



ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL 1066 Anniversary Grants Scheme Guidance Notes and Criteria

Rother District Council has agreed to set up a grants fund of £10,000 to recognise the 950th Anniversary of the Battle of Hastings in 1066. The official events will be held on Friday, 14 October 2016.

Grants can be made for £500, and the number of grants has not been set. However, the maximum grant pot is £10,000. Members have asked for a “general pot” of funding with applications to be assessed on their individual merits.

1. Rother District Council **Grants would be offered to community groups, Parish and Town Councils, schools, and groups set up to organise 1066 Anniversary events within the Rother District.**
2. The fund will open from 14 October 2015 exactly a year before the 950th Anniversary. Each application will be considered on its own merits. Applications will be looked at as they come in to the Council. The expectation is that 1066 Anniversary “events” will take place sometime around the month of the 950th Anniversary of the Battle of Hastings in 1066 during October 2016. However, there will be some flexibility for “projects” which must be completed before the end of October 2016.
3. All projects must demonstrate a clear link to the celebration of the 950th Anniversary of the Battle of Hastings in 1066 and actively benefit Rother residents.
4. Finance will not be made available for firework displays.
5. Applicants will have to demonstrate that Rother District Council funding is matched in kind or by other funds and will need to show they have the bank accounts etc in place to process the grant. Town and Parish Councils should be asked to match-fund the project and provide written support or otherwise.
6. Applications from unconstituted groups across Rother can be considered as rural groups can ask Town and Parish Councils to act as the authorising body. Rother Voluntary Action (RVA) could be considered to act as the authorising body for any unconstituted applicants for Bexhill.
7. All projects/events must, in some way, mark Rother District Council’s contribution and be posted on the 1066 Country website and use the 1066 Anniversary Grants logo.
8. Advice about obtaining public liability insurance, licences, road closures etc may be sought from Town and Parish Councils and Rother Voluntary Action (RVA).
9. Rother District Council expects events to be accessible for all and for the benefit of as many people as possible.

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