



Belper Town Council

FLOOD RESPONSE GRANT POLICY

INTRODUCTION

It is part of Belper Town Council's commitment to help communities prepare for and respond to flooding incidents. As part of this commitment to its Corporate Plan Core Value; 'Sustainable and Environment Friendly Belper' an amount of money has been set aside in the Town Council's budget to help local residents at times of need in the event of flooding.

Purpose of fund and criteria

Experience has shown that a wide range of small resilience and support measures can make a real difference both to helping communities reduce the risk of incidents but particularly to the speed at which residents can respond to hardship brought on by a flooding incident and enable a speedy recovery. Measures range from the provision of flood protection equipment to replacing small items damaged by flood water.

Area of benefit

The area of benefit will be within the Parish of Belper.

Who can apply

The Fund is open to individuals residing in the area stated above who are affected by a flooding incident, and wish to submit a small claim to negate any prospective hardship.

How much can you apply for?

Grants of up to £150.00 are available

What can be applied for

1. Rapid purchase of simple equipment (e.g. emergency blankets, torches, high visibility jackets, temporary portable flood barriers, sand bags, PVC sheeting, sand hoppers/stores, etc). The grant recipient is responsible for ensuring the items purchased are fit for the intended purposes.
2. Exceptionally, a contribution to small scale, practical works that will provide immediate benefit to the community in reducing risk of flooding. For example, opportunities to clear out local ditches will be considered where either the landowner is unknown or where the community believe that it won't/can't be done by the riparian owner.
3. Small replacement household items that have been damaged as a result of a flood incident. This might include;
 - Damaged food caused by the failure of electrical equipment (fridge or freezer)
 - Small appliances (electrical or otherwise)
 - All other personal items that might be affected will be considered

Application Process

Download the Application Form from the Belper Town Council website:

<https://www.belpertowncouncil.gov.uk/flooding.html> , email clerk@belpertowncouncil.gov.uk or call 01773 822116.

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Completed forms should be returned to Belper Town Council as directed on the form. There is no closing date for applications, and it is expected to be used at the time of any flooding incident. However, the fund is limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Please make sure that you attach any quotes or screenshots for the items you wish to purchase.

Next Steps

The Town Clerk (and in her absence the Deputy Town Clerk), in consultation with the Lead Flood Warden and Chair of Finance Committee to confirm entitlement, will be given delegated powers to assess and consider each application on its own merit. Any monies awarded will be confirmed at the next possible meeting of Full Council.

Applications will usually be processed within 3 days of receipt.

You will be contacted by email or by telephone to confirm approval of your application.

All grant money must be spent within a month of receipt, and evidence of expenditure will be required.

How will payments be made?

Payments will be made by bank transfer to the applicants own bank account. The fund is unable to make payments direct to contractors/suppliers or pay for any items in cash.

For an application form or if you need more information please contact Belper Town Council

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Website: www.belpertowncouncil.gov.uk

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