

# SOCIETY GRANT CRITERIA

In order to make a grant application:

- You must be a Student Member of Cambridge SU.
- You must be a current committee member of a society registered with the SU (i.e. the SU's working definition of a student Society as per By-law 12).
- You must provide a clear account of exactly what item(s) the grant awarded will be spent on.

Allocation of funds:

1. To ensure equitable allocation of SU funds, the Grant panel reserves the right to base the decisions on its assessment of the financial capacity and existing resources of the society.
2. The society may be asked to disclose any other funding/sponsorship already secured for the specific event/items for which the grant is requested.
3. The Panel may allocate funds for reusable items required by the society for multiple events, treating the purchase as a one-off cost.

The SU cannot provide grants for:

4. Purchases of illegal items or the support of any form of illegal activity.
5. Purchases or payments for services from the SU itself (e.g. a Freshers' Fair stall booking).
6. Purchases made prior to a grant being successfully awarded.
7. Money or resources to be donated to other organisations, including charities.
8. Any activity that is directly or indirectly supporting a political party.
9. We will deprioritise items or projects that have a recurring cost (e.g. subscriptions) - please note that the Society Start-Up Grant is excluded from this.
10. Unnecessary or environmentally harmful travel: Funding will not cover travel deemed excessive or environmentally damaging and will usually only be granted for public transport. Air travel will not be covered.
11. We will deprioritise recurring events.
12. Partial Funding: The SU cannot give contributions towards a cost greater than the funding limit of the grant (e.g., £250 towards a room booking fee of £400).
13. Food and Drink: General food and drink expenses will not be funded. However, the panel may make exceptions for traditional food for cultural events, or in the instance that the food or drink is central to the premise of the society (eg. Bubble Tea for the Bubble Tea Society).
14. Purchases of alcohol.
15. Funding of events that are likely to be unsafe or bring the SU into disrepute.
16. More than one grant per term per person/student group.
17. Expenditure which only benefits an individual or a small number of individuals.
18. Any self-funding event (such as socials or balls) as these events should be ticketed to ensure all costs are covered.

Decision process:

The society grant panel is made up of:

- Activities Manager
- Vice President (Student Community & Societies)

The panel meets on a bi-weekly basis during the grant period, where they discuss grant applications from the past two weeks and make decisions based on these.

If you're not happy with a decision of the grants panel, you may make a complaint to the SU. Please head to our [complaints page](#), where you will find all the necessary information.