

Report

Report to:	Hamilton Area Committee
Date of Meeting:	14 February 2018
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 12 groups in the Hamilton area from the 2017/2018 community grant budget
- ◆ request authorisation for the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, to approve further community grants applications meeting the relevant criteria in the period to 31 March 2018 from the 2017/2018 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: | The TACT Sewing Group, Blantyre (<i>HA/83/17</i>) |
| | Amount Requested: | £350 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment and materials |
| | Amount Awarded: | £250 |
| (b) | Applicant: | South Lanarkshire Self-Directed Support Network, Hamilton (<i>HA/84/17</i>) |
| | Amount Requested: | £677 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment |
| | Amount Awarded: | £350 |
| (c) | Applicant: | 78 th Lanarkshire (3 rd Blantyre) Scout Group (<i>HA/87/17</i>) |
| | Amount Requested: | £410 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Entrance fees and materials |
| | Amount Awarded: | £300 |
| (d) | Applicant: | St Machan's Guild, Larkhall (<i>HA/88/17</i>) |
| | Amount Requested: | £200 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| | Amount Awarded: | £200 |

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| (e) | Applicant: | Hillhouse Community Council, Hamilton <i>(HA/90/17)</i> |
| | Amount Requested: | £250 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Materials |
| | Amount Awarded: | £200 |
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| (f) | Applicant: | Sharp and Gentles Fly Tying and Fishing Club, Hamilton <i>(HA/91/17)</i> |
| | Amount Requested: | £500 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment and outing |
| | Amount Awarded: | £300 |
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| (g) | Applicant | Inter Cultural Milan Club, Hamilton <i>(HA/92/17)</i> |
| | Amount Requested: | £400 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| | Amount Awarded: | £200 |
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| (h) | Applicant: | Eddlewood Bowling Club Ladies Section, Hamilton <i>(HA/93/17)</i> |
| | Amount Requested: | £200 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| | Amount Awarded: | £200 |
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| (i) | Applicant: | Hamilton South Church Craft Class <i>(HA/95/17)</i> |
| | Amount Requested: | £350 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing and materials |
| | Amount Awarded: | £250 |
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| (j) | Applicant: | Handmades, Hamilton <i>(HA/96/17)</i> |
| | Amount Requested: | £250 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing and entrance fees |
| | Amount Awarded: | £250 |
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| (k) | Applicant: | Livingstone Memorial Church Guild, Blantyre <i>(HA/97/17)</i> |
| | Amount Requested: | £300 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| | Amount Awarded: | £200 |
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| (l) | Applicant: | Lanarkshire Ethnic Minority Action Group, Blantyre <i>(HA/98/17)</i> |
| | Amount Requested: | £800 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing and entrance fees |
| | Amount Awarded: | £250 |

- (2) request authorisation for the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, to approve any further community grant applications meeting the relevant criteria in the period to 31 March 2018 from the 2017/2018 budget

3. Background

- 3.1. The Council operates a community grants scheme to support local constituted community groups and voluntary organisations. Applications are invited throughout the financial year.

- 3.2 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.

4. Employee Implications

- 4.1. None.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. The current position of the community grant allocation for the Hamilton Area in 2017/2018 is as follows:-

Total allocation for Community Grants	£25,000
Grants previously allocated	£18,965
Community Grants recommended in this report	£2,950
Remaining balance	£3,085

- 5.2 In view of the fact that this is the last meeting of the Committee in the current financial year and to allow any further applications submitted prior to the end of the current financial year to be considered, it is proposed that the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, be authorised to approve any further community grant applications meeting the relevant criteria in the period to 31 March 2018. Information on those grants awarded would be reported to a future meeting.

6. Other Implications

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

- 6.2. There are no apparent implications in terms of sustainable development.

7. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 7.1. 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.
- 7.2. All the necessary consultation with the community groups has taken place.

Paul Manning

Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

31 January 2018

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

- ♦ None

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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