



Community Fund Grant Scheme: information webinar

5th August 2026

Support our local community organisations
delivering projects, events & new ideas
that benefit the town and its residents.

Annual timeline

Stage	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
Applications Open	1st February 2026	1st May 2026	1st August 2026
Information Webinar	3rd February 2026	5 th May	First Week of August
Applications Deadline	End of February	End of May	End of August
Panel Review & Scoring	March (Resources Committee)	July (Resources Committee)	September (Resources Committee)
Decisions Announced	Early April	End July	Early October
Funding Released	By End of April	By End of August	By End of October

Results from 2026

Round 1

11 applications received

2 applications not eligible

4 awarded

Round 2

4 applications received

1 applications not eligible

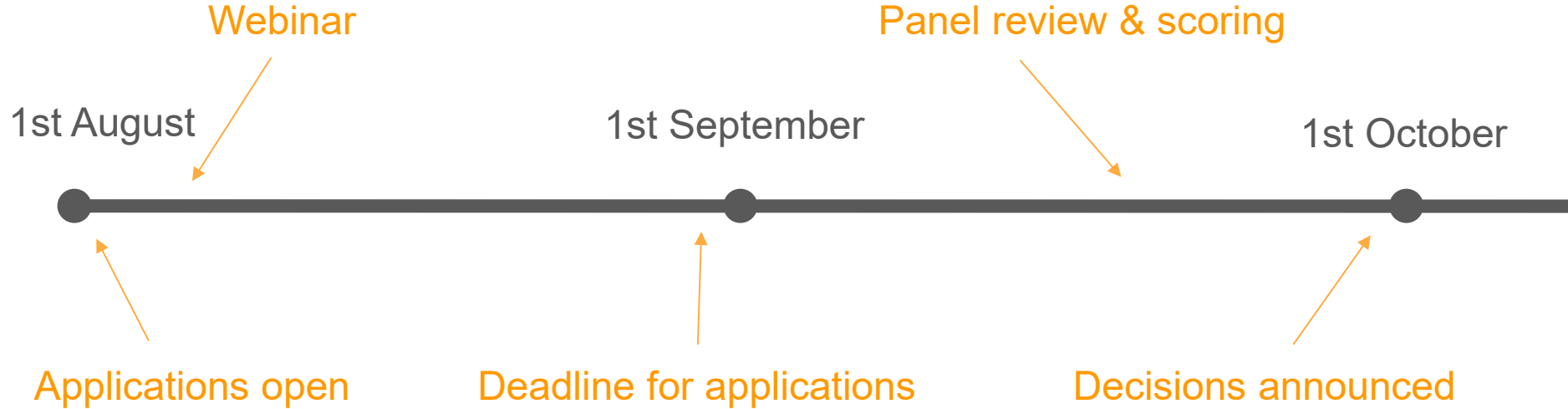
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Feedback from Rounds 1 & 2

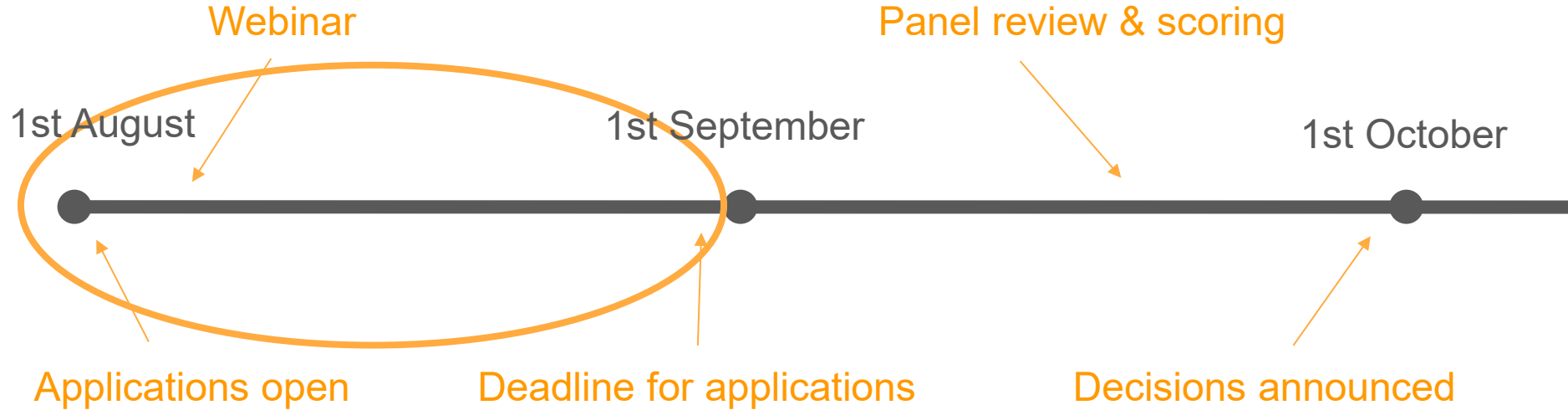
- Longer applications do not necessarily increase your chance of success.
- Environmental impact of your project may be considered as part of your 'community impact' score.
- Please ensure you clearly demonstrate benefit to residents and the community of Marlow.
- You must demonstrate a clear financial need for TC support.
 - Please only ask for funds you need.
- Bring new, exciting ideas!

Timeline Round 3 2026



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Applications - eligibility



- ✓ Charity
- ✓ Club
- ✓ Not-for-profit organisations
- ✓ Community organisations
- ✓ Schools

- ✗ Individuals
- ✗ Overseas charities or projects delivered outside the UK
- ✗ National appeals
- ✗ Political, illegal or discriminatory activities
- ✗ Retrospective applications

Other conditions:

- Grant award value up to £1,500
- One grant per financial year
- Only use funds for your project in the application

Funding Released	By End
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[Scoring Criteria and Descriptors](#)

The application forms will be available from the 1st Febru

Application Form for completion online

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Applications - how to apply

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Application Form – print version

All applicants must read and agree to abide by the terms and conditions.

Use the online Google Form to apply.

You will need to sign in with a Google Account, to allow file attachments.

You can prepare your responses using this print version, but please submit via the form

If you have issues, please contact the Town Council office to discuss how we can help

Applications - Questions

1. Organisation and applicant details
2. Project information (title, summary, start & end date)
3. Community Impact
 - How do you know there is a need?
 - What will the community impact be?
4. Innovation & creativity – what is new about this project?
5. Delivery – what are the costs, budget, implementation plan?
6. Financial information



Using AI for your application Pros

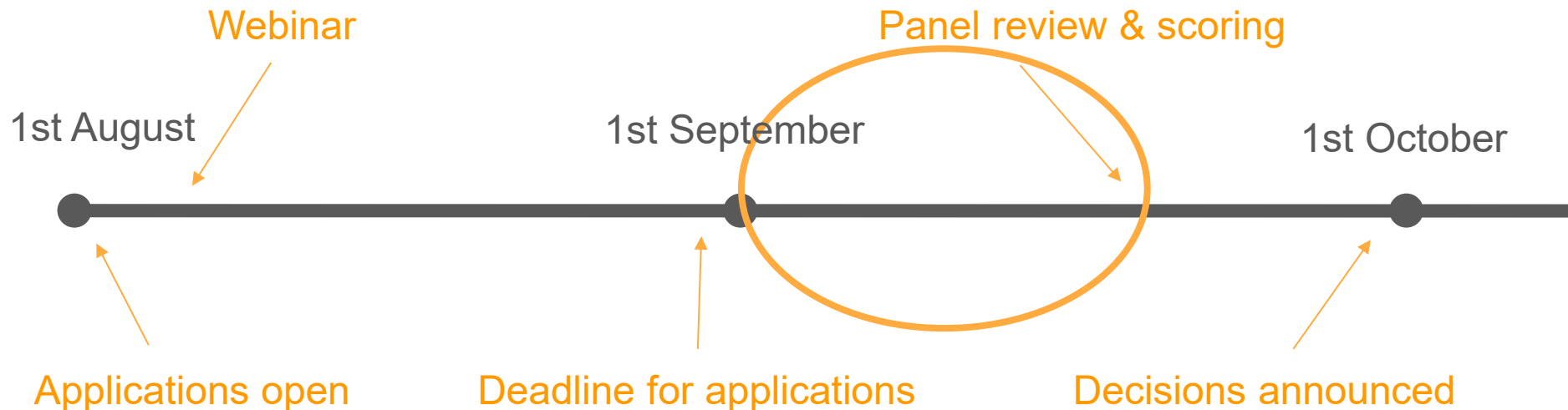
- With the advances in AI technology and natural language generation, it is natural for you consider using technology to support you in your grant application.
- We do not recommend or advise against this, but please be aware of the pros

- Removes barriers for people with disabilities and non-English speakers.
- Allows you to rephrase your content e.g. to meet the word count in a question
- Ensures all aspects of a question are answered.
- Can aid a better understanding of your potential community impact, innovation or project delivery;

Cons

- It is not always accurate in its assumptions and can get things wrong.
- It learns from the information you give it as well as what it has already learnt.
- It may provide a generic response meaning your application could use similar phrasing to others and would not stand out.
- Your text may lack expression and insight because it relies on logic to summarise information based on the question asked.

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Scoring criteria

Score	Community impact (60%)	Innovation and creativity (10%)	Delivery (10%)	Financial need (20%)
1 – Poor				
2				
3 – Fair				
4				
5 – Strong				

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1 – Poor	Minimal or unclear community benefit. The project's impact is short-lived, limited in reach, or poorly aligned with local needs. Little or no evidence of inclusion, equity, or meaningful change for participants
2	Exceeds criteria for a score of 1, but does not fully meet criteria for score of 3.
3 – Fair	Clear and positive benefits to a defined community group. The project addresses a recognised need and considers inclusion, though its reach or depth is limited. Benefits may be short-term but could still be worthwhile and relevant.
4	Exceeds criteria for a score of 3, but does not fully meet criteria for score of 5.
5 – Strong	Significant or transformational, well-evidenced impact, either broad and accessible to many, or deeply beneficial for a smaller or underrepresented group. Demonstrates strong understanding of community needs, promotes inclusion and equity, and creates meaningful, lasting value (even if not permanent)

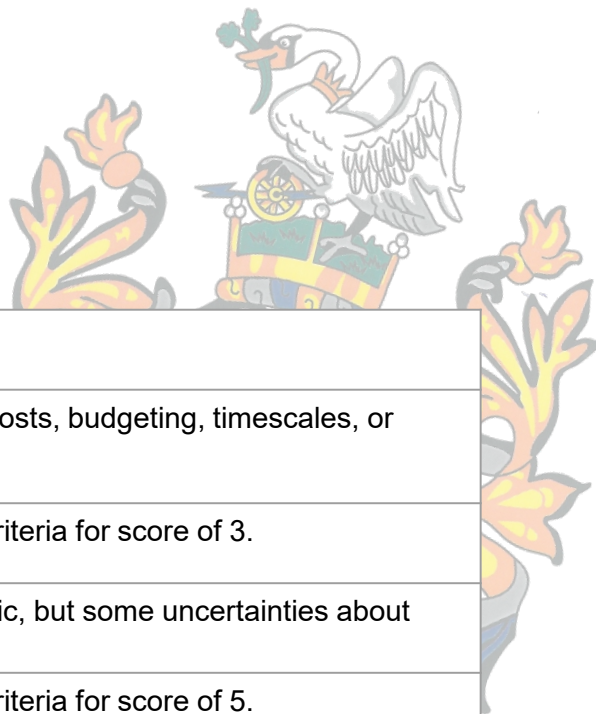
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Scoring criteria

Score	Innovation & creativity (10%)
1 – Poor	No innovation or limited originality. The project repeats existing work, potentially with small new elements, but largely conventional or duplicative.
2	Exceeds criteria for a score of 1, but does not fully meet criteria for score of 3.
3 – Fair	Some innovative aspects; brings modest improvement on existing practice.
4	Exceeds criteria for a score of 3, but does not fully meet criteria for score of 5.
5 – Strong	Clearly innovative and creative. Significantly different from past efforts. Introduces new approaches, partnerships, or creative solutions to local issues. Can have strong potential to inspire or transform how things are done.

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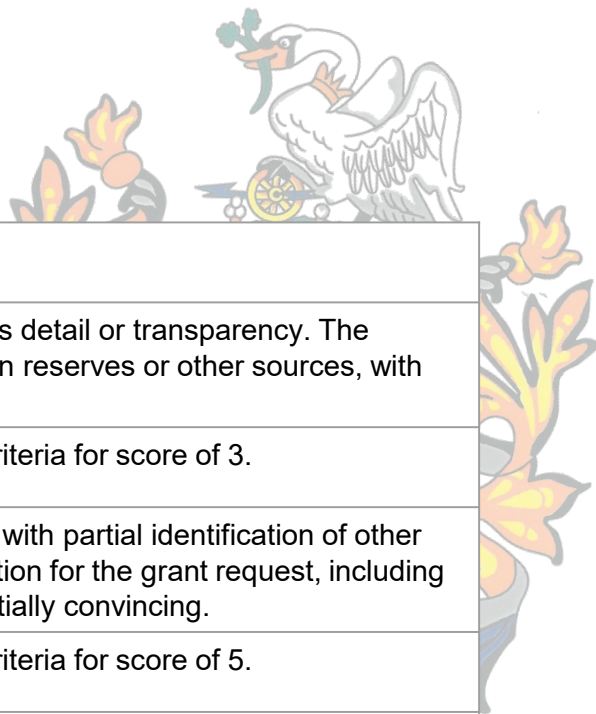


Score	Delivery (10%)
1 – Poor	Unclear, unrealistic or basic plan with significant gaps in costs, budgeting, timescales, or delivery capacity.
2	Exceeds criteria for a score of 1, but does not fully meet criteria for score of 3.
3 – Fair	Reasonably clear plan; timelines and costs broadly realistic, but some uncertainties about delivery capability
4	Exceeds criteria for a score of 3, but does not fully meet criteria for score of 5.
5 – Strong	Well-developed plan with clear timelines, realistic and transparent costs, and strong evidence of delivery capability.



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Scoring criteria



Score	Financial need (20%)
1 – Poor	Limited or unclear evidence of financial need. Budget lacks detail or transparency. The organisation should be able to fund the project from its own reserves or other sources, with little or no justification for seeking Town Council support.
2	Exceeds criteria for a score of 1, but does not fully meet criteria for score of 3.
3 – Fair	Some evidence of financial need. Budget is broadly clear, with partial identification of other funding sources. The organisation provides some justification for the grant request, including use of reserves, though this may lack detail or be only partially convincing.
4	Exceeds criteria for a score of 3, but does not fully meet criteria for score of 5.
5 – Strong	Clear and well-evidenced financial need. Detailed and transparent budget with realistic costs and identified funding sources. Demonstrates that Town Council support is necessary to deliver the project, with appropriate use of reserves or a strong justification where reserves or surplus exist.

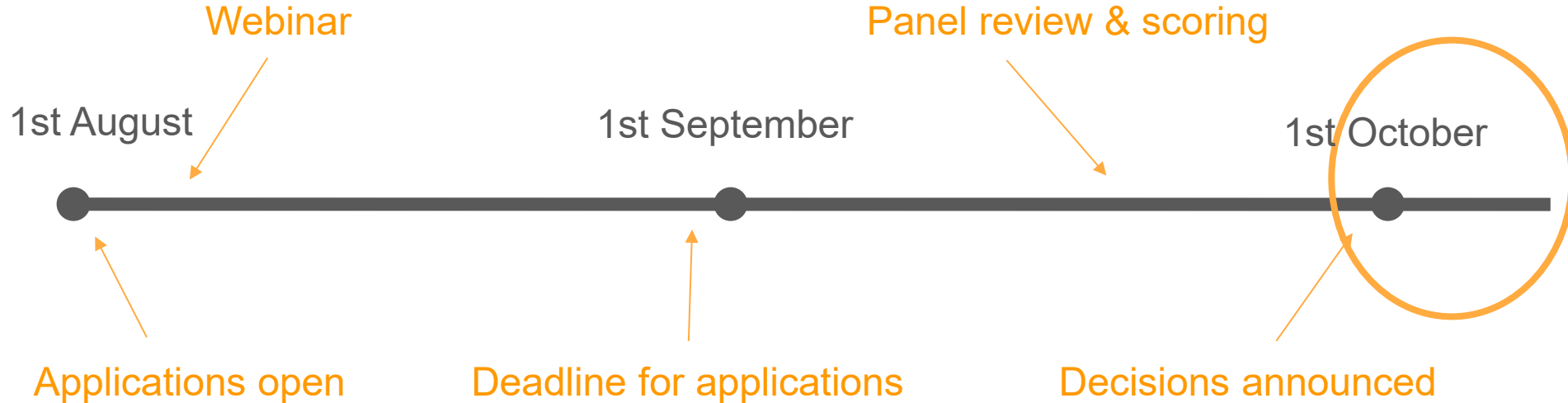
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Scoring & decisions

1. Resources Committee members will score individually (September)
2. Scores averaged per category across all members
3. Total weighted score calculated for each grant
4. Minimum score of 3 to be considered for grant
5. Applications ranked by descending score
6. Awards made up to budget available in that round, decided at Resources Committee on 29th September

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Decisions

- You will hear end of September/early October about the outcome of your application
- Grants are transferred in October
- Acknowledge support from Marlow Town Council in your communications
- Submit a short project report within 12 months of project completion (a template is on the website)



Questions?

Please type them in the Q&A or raise your hand to ask.