

**Current East Cambridgeshire District Council
Discretionary Business Rate Relief Criteria**

The maximum amount of Discretionary Business Rate Relief that can be awarded is £2,000.

All of the following criteria must apply for an application to be eligible:

No restrictive membership practices.
Evidence of support for disadvantaged groups where the applicant is a community organisation.
Facilities/services must demonstrate benefit to local people/redistribution of majority funding to local communities.
Bar provision in facilities should be an ancillary service.
Unrestricted reserves should not exceed £100,000
Average Annual surpluses (based on the two most recent sets of accounts) should not exceed £26,000.

One of the following criteria must also apply for the application to be eligible:

The applicant is a local Charity or Trust <i>not</i> a Housing Association; social club, a national, regional or county charity. Their premises <i>must not</i> be predominately used for administration purposes or provide a primary function of education/meeting facilities, car parking, a shop or catering outlet.
The applicant is a Scout, Guide or Youth Group.
The applicant is a Local Community Support Service (for example a Local Citizens Advice Bureau or a Community Voluntary Service (CVS)).
The applicant is a village Hall, Community or Cultural Centre, Museum, Sports Association or Leisure Centre (not registered charities but meet the charitable purpose criteria as set out in the 2006 Charities Act).
The applicant is a village shop, petrol station, public house or post office that has a rateable value of £16,500 or less, that is within the boundaries of a rural settlement of less than 3,000, that is used for the purposes that are of benefit to the local community and is the last essential service in the settlement.