

Report

Report to:	Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee
Date of Meeting:	15 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 11 community grants from the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee 2022/2023 community grant budget
- ◆ advise of grants awarded to community and voluntary groups/organisations in the Cambuslang and Rutherglen 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 a community grant be awarded as follows:-

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| (a) | <p>Applicant: Glencairn 2006, Rutherglen
(CR/10/22)</p> <p>Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs - Equipment</p> <p>Identified Community Benefits: Our children and young people thrive</p> <p>Estimated Cost: £700</p> <p>Total Eligible Grant Applied for: £700</p> <p>Recommendation: £700</p> <p>Amount Awarded: To be determined by the Committee</p> |
| (b) | <p>Applicant: Cambuslang Bowling Club (CR/11/22)</p> <p>Purpose of Grant: Outing</p> <p>Identified Community Benefits: People live the healthiest lives possible</p> <p>Estimated Cost: £320</p> <p>Total Eligible Grant Applied for: £320</p> <p>Recommendation: £320</p> <p>Amount Awarded: To be determined by the Committee</p> |

- (c) Applicant: Particip8 Overton, Cambuslang (CR/12/22)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment and administration costs
Identified Community Benefits: Focused on people and their needs
Estimated Cost: £1,000
Total Eligible Grant Applied for: £1,000
Recommendation: £1,000
Amount Awarded: To be determined by the Committee
- (d) Applicant: Burnside in Bloom (CR/13/22)
Purpose of Grant: Environmental project
Identified Community Benefits: People live the healthiest lives possible
Estimated Cost: £1,000
Total Eligible Grant Applied for: £1,000
Recommendation: £1,000
Amount Awarded: To be determined by the Committee
- (e) Applicant: 217th Gilbertfield Company Boys' Brigade, Cambuslang (CR/14/22)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment and entrance fees
Identified Community Benefits: Focused on people and their needs
Estimated Cost: £950
Total Eligible Grant Applied for: £950
Recommendation: £950
Amount Awarded: To be determined by the Committee
- (f) Applicant: Central Cambuslang Community Garden Group (CR/15/22)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment and materials
Identified Community Benefits: Focused on people and their needs
Estimated Cost: £350
Total Eligible Grant Applied for: £350
Recommendation: £350
Amount Awarded: To be determined by the Committee
- (g) Applicant: Cambuslang Out of School Care Project (CR/17/22)
Purpose of Grant: Equipment, publicity costs, outing and entrance fees
Identified Community Benefits: Our children and young people thrive
Estimated Cost: £1,000
Total Eligible Grant Applied for: £1,000
Recommendation: £1,000
Amount Awarded: To be determined by the Committee
- (h) Applicant: Burnside Autumn Club (CR/19/22)
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Identified Community Benefits: People live the healthiest lives possible
Estimated Cost: £300
Total Eligible Grant Applied for: £300
Recommendation: £300
Amount Awarded: To be determined by the Committee
- (i) Applicant: Camglen Buddies Leisure and Social Club, Cambuslang (CR/20/22)
Purpose of Grant: Specialist transport and entrance fees

Identified Community Benefits: Focused on people and their needs
Estimated Cost: £1,000
Total Eligible Grant Applied for: £1,000
Recommendation: £1,000
Amount Awarded: To be determined by the Committee

(j) Applicant: Rutherglen Division Girlguiding
(CR/21/22)
Purpose of Grant: Environmental project
Identified Community Benefits: Our children and young people thrive
Estimated Cost: £500
Total Eligible Grant Applied for: £500
Recommendation: £500
Amount Awarded: To be determined by the Committee

(k) Applicant: Fernhill Senior Citizens Men's Club
(CR/23/22)
Purpose of Grant: Outing and administration costs
Identified Community Benefits: We work to put people first and reduce inequality
Estimated Cost: £565
Total Eligible Grant Applied for: £565
Recommendation: £565
Amount Awarded: To be determined by the Committee

(2) that the award of 1 grant, totalling £575, to the following community and voluntary groups/organisations in the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area in response to the Warm Welcome Initiative be noted:-

(a) Applicant: Rutherglen United Reformed Church
Amount Applied for: £575
Amount Awarded: £575

(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 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. 1 grant was awarded to community and voluntary groups/organisations in the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area, totalling £575.

4. Employee Implications

- 4.1. None.

5. Financial Implications

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

Total allocation for Community Grants	£25,750
Grants previously allocated	£9,654
Community grant allocated in this report	£7,685
Remaining balance	£8,411

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

Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

27 February 2023

Link(s) to Council Vision/Priorities/Values

- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent.
- ◆ Focused on people and their needs

Previous References

- ◆ Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee – 14 December 2022
- ◆ Executive Committee – 30 November 2022
- ◆ South Lanarkshire Council – 28 September 2022

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Individual application form

Contact for Further Information

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