BAMPTON TOWN COUNCIL

APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING

Name of Organisation	Churches Housing Action Team (CHAT)
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Project Name.	CHAT Bampton Advice Drop-In
Project Description.	CHAT already supports Bampton residents experiencing housing difficulties, homelessness and financial hardship, but currently residents generally need to access our services in Tiverton. We are working to establish a regular monthly drop-in advice session in Bampton, bringing CHAT's support directly into the community. Residents will be able to speak to a CHAT advisor locally and access free, confidential advice on housing, homelessness, debt and money matters. The drop-in will complement our existing services and provide a more accessible route to support for Bampton residents, particularly those who may experience barriers to travelling to Tiverton.
Amount of Grant requested	£500
Describe what the money will be spent on.	The £500 grant will contribute towards the direct costs of establishing and delivering a monthly CHAT advice drop-in in Bampton, including advisor time and travel. The funding will help us bring our existing housing, homelessness, debt and money advice services directly into the community, reducing the need for Bampton residents to travel to Tiverton to access support.
How will the project benefit the community of Bampton?	CHAT already supports residents from Bampton, but accessing our services currently generally requires travelling to Tiverton. A monthly drop-in session will bring specialist advice directly into Bampton, making support more accessible and helping residents seek advice at an earlier stage. Residents experiencing housing difficulties, threatened homelessness, debt or financial hardship will be able to speak confidentially with a CHAT advisor within their own community. Where further or ongoing support is required, they can then be supported through CHAT's wider services. By providing a regular local presence, we hope to reduce barriers to accessing advice, increase awareness of the support available and help prevent housing and financial problems from escalating into crisis.

Please state how you consider you meet the conditions of the Council's grants policy.	CHAT is a registered charity and non-profit organisation with appropriate governance arrangements and an organisational bank account. The proposed project will directly benefit Bampton residents by bringing our free housing, homelessness, debt and money advice into the community. Funding will be used specifically towards the direct costs of establishing and delivering the Bampton drop-in, and expenditure can be evidenced as required.
So Where else have you applied for funding?	We have not currently applied elsewhere for funding specifically for the Bampton drop-in. CHAT's wider services are funded through a range of trusts and foundations, individual giving, community fundraising and other grant funding.
Element of self- help provided by members of the organisation	The Bampton drop-in will be supported by CHAT's existing infrastructure and wider services, including management, administration, case management systems and ongoing support for residents who require further advice following a drop-in session. CHAT raises funds from a range of sources to sustain our services, including trusts and foundations, individual giving and community fundraising. The £500 contribution from Bampton Town Council will therefore work alongside CHAT's own fundraising and resources to help establish and deliver this local service.

- Copy of last prepared set of accounts are requested and should be attached.

Signed Holly Reid Print Name Holly Reid
Date 23/10/26
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