

Report

Report to:	Hamilton Area Committee
Date of Meeting:	21 June 2022
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 6 community groups in the Hamilton Area Committee area from the 2022/2023 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 16 February 2022 to the end of the financial year on 31 March 2022

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: | Hillhouse Link Tenants' and Residents' Association, Hamilton (HA/1/22) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Environmental project |
| | Eligible Amount Requested: | £1,500 |
| | Recommendation: | £900 (60% of eligible amount requested) |
| | Amount Awarded: | To be determined by the Committee |
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| (b) | Applicant: | Quarter In Bloom (HA/2/22) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Environmental project |
| | Eligible Amount Requested: | £500 |
| | Recommendation: | £300 (60% of eligible amount requested) |
| | Amount Awarded: | To be determined by the Committee |
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| (c) | Applicant: | 1 st Larkhall Boys Brigade (HA/3/22) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Entrance fees, equipment and materials |
| | Eligible Amount Requested: | £350 |
| | Recommendation: | £350 (£350 for uniformed organisations) |
| | Amount Awarded: | To be determined by the Committee |
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| (d) | Applicant: | Strutherhill Lunch and Social Club, Larkhall (HA/5/22) |
| | Purpose of Grant: | Outing |
| | Eligible Amount Requested: | £200 |
| | Recommendation: | £200 (£200 outing) |

Amount Awarded:	To be determined by the Committee
(e) Applicant:	Earnocks Residents' Association, Hamilton (HA/6/22)
Purpose of Grant:	Administration and publicity costs
Eligible Amount Requested:	£250
Recommendation:	£250
Amount Awarded:	To be determined by the Committee
(f) Applicant:	Hamilton Baths Amateur Swimming Club (HA/7/22)
Purpose of Grant:	Outing
Eligible Amount Requested:	£1,000
Recommendation:	£200 (£200 outing)
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, to approve the award of community grant(s) in the period from the last Area Committee to the end of the financial year 2021/2022 to the group(s) 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 16 February 2022, 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 16 February 2022 to 31 March 2022. 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, 5 applications, as detailed in Appendix 1, for £3,299 were approved by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, during the period 16 February to 31 March 2022.

6. Financial Implications

6.1. The current position of the community grants for the Hamilton Area Committee area in 2022/2023 is as follows:-

Total allocation for Community Grants	£25,750
Community grants allocated in this report	£2,200
Remaining balance	*£22,350

* see paragraph 6.2 below

6.2. On the basis that the playscheme grants detailed in a separate report on this agenda amounting to £1,200 are approved, the remaining balance for allocation throughout the year is £24,550.

6.3. Any unspent monies in the 2021/2022 financial year community grants budget distributed by Area Committees are being carried forward in reserves and could cover any over application by groups in the current financial year.

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 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.

Paul Manning

Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

6 June 2022

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 – 16 February 2022

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 16 February to 31 March 2022

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| (a) | Applicant:
Purpose of Grant:
Amount Awarded: | Larkhall Gala Committee (<i>HA/19/21</i>)
Administration and publicity costs
£500 |
| (b) | Applicant:
Purpose of Grant:
Amount Awarded: | Birkenshaw Welfare Guild, Larkhall
(<i>HA/22/21</i>)
Equipment, outing, administration and
publicity costs
£999 |
| (c) | Applicant:
Purpose of Grant:
Amount Awarded: | Trinity Church Guild, Larkhall (<i>HA/23/21</i>)
Outing
£400 |
| (d) | Applicant:
Purpose of Grant:
Amount Awarded: | Trinity Church Woman's Group, Hamilton
(<i>HA/24/21</i>)
Outing
£400 |
| (e) | Applicant:
Purpose of Grant:
Amount Awarded: | Supporting Our Community, Hamilton
(<i>HA/25/21</i>)
Equipment and materials
£1,000 |