

Report

Report to:	Clydesdale Area Committee
Date of Meeting:	7 June 2023
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 9 community grants from the Clydesdale Area Committee 2023/2024 community grant budget
- ◆ advise on community grants applications meeting the relevant criteria approved by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, in the period from the last Area Committee on 22 March 2023 to the end of the financial year on 31 March 2023

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: | Carmichael Babies and Toddlers
(CL/1/23) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Entrance fees |
| | Identified Community Benefits: | Our children and young people thrive |
| | Estimated Cost: | £575 |
| | Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £575 |
| | Recommendation: | £350 |
| | Amount Awarded: | To be determined by the Committee |
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| (b) | Applicant: | Kirkfieldbank Homing and Sporting Club
(CL/2/23) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment, administration and publicity costs |
| | Identified Community Benefits: | Caring, connected, sustainable communities |
| | Estimated Cost: | £290 |
| | Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £290 |
| | Recommendation: | £290 |
| | Amount Awarded: | To be determined by the Committee |

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| (c) | Applicant: | Elsrickle WRI (CL/3/23) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| | Identified Community Benefits: | Caring, connected, sustainable communities |
| | Estimated Cost: | £540 |
| | Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £300 |
| | Recommendation: | £300 |
| | Amount Awarded: | To be determined by the Committee |
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| (d) | Applicant: | Law Parish Church Guild (CL/4/23) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| | Identified Community Benefits: | Caring, connected, sustainable communities |
| | Estimated Cost: | £300 |
| | Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £300 |
| | Recommendation: | £300 |
| | Amount Awarded: | To be determined by the Committee |
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| (e) | Applicant: | Coalburn Brass Band Family (CL/5/23) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| | Identified Community Benefits: | Inspiring learners, transforming learning, strengthening partnerships |
| | Estimated Cost: | £2,250 |
| | Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £1,000 |
| | Recommendation: | £600 |
| | Amount Awarded: | To be determined by the Committee |
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| (f) | Applicant: | Lanark Agricultural Discussion Society (CL/7/23) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| | Identified Community Benefits: | Caring, connected, sustainable communities |
| | Estimated Cost: | £450 |
| | Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £300 |
| | Recommendation: | £300 |
| | Amount Awarded: | To be determined by the Committee |
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| (g) | Applicant: | Lesmahagow Highland Games Society (CL/8/23) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment |
| | Identified Community Benefits: | Caring, connected, sustainable communities |
| | Estimated Cost: | £1,099 |
| | Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £1,000 |
| | Recommendation: | £600 |
| | Amount Awarded: | To be determined by the Committee |

(h)	Applicant:	Carstairs Senior Citizens Association (CL/9/23)
	Purpose of Grant:	Outing and materials
	Identified Community Benefits:	Caring, connected, sustainable communities
	Estimated Cost:	£455
	Total Eligible Grant Applied for:	£455
	Recommendation:	£395
	Amount Awarded:	To be determined by the Committee
(i)	Applicant:	Biggar and District Community Heritage, Biggar (CL/10/23)
	Purpose of Grant:	Equipment, environmental project, administration and publicity costs
	Identified Community Benefits:	Caring, connected, sustainable communities
	Estimated Cost:	£500
	Total Eligible Grant Applied for:	£500
	Recommendation:	£400
	Amount Awarded:	To be determined by the Committee

- (2) that the action taken by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, to approve the award of community grants in the period from the last Area Committee to the end of the financial year 2022/2023 to the groups detailed in Appendix 1, be noted.

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. Applications Approved Under Delegated Authority

- 5.1. At its meeting held on 22 March 2023, the Area Committee authorised the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, to approve any further community grant applications in the period from 23 March to 31 March 2023. This was subject to applications meeting the Council's criteria for receipt of funding. It was also agreed that a report on any awards made would be submitted to the next meeting of the Area Committee for noting.
- 5.2. In line with the decision taken at the previous meeting of the Committee, 4 applications, as detailed in Appendix 1, for £1,940 were approved by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, during the period 23 March to 31 March 2023.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. The current position of the community grants for the Clydesdale Area Committee area in 2023/2024 is as follows:-

Total allocation for Community Grants	£25,750
Community grants allocated in this report	£ 3,535
Remaining balance	*£22,215

*see paragraph 6.2 below

- 6.2. On the basis the playscheme grant detailed in a separate report on this agenda amounting to £550 is approved, the remaining balance throughout the year is £21,665.

7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

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

8. Other Implications

- 8.1. 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.

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 9.1. 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.
- 9.2. All the necessary consultation with the community groups has taken place.

Paul Manning

Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

22 May 2023

Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes

- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent
- ◆ We will work towards a sustainable future in sustainable places
- ◆ Caring, connected, sustainable communities

Previous References

- ◆ Clydesdale Area Committee – 22 March 2023
- ◆ Executive Committee – 30 November 2022
- ◆ South Lanarkshire Council – 28 September 2022

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Individual application forms

Contact for Further Information

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Community grants approved by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) in consultation with the Chair, in the period from 23 March to 31 March 2023

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| (a) | Applicant: | Friends of Volunteering in Clydesdale, Lanark
(CL/32/22) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing and entrance fees |
| | Amount Awarded: | £350 |
| (b) | Applicant: | Hawksland Scottish Women's Institute,
Lesmahagow (CL/45/22) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing and entrance fees |
| | Amount Awarded: | £350 |
| (c) | Applicant: | Come Paint With Us, Blackwood (CL/46/22) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing and materials |
| | Amount Awarded: | £440 |
| (d) | Applicant: | Hear For You, Lanark (CL/47/22) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Administration and publicity costs |
| | Amount Awarded: | £800 |