

Report

Report to:	Hamilton Area Committee
Date of Meeting:	4 November 2020
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Community Grant Applications
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ request approval for the allocation of community grants to 3 community groups in the Hamilton area from the 2020/2021 community grant budget

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

(1) that community grants be awarded as follows:-

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| (a) | Applicant: | John Smith Court Gentleman's Club, Hamilton
(HA/15/20) |
| | Amount Requested: | £500 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment |
| | Amount Awarded: | £350 |
| (b) | Applicant: | 1 st Larkhall Boys Brigade (HA/16/20) |
| | Amount Requested: | £350 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment and materials |
| | Amount Awarded: | £350 |
| (c) | Applicant: | 1 st Larkhall Girls Brigade (HA/17/20) |
| | Amount Requested: | £600 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Materials, administration and publicity costs |
| | Amount Awarded: | £350 |

3. Background

3.1. The Council operates a community grants scheme to support local constituted community groups and voluntary organisations. All applications require to be supported by a constitution, audited accounts or annual income and expenditure accounts, a bank statement and confirmation that the group/organisation will adhere to the conditions of the grant award. Applications are invited continually throughout the year.

3.2. The main aims of the community grants scheme are to:-

- ◆ fund activities and projects which bring community benefit
- ◆ involve people in the community by bringing them together to enjoy educational, recreational, leisure and other community activities or to improve the local environment

3.3. Support can be provided for a range of activities including, administration and publicity costs, purchase of equipment and materials, annual outings and entrance fees, start-up costs and special events.

3.4. In respect of those applications received for the purpose of outings and for special events to take place over the forthcoming months, due to the current uncertainty in relation to COVID-19, it is proposed that those applications be approved, in principle. This will provide organisations with the flexibility to reschedule outings and events to a later date, if possible. Groups will be asked to inform the Council of their intentions in this regard. Should an organisation be unable to use the grant award for the planned purpose, the grant funds will require to be returned. As per normal procedure, receipts for all spend must be provided.

4. Employee Implications

4.1. None.

5. Financial Implications

5.1. The current position of the community grant allocation for the Hamilton Area Committee in 2020/2021 is as follows:-

Total allocation for Community Grants	£25,750
Grants previously allocated	£4,350
*Funding allocated to the COVID-19 response effort	£5,000
Community grants allocated in this report	£1,050
Remaining balance	£15,350

* As reported to this Committee on 26 August 2020

6. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

6.1. There are no significant implications in terms of climate change, sustainability or environmental issues.

7. Other Implications

7.1. The risk to the Council is that grant funding is not utilised for the purpose of which it was intended. This risk is mitigated by internal controls including audit procedures and conditions of grant agreement.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

8.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and therefore no impact assessment is required.

8.2. All the necessary consultation with the community groups has taken place.

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19 October 2020

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent. Work with communities and partners to promote high quality, thriving and sustainable communities.

Previous References

- ◆ Hamilton Area Committee – 26 August 2020

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Individual applications forms

Contact for Further Information

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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