

Report

Report to:	Hamilton Area Committee
Date of Meeting:	24 March 2021
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 3 community groups in the Hamilton Area Committee area from the 2020/2021 community grant budget
- ◆ 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 2021 from the 2020/2021 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: | Bothwell Fundraising Group (BFG) (HA/22/20) |
| | Amount Requested: | £350 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Start-up costs – Administration and publicity costs |
| | Amount Awarded: | £250 |
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| (b) | Applicant: | Logan Street Tenants and Residents Association, Blantyre (HA/23/20) |
| | Amount Requested: | £250 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Start-up costs – Equipment, administration and publicity costs |
| | Amount Awarded: | £250 |
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| (c) | Applicant: | Friends of Cadzow, Hamilton (HA/24/20) |
| | Amount Requested: | £225 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Materials |
| | Amount Awarded: | £225 |

(2) request authorisation for the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, to approve any further community grant applications meeting the relevant criteria in the period to 31 March 2021 from the 2020/2021 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. On 27 January 2021, the Area Committee noted that £4,802.95, from the £5,000 allocation from the Committee's community grants budget had been awarded to community groups engaged in supporting their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic, covering the period to 31 December 2020.

4. Employee Implications

- 4.1. None.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. The current position of the community grant and the COVID-19 response grant allocations for the Hamilton Area Committee area in 2020/2021 is as follows:-

Total allocation for Community Grants	£25,750
Community Grants previously allocated	£6,500
Funding allocated to the COVID-19 response effort	£4,802.95
Community grants allocated in this report	£725
Remaining balance	£13,722.05

- 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 2021. 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.

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Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

8 March 2021

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent. Work with communities and partners to promote high quality, thriving and sustainable communities

Previous References

- ◆ Hamilton Area Committee – 27 January 2021

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Individual application forms

Contact for Further Information

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