

## Braunston Village Charities

### Grants Guidance

1. No grants or gifts should be made to meet a statutory responsibility
2. All grants or gifts should be one-off payments, not on-going commitments
3. *Grants and Gifts can be made to the families of former Braunston residents who have had to move into residential care or long-term hospital placements*
4. In addition to the current grants and gifts, for which delegated authority has been given to the Distribution Group, grants or gifts can also be made by a decision of a majority in a meeting of the Trustees in the following situations (this is not an exhaustive list):
  - A top-up to a statutory payment – ie a Hardship Grant from the DWP
  - A re-ablement activity – ie provision of ‘training’ re cookery, financial management, debt management
  - Purchase of equipment to support a re-ablement activity – ie a slow-cooker, microwave
  - Respite support – assistance with the cost of attending an activity for a carer or young carer or the purchase of equipment to take part in such an activity – ie skateboard, specific clothing
  - ‘Poor man’s bank’ – payment pending the receipt of statutory support or to cover initial expenditure that will be budgeted for over time – ie initial purchase of fuel oil, bus pass
  - One-off activity/purchase – ie garden clearance, household maintenance, car repair or insurance to promote independence, enable hospital visiting etc
5. A maximum value of any grant or gift of £250.00 that can only be exceeded by at least a two thirds majority decision of ALL Trustees.
6. A meeting of the Trustees can be virtual meeting via email, but not by telephone or verbally, in order to provide an audit trail

Agreed 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019; to be reviewed November 2021