



In 1944, a local philanthropist, Alfred Wagg, purchased most of the grounds of the East Court Estate. In 1949, he gifted these grounds to the people of East Grinstead to commemorate the tragic loss of life of local people during the 2nd World War. East Grinstead Memorial Estate Ltd was then established as a charity to steward and manage the Estate; the Estate also includes Ashpats Woods.

Our purpose

To provide and maintain, as a memorial to the men, women and children of East Grinstead who lost their lives in the 1939-45 war, a public park with playing fields, recreation grounds, or other recreational or educational facilities for the general public and in particular the people of East Grinstead.

To encourage and promote any form of public recreation or education or any other charitable object, **this includes making of grants for the benefit of the people of East Grinstead**. Since 2020 we have made local grants totalling over £100,000.

Each year **East Grinstead Memorial Estate Limited (EGMEL)** makes Charitable donations appropriate to its resources. A list of the donations previously made are shown on our web page: [Grants – East Grinstead Memorial Estate \(egmel.co.uk\)](https://www.egmel.co.uk/grants).

We invite local organisations to apply for our consideration of a grant.

Eligibility & grant guidelines

Please read carefully before submitting your application.

These guidance notes are a summary of EGMEL's present approach to awarding grants. They will be subject to periodic review and do not replace or alter our objectives.

Amount of grant?

The demand for grants always exceeds the funds available and grants made to previous applicants will be taken into account.

When can I apply for a grant?

EGMEL awards grants once a year. For 2026 the opening date is 28th February and closing date is 31st March. EGMEL will respond before the end of May with payments being made before the end of June to the successful applicants.



EGMEL will consider supporting the following causes:

- the relief of hardship (to include debt relief)
- the support of the engagement by all in sport
- development of young people
- support for the elderly and disabled

General conditions

- Organisations must be benefitting people from the East Grinstead and the surrounding area
- Grants will normally be made where it is evident that efforts have been made, or are being made, to also raise funds elsewhere. Determined efforts to raise money elsewhere or to demonstrate match funding will be helpful; we are happy to discuss these with you if you are unable to put in writing.
- Grants made to applicants in earlier years will be taken into account.
- EGMEL encourage you to tell us how your projects and activities are progressing and also for us to see firsthand the completion – where appropriate.
- EGMEL reserve the right to cancel a grant if it appears that the project is not likely to proceed in the foreseeable future, or to impose a date by which conditions must be met.
- Agreement for any change of use for the funds awarded MUST be sought from EGMEL who will consider the request on its merits. We appreciate circumstances and need change, so please discuss with us at the earliest opportunity.

Applications should be made to: grants@egmel.co.uk

Please use this contact address for any questions you may have regards the application process.

Payments

- Applicants will be advised by e-mail if they have been successful in being awarded a grant and the value.
- Payments will ONLY be made by BACS transfer.

To help us with our decision process, please take note of the points on page 3 to include with your application.

Minimum details to be included with your application

- Name of Applicant
- Name of Organisation
- Contact Address for all correspondence
- Postcode
- e-mail address for all correspondence
- web site address or social media page
- Confirm organisation has own Bank Account and provide details for any BACS payments made by EGME
 - Name:
 - Sort code:
 - Account number:
- Charity/CIC reference
- Brief description of your organisation
- Short summary of your main activities
- A copy of your last annual accounts
- Describe what the grant shall be specifically used for (Project)
- What are the age group(s) benefitting from the project
- List the general breakdown of costs of the project here
- How much money are you requesting from EGME
- List other organisations/partners that support you locally

There is also a form on the web site in word format that you can use for your responses.