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Dear Parish Clerk

When the Community Grants scheme was established a number of years ago, it was always envisaged that from time to time projects could come forward that were outside of the scheme criteria but were community based projects that the Council may want to support. These would be dealt with outside of the community grants process and considered on their own merits by Cabinet. As you will be aware Rother, along with all of local government, has seen a significant reduction in its funding from local government. Therefore at this stage of the financial year, in taking this decision the Council has sort to limit the total amount of funding for all community projects to the £130,000 allocated for community grants. However as explained at the Cabinet meeting, further funds may be made available from any savings identified during the remainder of the financial year or ultimately Members can agree to use Council's reserves to top up the community grants funding if necessary where well evidenced appropriate applications come forward at the next funding round.

I hope this allays your concerns regarding the access to the community grants scheme for Parish Councils and other groups in Rother.

Yours sincerely

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