

Report

Report to:	Hamilton Area Committee
Date of Meeting:	27 May 2020
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 7 community groups in the Hamilton area from the 2020/2021 community grant budget
- ◆ advise on community grants approved by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, in the period from the last Area Committee on 11 March 2020 to the end of the financial year on 31 March 2020

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: | Trinity Church Woman's Group, Hamilton
(HA/1/20) |
| | Amount Requested: | £200 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| | Amount Awarded: | £200 |
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| (b) | Applicant: | Eddlewood Bowling Club Ladies' Section,
Hamilton (HA/2/20) |
| | Amount Requested: | £250 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| | Amount Awarded: | £200 |
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| (c) | Applicant: | Quarter Parish Church Friendship Group (HA/4/20) |
| | Amount Requested: | £500 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing and entrance fees |
| | Amount Awarded: | £250 |
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| (d) | Applicant: | Trinity Church Guild, Larkhall (HA/5/20) |
| | Amount Requested: | £450 |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing and entrance fees |
| | Amount Awarded: | £250 |

- (e) Applicant: Uddingston Pride (*HA/6/20*)
 Amount Requested: £1,000
 Purpose of Grant: Equipment
 Amount Awarded: £500
- (f) Applicant: St John's Friendly Hour, Hamilton (*HA/7/20*)
 Amount Requested: £200
 Purpose of Grant: Outing
 Amount Awarded: £200
- (g) Applicant: Earnock Residents' Association, Hamilton (*HA/8/20*)
 Amount Requested: £250
 Purpose of Grant: Administration and publicity costs
 Amount Awarded: £250

- (2) that the action taken by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, to approve the award of community grant in the period from the last Area Committee to the end of the financial year 2019/2020 to the groups detailed in Appendix 1, be noted.

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. In respect of those applications received for the purpose of outings and for special events to take place over the summer period, due to the current uncertainty in relation to COVID-19, it is proposed that those applications be approved, in principle. This will provide organisations with the flexibility to reschedule outings and events to a later date, if possible. Groups will be asked to inform the Council of their intentions in this regard. Should an organisation be unable to use the grant award for the planned purpose, the grant funds will require to be returned. As per normal procedure, receipts for all spend must be provided.

4. Applications Approved Under Delegated Authority

- 4.1. At its meeting held on 11 March 2020, the Area Committee authorised the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, to approve any further community grant applications in the period from 12 March 2020 to 31 March 2020. This was subject to the applications meeting the Council's criteria for receipt of funding. It was also agreed that a report on the awards made would be submitted to the next meeting of the Area Committee for noting.
- 4.2. In line with the decision taken at the previous meeting of the Committee, 4 applications, as detailed in Appendix 1, totalling £1,300 were approved by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair during the period 12 March to 31 March 2020.

5. Employee Implications

None.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. The current position of the community grant allocation for the Hamilton Area Committee in 2020/2021 is as follows:-

Total allocation for Community Grants	£25,750
Community grants recommended in this report	£1,850
Remaining balance	*£23,900

* see paragraph 6.2 below

- 6.2. On the basis that the playscheme grants detailed in a separate report on this agenda amounting to £1,800 are approved, the remaining balance for allocation throughout the year is £22,100.

7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 7.1. There are no significant implications in terms of climate change, sustainability or environmental issues.

8. Other Implications

- 8.1. 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.

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 9.1. 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.
- 9.2. All the necessary consultation with the community groups has taken place.

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Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

11 May 2020

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 – 11 March 2020

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Individual applications forms

Contact for Further Information

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Community grants approved by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) in consultation with the Chair, in the period from 12 March to 31 March 2020

- (a) Applicant: Sharp and Gentles Fly Tying and Fishing Club,
Hamilton (HA/77/19)
Amount Requested: £300
Purpose of Grant: Outing and equipment
Amount Awarded: £300
- (b) Applicant: Quarter in Bloom, Hamilton (HA/94/19)
Amount Requested: £500
Purpose of Grant: Environmental Project
Amount Awarded: £500
- (c) Applicant: SLC Radio, Hamilton (HA/95/19)
Amount Requested: £300
Purpose of Grant: Equipment
Amount Awarded: £300
- (d) Applicant: Hamilton South Townswomen's Guild (HA/96/19)
Amount Requested: £200
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200