

# Report

Report to:	<b>Clydesdale Area Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>1 May 2024</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Community Grant Applications</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ request approval for the allocation of 5 community grants from the Clydesdale Area Committee 2024/2025 community grant budget
- ◆ advise on community grant applications meeting the relevant criteria approved by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair and Depute Chair, in the period from the last Area Committee on 14 February 2024 to the end of the financial year on 31 March 2024

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

(1) that a community grant be awarded as follows:-

(a) Applicant:	Kirkfieldbank Homing and Sporting Club, Lanark (CL/1/24)
Purpose of Grant:	Equipment, administration and publicity costs
Identified Community Benefits:	Caring, connected, sustainable communities
Estimated Cost:	£250
Total Eligible Grant Applied for:	£250
Recommendation:	£250
Amount Awarded:	To be determined by the Committee

(b) Applicant:	Carstairs Senior Citizens' Association (CL/2/24)
Purpose of Grant:	Outing, administration and publicity costs
Identified Community Benefits:	Caring, connected, sustainable communities
Estimated Cost:	£474
Total Eligible Grant Applied for:	£474
Recommendation:	£405
Amount Awarded:	To be determined by the Committee

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| (c) | Applicant:                        | Law Parish Church Guild ( <i>CL/3/24</i> ) |
|     | Purpose of Grant:                 | Outing                                     |
|     | Identified Community Benefits:    | Caring, connected, sustainable communities |
|     | Estimated Cost:                   | £300                                       |
|     | Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £300                                       |
|     | Recommendation:                   | £300                                       |
|     | Amount Awarded:                   | To be determined by the Committee          |
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| (d) | Applicant:                        | Lanark and District U3A ( <i>CL/6/24</i> ) |
|     | Purpose of Grant:                 | Outing                                     |
|     | Identified Community Benefits:    | Caring, connected, sustainable communities |
|     | Estimated Cost:                   | £1424                                      |
|     | Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £500                                       |
|     | Recommendation:                   | £300                                       |
|     | Amount Awarded:                   | To be determined by the Committee          |
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| (e) | Applicant:                        | Elsrickle WRI ( <i>CL/7/24</i> )           |
|     | Purpose of Grant:                 | Outing and entrance fees                   |
|     | Identified Community Benefits:    | Caring, connected, sustainable communities |
|     | Estimated Cost:                   | £1415                                      |
|     | Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £350                                       |
|     | Recommendation:                   | £350                                       |
|     | Amount Awarded:                   | To be determined by the Committee          |

(2) that the action taken by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair and Depute Chair, to approve the award of community grants in the period from the last Area Committee to the end of the financial year 2023/2024 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.

#### **4. Employee Implications**

4.1. None.

#### **5. Applications Approved Under Delegated Authority**

5.1. At its meeting held on 14 February 2024, 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 15 February to 31 March 2024. This was subject to applications meeting the Council's criteria for receipt of funding. It was also agreed that a report on any awards made would be submitted to the next meeting of the Area Committee for noting.

5.2. In line with the decision taken at the previous meeting of the Committee, 4 applications, as detailed in Appendix 1, for £1,480 were approved by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, during the period 15 February to 31 March 2024.

#### **6. Financial Implications**

6.1. The current position of the community grants for the Clydesdale Area Committee area in 2024/2025 is as follows:-

Total allocation for Community Grants	£25,750
Community grants allocated in this report	£ 1,605
Remaining balance	£24,145

#### **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**

8.1. 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.

#### **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.

**Jackie Taylor**

**Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)**

15 April 2024

#### **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**

- ◆ Clydesdale Area Committee – 14 February 2024

**List of Background Papers**

- ◆ Individual application form

**Contact for Further Information**

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

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**Community grants approved by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) in consultation with the Chair and Depute Chair (application a only), in the period from 15 February to 31 March 2024**

- (a) Applicant: Cargill House Club, Lanark (CL/37/23)  
Purpose of Grant: Equipment  
Amount Awarded: £480

*As the Chair had declared an interest in the above application, it was approved by the Depute Chair*

- (b) Applicant: Boghead Improvement Group, Lesmahagow (CL/38/23)  
Purpose of Grant: Start-up costs  
Amount Awarded: £300
- (c) Applicant: Forth and Wilsontown Bowling Club, Forth (CL/39/23)  
Purpose of Grant: Equipment, administration and publicity costs  
Amount Awarded: £350
- (d) Applicant: Hawksland Scottish Women's Institute, Lesmahagow (CL/40/23)  
Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees  
Amount Awarded: £350