

# Report

Report to:	<b>Clydesdale Area Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>7 September 2021</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Community Grant Applications</b>
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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 5 community group in the Clydesdale Area Committee area from the 2021/2022 community grant budget

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

(1) that a community grant be awarded as follows:-

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| (a) | Applicant:        | Friends of Volunteering In Clydesdale, Lanark (CL/3/21)  |
|     | Amount Requested: | £250   |
|     | Purpose of Grant: | Outing and entrance fees                                 |
|     | Amount Awarded:   | £250   |
| (b) | Applicant:        | Biggar and District U3A (CL/4/21)                        |
|     | Amount Requested: | £400   |
|     | Purpose of Grant: | Outing   |
|     | Amount Awarded:   | £200   |
| (c) | Applicant:        | ISKCON (Scotland) Limited, Lesmahagow (CL/5/21)          |
|     | Amount Requested: | £990   |
|     | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment, materials, administration and publicity costs |
|     | Amount Awarded:   | £600   |
| (d) | Applicant:        | Lanark Amateur Musical Society (CL/6/21)                 |
|     | Amount Requested: | £1,000   |
|     | Purpose of Grant: | Entrance fees  |
|     | Amount Awarded:   | £250   |
| (e) | Applicant:        | Forth Friendship Group (CL/7/21)                         |
|     | Amount Requested: | £850   |
|     | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment and materials                                  |
|     | Amount Awarded:   | £510   |

### **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.

### **4. Employee Implications**

- 4.1. None.

### **5. Financial Implications**

- 5.1. As previously reported, the 2020/2021 year-end report considered by the Executive Committee on 23 June 2021, included a recommendation to carry forward the unspent monies from the 2020/2021 community grants budget. This recommendation was approved and, in relation to this Area Committee, the unspent monies in 2020/2021 amounted to £10,090, giving a revised total allocation for community grants of £35,840 (£25,750 plus £10,090).
- 5.2. The current position of the community grants for Clydesdale Area Committee area in 2021/2022 is as follows:-

Total allocation for Community Grants	£35,840
Grants previously allocated	£860
Community grants allocated in this report	£1,180
Remaining balance	£33,800

### **6. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

- 6.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.

### **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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23 August 2021

**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**

- ◆ Clydesdale Area Committee, 8 June 2021

**List of Background Papers**

- ◆ Individual application forms

**Contact for Further Information**

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

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