

Report

Report to:	Hamilton Area Committee
Date of Meeting:	11 March 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 16 groups in the Hamilton area from the 2019/2020 community grant budget
- ◆ request authorisation for the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, to approve further community grant applications meeting the relevant criteria in the period to 31 March 2020 from the 2019/2020 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 Lanarkshire Festival of Male Voice Choirs, Hamilton (HA/75/19) |
| Amount Requested: | £400 |
| Purpose of Grant: | Administration and publicity costs |
| Amount Awarded: | £300 |
| (b) Applicant: | Blantyre Old Parish Senior Leisure Group (HA/76/19) |
| Amount Requested: | £200 |
| Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| Amount Awarded: | £200 |
| (c) Applicant: | Uddingston District Churches United Men's Fellowship (HA/78/19) |
| Amount Requested: | £250 |
| Purpose of Grant: | Outing and entrance fees |
| Amount Awarded: | £250 |
| (d) Applicant: | Bothwell Horticultural Society (HA/79/19) |
| Amount Requested: | £900 |
| Purpose of Grant: | Printing costs and equipment |
| Amount Awarded: | £500 |

- (e) Applicant: The Monday Club (Hamilton Old Parish Church) *(HA/80/19)*
Amount Requested: £240
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (f) Applicant: Handmades, Hamilton *(HA/81/19)*
Amount Requested: £350
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees
Amount Awarded: £250
- (g) Applicant: St Machan's Church Friendship Circle, Larkhall *(HA/82/19)*
Amount Requested: £140
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £140
- (h) Applicant: St Machan's Church Guild, Larkhall *(HA/83/19)*
Amount Requested: £250
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (i) Applicant: South Lanarkshire Self-Directed Support Network, Hamilton *(HA/84/19)*
Amount Requested: £500
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £350
- (j) Applicant: Hamilton West 2002 Club *(HA/85/19)*
Amount Requested: £200
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (k) Applicant: The Art Room, Hamilton *(HA/86/19)*
Amount Requested: £300
Purpose of Grant: Outing and materials
Amount Awarded: £300
- (l) Applicant: Cadzow Community Corps, Hamilton *(HA/87/19)*
Amount Requested: £244
Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs
Amount Awarded: £240
- (m) Applicant: Burnbank Hamilton Bowling Club (Ladies' Section) *(HA/88/19)*
Amount Requested: £200
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200
- (n) Applicant: Hamilton and District Men's Shed *(HA/89/19)*
Amount Requested: £250
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £250

(o) Applicant: Hamilton South Church Craft Class (HA/91/19)
Amount Requested: £200
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200

(p) Applicant: Musical Memories, Hamilton (HA/93/19)
Amount Requested: £250
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200

- (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 2020 from the 2019/2020 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 2019/2020 is as follows:-

Total allocation for Community Grants	£25,750
Grants previously allocated	£18,910
Community Grants recommended in this report	£3,980
Remaining balance	£2,860

- 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 and further community grant applications meeting the relevant criteria in the period to 31 March 2020. Information on those grants awarded would be reported to a future meeting.

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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Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

24 February 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, 18 December 2019

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Individual application forms

Contact for Further Information

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