

Report

Report to:	Hamilton Area Committee
Date of Meeting:	29 November 2023
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Community Grant Applications
----------	-------------------------------------

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ request approval for the allocation of community grants to 5 community groups in the Hamilton Area Committee area from the 2023/2024 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:-

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| (a) Applicant: | St Cuthbert's Bowling Club, Hamilton
(HA/25/23) |
| Purpose of Grant: | Outing and entrance fees |
| Identified Community Benefits: | People live the healthiest lives possible |
| Estimated Cost: | £310 |
| Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £310 |
| Recommendation: | £300 |
| Amount Awarded: | To be determined by the Committee |
| | |
| (b) Applicant: | Hamilton Bowling Club Winter Section
(HA/26/23) |
| Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| Identified Community Benefits: | People live the healthiest lives possible |
| Estimated Cost: | £450 |
| Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £450 |
| Recommendation: | £300 |
| Amount Awarded: | To be determined by the Committee |
| | |
| (c) Applicant: | Larkhall Community Growers (HA/27/23) |
| Purpose of Grant: | Outing and entrance fees |
| Identified Community Benefits: | People live the healthiest lives possible |
| Estimated Cost: | £1,000 |
| Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £1,000 |
| Recommendation: | £350 |
| Amount Awarded: | To be determined by the Committee |

(d) Applicant:	Saffronhall Art Club, Hamilton (HA/29/23)
Purpose of Grant:	Outing and publicity costs
Identified Community Benefits:	People live the healthiest lives possible
Estimated Cost:	£600
Total Eligible Grant Applied for:	£350
Recommendation:	£350
Amount Awarded:	To be determined by the Committee
(e) Applicant:	Hamilton and District u3a (HA/30/23)
Purpose of Grant:	Equipment
Identified Community Benefits:	Please 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

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 for the Hamilton Area Committee area in 2023/2024 is as follows:-

Total allocation for Community Grants	£25,750
Grants previously allocated	£8,552
Community grants allocated in this report	£1,900
Remaining balance	£15,298

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)

13 November 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

- ◆ Hamilton Area Committee – 20 September 2023

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:-

Geraldine Wilkinson, Clerical Assistant

Ext: 4818 (Tel: 01698 454818)

E-mail: geraldine.wilkinson@southlanarkshire.gov.uk