

Report

Report to:	Hamilton Area Committee
Date of Meeting:	9 November 2022
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 6 community groups in the Hamilton Area Committee area from the 2022/2023 community grant 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: | Larkhall Avondale Amateur Swimming
(HA/18/22) |
| Purpose of Grant: | Equipment |
| Identified Community Benefits: | People live the healthiest lives possible |
| Estimated Cost: | £1,000 |
| Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £1,000 |
| Recommendation: | £600 |
| Amount Awarded: | To be determined by the Committee |
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| (b) Applicant: | 78 th Lanarkshire (3 rd Blantyre) Scout
Group (HA/21/22) |
| Purpose of Grant: | Entrance fees |
| Identified Community Benefits: | Will work to put people first and reduce
inequality |
| Estimated Cost: | £450 |
| Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £450 |
| Recommendation: | £350 |
| Amount Awarded: | To be determined by the Committee |
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| (c) Applicant: | Hamilton Ramblers Club (HA/23/22) |
| Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| Identified Community Benefits: | People live the healthiest lives possible |
| Estimated Cost: | £400 |
| Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £400 |
| Recommendation: | £300 |
| Amount Awarded: | To be determined by the Committee |

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| (d) | Applicant: | Bothwell Futures (<i>HA/24/22</i>) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Equipment, administration and publicity costs |
| | Identified Community Benefits: | Focused on people and their needs |
| | Estimated Cost: | £760 |
| | Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £760 |
| | Recommendation: | £456 |
| | Amount Awarded: | To be determined by the Committee |
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| (e) | Applicant: | Blantyre Bonnie Tots (<i>HA/25/22</i>) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Start-up costs - Equipment |
| | Identified Community Benefits: | Our children and young people thrive |
| | Estimated Cost: | £300 |
| | Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £300 |
| | Recommendation: | £300 |
| | Amount Awarded: | To be determined by the Committee |
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| (f) | Applicant: | 1 st Larkhall Girls' Brigade (<i>HA/26/22</i>) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing, administration and publicity costs |
| | Identified Community Benefits: | Our children and young people thrive |
| | Estimated Cost: | £550 |
| | Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £550 |
| | Recommendation: | £350 |
| | Amount Awarded: | To be determined by the Committee |

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 Hamilton Area Committee area in 2022/2023 is as follows:-

Total allocation for Community Grants	£25,750
Grants previously allocated	£6,618

Community grants allocated in this report
Remaining balance

£2,356
£16,776

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.

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20 October 2022

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

- ◆ Hamilton Area Committee – 31 August 2022

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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