

Report

Report to:	Clydesdale Area Committee
Date of Meeting:	22 March 2023
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Community Grant Applications/Warm Welcome Initiative
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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 8 community groups in the Clydesdale Area Committee area from the 2022/2023 community grant budget
- ◆ advise of grants awarded to community and voluntary groups/organisations in the Clydesdale Area Committee area in response to the Warm Welcome Initiative
- ◆ 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 2023 from the 2022/2023 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: | Lanark Community Development Trust,
Lanark (CL/37/22) |
| Purpose of Grant: | Equipment |
| Identified Community Benefits: | Caring, connected, sustainable communities |
| Estimated Cost: | £2,000 |
| Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £1,000 |
| Recommendation: | £800 |
| Amount Awarded: | To be determined by the Committee |
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| (b) Applicant: | Lesmahagow Community Fairies,
Lesmahagow (CL/38/22) |
| Purpose of Grant: | Equipment |
| Identified Community Benefits: | Caring, connected, sustainable communities |
| Estimated Cost: | £2,000 |
| Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £1,000 |
| Recommendation: | £800 |
| Amount Awarded: | To be determined by the Committee |

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| (c) | Applicant: | Lesmahagow Farmers' Society,
Lesmahagow (CL/39/22) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Administration and publicity costs |
| | Identified Community Benefits: | Caring, connected, sustainable communities |
| | Estimated Cost: | £1,095 |
| | Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £1,000 |
| | Recommendation: | £800 |
| | Amount Awarded: | To be determined by the Committee |
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| (d) | Applicant: | Waterside WRI, Lesmahagow
(CL/40/22) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing and entrance fees |
| | Identified Community Benefits: | Caring, connected, sustainable communities |
| | Estimated Cost: | £543 |
| | Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £543 |
| | Recommendation: | £350 |
| | Amount Awarded: | To be determined by the Committee |
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| (e) | Applicant: | Carluke and District Young Farmers'
Club, Carluke (CL/41/22) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Materials, administration and publicity costs |
| | Identified Community Benefits: | Caring, connected, sustainable communities |
| | Estimated Cost: | £5,000 |
| | Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £1,000 |
| | Recommendation: | £800 |
| | Amount Awarded: | To be determined by the Committee |
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| (f) | Applicant: | Lanark Amateur Musical Society,
Lanark (CL/42/22) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Administration and publicity costs |
| | Identified Community Benefits: | Caring, connected, sustainable communities |
| | Estimated Cost: | £1,000 |
| | Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £1,000 |
| | Recommendation: | £800 |
| | Amount Awarded: | To be determined by the Committee |
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| (g) | Applicant: | Lanark Community First Responders,
Lanark (CL/43/22) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Start-up costs - Equipment |
| | Identified Community Benefits: | People live the healthiest lives possible |
| | Estimated Cost: | £2,099 |
| | Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £1,000 |
| | Recommendation: | £300 |
| | Amount Awarded: | To be determined by the Committee |

(h) Applicant:	Lanark Tennis Club, Lanark, (CL/44/22)
Purpose of Grant:	Equipment
Identified Community Benefits:	People live the healthiest lives possible
Estimated Cost:	£735
Total Eligible Grant Applied for:	£735
Recommendation:	£300
Amount Awarded:	To be determined by the Committee

- (2) that the award of 2 grants, totalling £1,650, to the following community and voluntary groups/organisations in the Clydesdale Area in response to the Warm Welcome Initiative be noted:-

(a) Applicant:	Crawford and Elvanfoot Community Council
Amount Applied for:	£650
Amount Awarded:	£650

(b) Applicant:	Leadhills Primary School
Amount Applied for:	£1,000
Amount Awarded:	£1,000

- (3) 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 2023 from the 2022/2023 budget.

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. At the meeting of the full Council on 28 September 2022, it was agreed that the Chief Executive would bring forward a package of cost of living supports for agreement, in consultation with the Group Leaders, and endorsed by the Executive Committee at its meeting on 30 November 2022. This package included support for a Warm Welcome Initiative.

- 3.5. Working in conjunction with South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture and community and voluntary groups and organisations, the Warm Welcome Initiative is a network of warm spaces in community settings and public buildings where members of the public are welcomed and can participate in activities and access advice and support. To support the Initiative, a small grants scheme was created offering grants to a maximum of £1,000 to cover extra costs incurred by offering a Warm Welcome. A total of £40,000 was identified for the Initiative and the monies were apportioned equally between the 4 Area Committees.
- 3.6. As funds were required immediately to assist in the response effort, it was agreed that applications would be considered by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the relevant Area Committee Chair (or Depute) and submitted to the Area Committee for noting.
- 3.7. In terms of the community grants scheme, community groups would normally only be permitted to submit one application in each financial year, however, community groups that applied for funding to assist in the Warm Welcome Initiative are entitled to apply for a grant for another purpose under the scheme in the same financial year.
- 3.8. 2 grants were awarded to community and voluntary groups/organisations in the Clydesdale Area, totalling £1,650. With the agreement of the Leader of the Council the £1,650 would be taken from unspent Warm Welcome monies.

4. Employee Implications

- 4.1. None.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. The current position of the community grants for the Clydesdale Area Committee area in 2022/2023 is as follows:-

Total allocation for Community Grants	£25,750
Grants previously allocated	£14,097
Warm Welcome Initiative grants (exceeding £10,000 allocated as agreed at Committee on 25 January 2023)	£ 1,650
Community grants allocated in this report	£ 4,950
Remaining balance	£ 5,053

- 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 2023. Information on those grants awarded would be reported to a future meeting.

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.

Paul Manning
Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

6 March 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 – 25 January 2022
- ◆ 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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