



**ILMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL
GRANT APPLICATION FORM 2023/24**

Please Note: Prior to completion of this form please read the Town Council's Grant Policy and Guidelines

1. Name / Title of Organisation - **CLOKS – Childrens Local Kids Society for music and drama**

2. Name of person submitting the application -

Position held in organisation

Address..

Tel. No.....

Email.....

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3. Full details of project for which a grant is sought: *with emphasis on how it will benefit the citizens of Ilminster*

CLOKS is a youth theatre group providing an affordable way for young people aged 8-18 to sing, act, dance and become involved in all aspects of theatre. It is run by a group of volunteers who work together to make a safe and fun environment for the children.

We run workshops, take part in various fundraising concerts, and put on one major production a year in June with a smaller fundraising Christmas show in December. We actively encourage team building and group work, but the main aim is for the children to have fun! Rehearsals and performances are every weekend. CLOKS helps the children gain confidence and build self-esteem whilst be inclusive, great for their mental health and providing entertainment for the community.

Our application is to help obtain enough funds to give our principle a mic, we currently only have 2, which is sometimes frustrating for the children and the audience. The mics gives the children so much more confidence, and a kind of impression they are on a professional stage. It's an uplift.

All the money we raise throughout the year, helps with costs for hall hire, storage for costumes, rehearsals, costumes, stages and props. We are completely Volunteer run. We rehearse in Chard and have been running for 18 years. Our children come from all surrounding areas of somerset, with many children from Ilminster. We have 43 children in attendance currently and roughly a quarter of these travel from Ilminster to be part of this group. Our age range 8-16, our group provides valuable life skills, from

confidence to just everyday life equipped skills to path a better understanding of the world.

We would like to add an extra boost to our children by buying some more mics, so the audience can here the children perform more clearly. We are seeking to buy 4 more microphones for our principal actors, enhancing the performance and confidence of our young budding actors and actresses.

We would appreciate the help and support from Ilminster Town Council and would love to put on concert / singing in the Market House at some point, should this also be available to us as well.

4. Total anticipated cost of project £.....2698.17.....
(Please enclose supporting estimates)

5. Amount of grant sought from Town Council and % of total project cost £...500.00....
.....18 %

6. Please give details of applications made to other grant making bodies in respect of this project (eg. Somerset Council / Lottery etc)

Date	Organisation	Amount Sought	Granted

7. Please provide details of the contribution that will be made by your organisation to the Project.

50% of the amount will be provided by CLOKS

8. Has your organisation received a grant from this Council within the last 3 years?

YES/NO If YES, please provide details.

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Please use additional sheets if necessary

Don't forget to include:

- Constitution / rules
- Financial information – accounts

- Evidence project costings are reasonable.

Please return the completed form to

Ilminster Town Council
Old Magistrates Court
East Street
Ilminster
Somerset
TA19 0AJ

