



Chorley High Five Guidance and Eligibility Criteria

Chorley Building Society is proud to be a mutual, making a difference to the lives of our Members and the local community.

We will donate to local charities, community groups, not-for-profit organisations and grassroots clubs that support our aims of:

1. Member and community wellbeing
2. Tackling poverty and homelessness
3. Supporting grassroots sporting activities

The Society will support organisations with charitable objectives including:

- registered charities
- charitable incorporated organisations (CIO)
- constituted groups
- companies limited by guarantee
- community interest companies (CIC)
- social enterprises (SE)
- unincorporated sports clubs (with a constitution)

Projects must have charitable purposes and community benefit and the funding request should not be a replacement for trading income.

Any Community interest company or social enterprise:

- Must demonstrate that they have clear charitable purposes and that there is a defined social benefit
- Unlike constituted groups, community interest company start-ups or social enterprise start-ups will not be considered for funding.

Anything unethical or that goes against the Society's values will not be considered, i.e. illegal activity, gambling, animal testing, political theme/in support of (Inc political parties) etc.

All applications are to be from organisations based in Lancashire.



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The application needs to detail the impact that the donation would have on those lives that the charity/club/group aims to support.

The application needs to consider environmental impacts, but does not need to be specifically improving the environment with their activity/cause.

The Society will only award donations to registered charities or clubs/organisations with charitable purposes that have:

- A management committee/governance body with at least four independent and unrelated members
- A bank or building society account in the name of the group, with a minimum of two unrelated cheque signatories
- Appropriate governing documents i.e. a constitution, Memorandum & Articles of Association, etc.

The Charity does not need to provide evidence of this with their application, but must acknowledge and accept that they have this governance in place. Ad Hoc checks will be carried out by the Society via the Charities Commission.