

# Report

Report to: **Hamilton Area Committee**  
 Date of Meeting: **15 May 2024**  
 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 8 community groups in the Hamilton Area Committee area from the 2024/2025 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 28 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 community grants be awarded as follows:-

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| (a) Applicant:                    | Larkhall New Parish Church Guild Outings Fund (HA/1/24)    |
| Purpose of Grant:                 | Outing and entrance fees                                   |
| Identified Community Benefits:    | People live the healthiest lives possible                  |
| Estimated Cost:                   | £926   |
| Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £926   |
| Recommendation:                   | £350   |
| Amount Awarded:                   | To be determined by the Committee                          |
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| (b) Applicant:                    | Eddlewood Bowling Club Ladies' Section, Hamilton (HA/2/24) |
| Purpose of Grant:                 | Outing   |
| Identified Community Benefits:    | People live the healthiest lives possible                  |
| Estimated Cost:                   | £300   |
| Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £300   |
| Recommendation:                   | £300   |
| Amount Awarded:                   | To be determined by the Committee                          |
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| (c) Applicant:                    | The Art Room, Hamilton (HA/3/24)                           |
| Purpose of Grant:                 | Outing and materials                                       |
| Identified Community Benefits:    | Focused on people and their needs                          |
| Estimated Cost:                   | £400   |
| Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £400   |
| Recommendation:                   | £330   |
| Amount Awarded:                   | To be determined by the Committee                          |

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| (d) | Applicant:                        | SLC Radio, Hamilton ( <i>HA/4/24</i> )                       |
|     | Purpose of Grant:                 | Equipment  |
|     | Identified Community Benefits:    | Focused on people and their needs                            |
|     | Estimated Cost:                   | £500   |
|     | Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £500   |
|     | Recommendation:                   | £300   |
|     | Amount Awarded:                   | To be determined by the Committee                            |
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| (e) | Applicant:                        | Bothwell Horticultural Society ( <i>HA/5/24</i> )            |
|     | Purpose of Grant:                 | Materials, printing costs, outing and entrance fees          |
|     | Identified Community Benefits:    | We work to put people first and reduce inequality            |
|     | Estimated Cost:                   | £990   |
|     | Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £990   |
|     | Recommendation:                   | £710   |
|     | Amount Awarded:                   | To be determined by the Committee                            |
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| (f) | Applicant:                        | Earnock Residents' Association, Hamilton ( <i>HA/7/24</i> )  |
|     | Purpose of Grant:                 | 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                            |
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| (g) | Applicant:                        | Hamilton District Youth Theatre (HDYT) ( <i>HA/8/24</i> )    |
|     | Purpose of Grant:                 | Entrance fees  |
|     | Identified Community Benefits:    | Our children and young people thrive                         |
|     | Estimated Cost:                   | £1,000   |
|     | Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £1,000   |
|     | Recommendation:                   | £350   |
|     | Amount Awarded:                   | To be determined by the Committee                            |
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| (h) | Applicant:                        | Smile Children's Charity (SCIO), Larkhall ( <i>HA/9/24</i> ) |
|     | Purpose of Grant:                 | Start-up costs – Administration and publicity costs          |
|     | Identified Community Benefits:    | Focused on people and their needs                            |
|     | Estimated Cost:                   | £500   |
|     | Total Eligible Grant Applied for: | £500   |
|     | Recommendation:                   | £300   |
|     | Amount Awarded:                   | To be determined by the Committee                            |

(2) that the action taken by the Executive or the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the 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. Financial Implications**

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

Total allocation for Community Grants	£25,750
Community grants allocated in this report	£ 2,890
Remaining balance	*£22,860

\*see paragraph 5.2 below

- 5.2 On the basis that the playscheme grants detailed in a separate report on this agenda amounting to £880 is approved, the remaining balance for allocation throughout the year is £21,980.

### **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.

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

25 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**

- ◆ Hamilton Area Committee – 28 February 2024

**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:-

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**Community grants approved by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) in consultation with the Chair, in the period from 29 February to 31 March 2024**

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| (a) | <p>Applicant: Muiredge Primary School Parent Council (HA/39/23)</p> <p>Purpose of Grant: Equipment</p> <p>Amount Awarded: £600</p>                                   |
| (b) | <p>Applicant: Trinity Church Woman's Group, Hamilton (HA/40/23)</p> <p>Purpose of Grant: Outing</p> <p>Amount Awarded: £300</p>                                      |
| (c) | <p>Applicant: Hamilton South Townswomens Guild (HA/41/23)</p> <p>Purpose of Grant: Outing</p> <p>Amount Awarded: £300</p>  |
| (d) | <p>Applicant: Sharp and Gentles Fly Tying and Fishing Club, Hamilton (HA/42/23)</p> <p>Purpose of Grant: Entrance fees and materials</p> <p>Amount Awarded: £440</p> |
| (e) | <p>Applicant: Dalserf Church Guild, Larkhall (HA/43/23)</p> <p>Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees</p> <p>Amount Awarded: £350</p>                            |