid has been considered. In such cases the applicant will be notified by letter specifying the work which may be undertaken “without prejudice” to the application.
3. Not less than two competitive tenders should be obtained for all capital schemes.
4. After taking account of grant aid from all sources, not less than 10% of the approved project costs must be funded by the applicant organisation from their own funds.
5. In respect of projects involving the purchase of, or improvements to, land or property, there must be no outstanding loans, mortgages or charges on, or in respect of, the land or property involved unless under full guarantee against foreclosure.
6. If the application relates to land or property which is not owned by the applicant organisation, there should be not less than 28 years unexpired security of tenure at the date of the grant application, although a shorter term may be acceptable in some cases, to be agreed prior to grant application.
7. Support in any one year does not imply continued support for subsequent years.
8. The Council may use the project for publicity purposes and the applicant’s details may be passed on to other interested parties as an example of best practice.
9. A wall plaque (provided by the Council) must be displayed for any capital projects supported with the grant.
10. Information on any monitoring requirements to be provided on request, to officers of the Council.
11. If grant aid is awarded “subject to the funding package being confirmed”, the applicant must provide the Council with copies of all successful offers of funding. Should these offers exceed those stated in the application, the grant may be reviewed to ensure that the proportional contribution of the Council does not exceed 20% or as that described in the grant offer letter.
12. Grants may be claimed up to 18 months after the date of offer. This period can be extended with permission of the Economy and Community Manager.
13. The grant is awarded for the project detailed on the application form. Should any details change from those stated, the Council must be notified in writing, and the changes agreed by the Council. Failure to do this may result in the grant being withdrawn.