

Report

Report to:	Hamilton Area Committee
Date of Meeting:	8 September 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 2 community groups in the Hamilton Area Committee area from the 2021/2022 community grant budget

2. Recommendation(s)

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

(1) that community grants be awarded as follows:-

(a) Applicant:	Hillhouse Community Council (<i>HA/3/21</i>)
Amount Requested:	£900
Purpose of Grant:	Equipment
Amount Awarded:	£700

(b) Applicant:	Westcraigs at Heart Group, Blantyre (<i>HA/6/21</i>)
Amount Requested:	£1,000
Purpose of Grant:	Start -up costs - equipment, administration and publicity costs
Amount Awarded:	£250

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. As previously reported, the 2020/2021 year-end report considered by the Executive Committee on 23 June 2021, included a recommendation to carry forward the unspent monies from the 2020/2021 community grants budget. This recommendation was approved and, in relation to this Area Committee, the unspent monies in 2020/2021 amounted to £12,272.05, giving a revised total allocation for community grants of £38,022.05 (£25,750 plus £12,272.05)
- 5.2. The current position of the community grants for the Hamilton Area Committee area in 2021/2022 is as follows:-

Total allocation for Community Grants	£38,022.05
Grants previously allocated	£2,500
Community grants allocated in this report	£950
Remaining balance	£34,572.05

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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23 August 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 – 9 June 2021

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Individual application forms

Contact for Further Information

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