

Report

Report to:	Clydesdale Area Committee
Date of Meeting:	14 February 2024
Report by:	Chief Executive

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 6 community grants from the Clydesdale Area Committee 2023/2024 community grant budget
- ◆ request authorisation for the Chief Executive or 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 2024 from the 2023/2024 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) | <p>Applicant: Forth and District Development Trust, Lanark (CL/29/23)</p> <p>Purpose of Grant: Administration and publicity costs</p> <p>Identified Community Benefits: Caring, connected, sustainable communities</p> <p>Estimated Cost: £800</p> <p>Total Eligible Grant Applied for: £800</p> <p>Recommendation: £480 (60% of £800)</p> <p>Amount Awarded: To be determined by the Committee</p> |
| (b) | <p>Applicant: Clydesdale Netball Club, Lanark (CL/31/23)</p> <p>Purpose of Grant: Equipment</p> <p>Identified Community Benefits: People live the healthiest lives possible</p> <p>Estimated Cost: £1,115</p> <p>Total Eligible Grant Applied for: £1,000</p> <p>Recommendation: £300 (£300 maximum for sporting organisation)</p> <p>Amount Awarded: To be determined by the Committee</p> |

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| (c) | <p>Applicant: Biggar Area Climate Care, Biggar (CL/32/23)</p> <p>Purpose of Grant: Materials, administration and publicity costs</p> <p>Identified Community Benefits: Caring, connected, sustainable communities</p> <p>Estimated Cost: £500</p> <p>Total Eligible Grant Applied for: £500</p> <p>Recommendation: £300 (60% of £500)</p> <p>Amount Awarded: To be determined by the Committee</p> |
| (d) | <p>Applicant: Kilninzie Club, Lanark (CL/33/23)</p> <p>Purpose of Grant: Equipment</p> <p>Identified Community Benefits: Caring, connected, sustainable communities</p> <p>Estimated Cost: £450</p> <p>Total Eligible Grant Applied for: £450</p> <p>Recommendation: £270 (60% of £450)</p> <p>Amount Awarded: To be determined by the Committee</p> |
| (e) | <p>Applicant: Lanark, Biggar and Peebles Foal Show Society, Lesmahagow (CL/35/23)</p> <p>Purpose of Grant: Administration and publicity costs</p> <p>Identified Community Benefits: Caring, connected, sustainable communities</p> <p>Estimated Cost: £378</p> <p>Total Eligible Grant Applied for: £378</p> <p>Recommendation: £230 (60% of £378 rounded up to nearest £5)</p> <p>Amount Awarded: To be determined by the Committee</p> |
| (f) | <p>Applicant: 449 Squadron RAF Air Cadets, Lanark (CL/36/23)</p> <p>Purpose of Grant: Equipment</p> <p>Identified Community Benefits: Inspiring learners, transforming learning, strengthening partnerships</p> <p>Estimated Cost: £1,500</p> <p>Total Eligible Grant Applied for: £1,000</p> <p>Recommendation: £350 (maximum for uniformed organisation)</p> <p>Amount Awarded: To be determined by the Committee</p> |

- (2) that the Chief Executive or 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 2024 from the 2023/2024 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.

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 2023/2024 is as follows:-

Total allocation for Community Grants	£25,750
Grants previously allocated	£ 9,450
Community grants allocated in this report	£ 1,930
Remaining balance	£14,370

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 Chief Executive or 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 2024. 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 for 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
Chief Executive

29 January 2024

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 – 15 November 2023

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Individual application form

Contact for Further Information

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

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