

Report

Report to:	Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee
Date of Meeting:	24 April 2024
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Can Do Community Challenge Fund Applications
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ advise the Area Committee members Can Do Community Challenge Fund applications for 2023/2024
- ♦ provide details of the funding to approve across local community groups

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation:-

- (1) that the Can Do Community Challenge Fund application be awarded as set out in Appendix 1 of this report.

3. Background

- 3.1. The ['Can Do Community Fund'](#) is a one-year Investment fund from South Lanarkshire Council for local communities that do not have access to Participatory Budgeting (PB) funds. This funding aims to address specific needs, and targets projects identified through consultation and engagement with local communities. Monies are not available in areas where a Neighbourhood Plan and associated PB funding is in place.
- 3.2. Community organisations, including Community Councils, had the opportunity to apply for grants up to £10,000 to tackle identified issues within their areas, whether they require revenue, capital funding or a combination of both. The fund had a £200,000 limit for the whole of South Lanarkshire and was promoted during Community Meetings, online and in the South Lanarkshire View.
- 3.3. Scoring of applications was conducted by a panel within the Council's Community Engagement Team that assessed each application based on their impact on Connect Council Plan Community and Environment priorities https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/15715/connect_council_plan_2022-27_pdf. Amongst the other factors taken into consideration by scoring panel members were reach of activity and the depth of community engagement in project ideas.
- 3.4. To ensure Community organisations across all eligible localities had an equitable chance to complete the online application process, all applications were scored together after the close date of the fund on 31 January 2024.

4. Application Approval

- 4.1. Area Committee members are asked to approve the approved application in Appendix 1.
- 4.2. A range of methods are being used to capture feedback from successful applicants and declined organisations were provided alternative funding options and capacity building support from Neighbourhood Development Officers and other Community Engagement Team members.
- 4.2. Further information on the applications is available to members on request.

5. Employee Implications

- 5.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. The current position on Can Do Community Challenge Fund is as follows:-

Total funding available: £200,000.00

Expressions of interest: £316,721

Funding approved: £200,000

Value of declined applications: £47,784

Value of ineligible or withdrawn applications: £68,939

7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 7.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.

8. Other Implications

- 7.1. There are no risk issues associated with the content of this report.

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 9.1. There are no Equality Impact Assessment or Consultation implications associated with this is report.

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Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

15 April 2024

Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes

Values

- ◆ Focused on people and their needs
- ◆ Working with and respecting others
- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient, and transparent
- ◆ Ambitious, self-aware, and improving
- ◆ Fair, open and sustainable

Priorities

- ◆ We will work to put people first and reduce inequality
- ◆ We will work towards a sustainable future in sustainable places
- ◆ We will work to recover, progress, and improve

Outcomes

- ◆ Good quality, suitable and sustainable places to live
- ◆ Thriving business, fair jobs and vibrant town centres
- ◆ Caring, connected, sustainable communities
- ◆ People live the healthiest lives possible

Previous References

- ◆ None

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

Contact for Further Information

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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**Can Do Community Challenge Fund 2023-24
Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Awards**

EID No	Applicant	Amount requested	Purpose of Grant	Amount awarded
2205	Kirkhill Bowling Club	£9,486.68	Energy Efficiency measures to support Community usage	£9,486.68
			Total Cambuslang and Rutherglen Awards	£9,486.68

There were no eligible, unsuccessful applications for this area.