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Date of meeting Tuesday, 23rd September, 2014
Time 7.00 pm
Venue Committee Room 2, Civic Offices, Merrial Street,
Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, ST5 2AG
Contact Louise Stevenson

Grants Assessment Panel

AGENDA

PART 1 – OPEN AGENDA

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of interest from Members on items included in this agenda

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 3 - 4)

To agree as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 9 June, 2014.

3 Community Chest (Pages 5 - 8)

4 Small Grants (Pages 9 - 16)

5 Cultural Grants (Pages 17 - 26)

6 Voluntary Grants (Pages 27 - 30)

7 URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any business which is urgent within the meaning of Section 100B (4) of the Local Government Act 1972

Members: Councillors Mrs Braithwaite, Mrs Burgess, Eagles, Mrs Heames, Mrs Peers, Robinson, Rout, Miss Walklate and Mrs Winfield (Chair)

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GRANTS ASSESSMENT PANEL

Monday, 9th June, 2014

Present:- Councillor Mrs Joan Winfield – in the Chair

Councillors Braithwaite, Mrs Burgess, Mrs Heames, Robinson, Rout and Miss Walklate

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mrs Burgess declared an interest in the Moseley Railway Trust Application.

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 9 March be agreed as a correct record.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Status Grow who had previously received a Cultural Grant from this Panel for a mobile kitchen had contacted the Council to request that they change the application from a portable kitchen to an outdoor kitchen.

Resolved:- The Panel agreed to the change of the project to an outdoor kitchen.

4. **COMMUNITY CHEST**

The Panel considered a report advising of community Chest applications processed during the period April 2013 to March 2014.

Resolved:- That the Panel notes the applications received and processed during April, 2013 to March, 2014.

5. **SMALL GRANTS**

The Panel considered reports on a Small Grants Summary Report, Green Grants expenditure and a redeployment of 2013/14 underspend. The Panel also considered three Small Grants applications.

- Resolved:-**
- (a) That the Summary report of the 2013/14 Small Grants expenditure be received.
 - (b) That the report on the 2013/14 Green Grant expenditure be received.
 - (c) That the report on the redeployment of 2013/14 underspend be received.
 - (d) That the following Small Grants be awarded:-

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>£</u>
Moseley Railway Trust	1,500
Onneley & Maer Cricket Club	1,500
Red Street Community Centre	1,000

6. CULTURAL GRANTS

The Panel considered three Cultural Grants.

Resolved:- (a) That the following Cultural Grants be awarded:-

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>£</u>
Moseley Railway Trust	1,200
Fluxx	500
Letting in the Light	1,000

(b) That, in respect of the Fluxx application, they be invited to attend the next meeting to give a progress report on the project and for the Panel to consider releasing the other half of the grant.

7. URGENT BUSINESS

COUNCILLOR MRS JOAN WINFIELD
Chair

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S REPORT TO THE
GRANTS ASSESSMENT PANEL**

Tuesday 23rd September 2014

1. **HEADING** **Community Chest**

Submitted by: Robin Wiles

Portfolio: Resources & Efficiency

Ward(s) affected: All Wards affected

Purpose of the Report

To inform Members of Community Chest applications processed to date for 2014/15.

Recommendations

Panel note the applications received & processed to date.

Reasons

Grants Assessment Panel's remit is to receive reports on Community Chest, and, if appropriate, determine whether applications meet the Council's Corporate Priorities and merit an award.

1. **Background**

1.1 To date, 22 applications have been received from 10 Locally Based Bodies at a total of £14,136.81.

1.2 11 applications have received the full amount applied for, 4 received a grant below the applied amount and 7 received no grant.

1.3 No applications have been received from Locally Based Bodies that require Panel decision.

2. **Issues**

N/A

3. **Options Considered** (if any)

N/A

4. **Proposal**

4.1 Panel note the applications processed to date.

5. **Reasons for Preferred Solution**

N/A

6. **Outcomes Linked to Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Priorities**

6.1 All applications approved cover a range of the Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Priorities

7. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

N/A

8. **Equality Impact Assessment**

N/A

9. **Financial and Resource Implications**

9.1 A total of £8,411.03 has been awarded in grants, leaving a balance of £39,588.97.

10. **Major Risks**

N/A

11. **Key Decision Information**

N/A

12. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**

N/A

13. **Recommendations**

13.1 That Panel note the applications processed to date.

14. **List of Appendices**

14.1 Community Chest spend to date, 2014/15.

No.	REF.	PANEL?	Organisation/Project.	Deferred.	Date completed	Applied for.	Granted.	Full or part	Total spend	Budget	Left
Audley	APC 1415 01 APC 1415 02 APC 1415 03		Scott Hay Residents Association-Scott Hay Village Fair Bignall End Cricket Club Pinewood Pre-School		3.07.201 31.07.14 1.09.2014	£500.00 £800.00 £375.00	£500.00 £800.00	F F Z	£1,300.00	£ 2,976.00	£ 1,676.00
BB&W									£ -	£ 820.00	£ 820.00
C&HC									£0.00	£ 820.00	£ 820.00
Chesterton	GCLAP 1415 01 GCLAP 1415 02		Respect Chesterton Group-Fun Day Red Street Community Centre-Refurbishment		3.07.2014 3.07.2014	£500.00 £800.00	£500.00 £500.00	F P	£1,000.00	£ 4,464.00	£ 3,464.00
Clayton									£ -	£ 1,440.00	£ 1,440.00
Keele	KPC 1415 01 KPC 1415 02		Keele Conservation Group/Monograph for sale keele Conservation Group/Restoration of antique street lamps		21.05.14	£800.00 £400.00	£400.00	P Z	£400.00	£ 1,440.00	£ 1,040.00
Kidsgrove	KTC 1415 01 KTC 1415 02 KTC 1415 03 KTC 1415 04		Kidsgrove Care Solution Kidsgrove Care Solution Kidsgrove First Responders Friends of Clough Hall Park			£1,000.00 £800.00 £800.00 £800.00	£0.00 £800.00 £500.00	Z F Z P	£800.00	£ 8,928.00	£8,128.00
Loggerheads									£0.00	£ 1,536.00	£ 1,536.00
Madeley	MPC 1415 01 MPC 1415 02		Madeley Tidy Group -Progression of Planting in our Village Lea Court Residents Association			£632.69 £357.64	£511.89 £357.64	F F	£869.53	£ 1,584.00	£ 714.47

£0.00 £ 820.00 £ 820.00

Location	Account	Description	Date	£	£	£
Marsh Hall	MHCC 1415 01	Bradwell Family Tots-Replacement of broken toys St Wulstan's RC Primary School PTA-Summer Fayre East Newcastle Locality Action Partnership	22.07.14	£454.00	£454.00	F
	MHCC 1415 02		10.07.2014	£787.50	£787.50	F
	MCHH1415 03		31.07.2014	£800.00	£800.00	F
Ramsey Road	RRCC 1515 01	Infusion Dance Troupe	11.08.2014	£800.00	£0.00	Z
Silverdale	SPC 1415 01	St Luke's PTF/Family Learning playhouse Sporting Communities CIC	22.07.14	£800.00	£0.00	Z
	SPC 1415 02			£410.00	£410.00	F
Whitfield	WCC 1415 01	Orme Art Exhibition Staffordshire Knights	22.07.14	£519.98	£290.00	P
	WCC 1415 02		13.08.2014	£800.00	£800.00	P
Whitmore.	WPC 1415 01	Madeley and District Community Association	13.08.2014	£200.00		Z
Wye Rd.						
				£14,136.81	£8,411.03	£
				£7,911.03	£48,000.00	£ 40,088.97

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S REPORT TO THE
GRANTS ASSESSMENT PANEL COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 23rd September 2014.

1. HEADING SMALL GRANTS.

Submitted by: Robin Wiles, Partnerships Officer (Community Development).

Portfolio: Resources & Efficiency.

Ward(s) affected: The applications for consideration potentially affect all Wards.

Purpose of the Report

To consider applications submitted to the Small Grants scheme for the second quarter of 2014/15

Recommendations

That the Panel consider the applications submitted with a view to determining whether a grant should be awarded, and if so, at what level.

Reasons

Grants Assessment Panel's remit is to determine which of the grant applications meet the Council's Corporate Priorities and merit an award.

1. Background

1.1 The Small Grants budget for 2014/15 is £17,600.00.

1.2 Voluntary & Community groups can apply for a grant of up to £2,000.00.

1.7 At the June 2014 Panel meeting 3 grants were approved at a total of £4,000.00. This leaves £13,600.00 in the budget.

1.8 4 applications have been received for consideration at this meeting, totalling £6,354.10. This would leave a balance of £7,245.90.

2. Issues.

2.1 Applications.

For information about applications for consideration for this meeting, please see Appendix Two.

3. **Options Considered** (if any)

3.1 For each application, GAP can award:-

- Full grant.
- Partial Grant.
- No Grant.
- Defer a decision until the next Panel meeting, either to obtain further information, and/or to invite the applicant to attend the meeting dependant on whether there are any time constraints on projects seeking funding.

Proposal.

4.1 The applications received are from eligible organisations, and potentially contribute towards meeting the Council's Corporate Priorities and the priorities of the Sustainable Community Strategy.

4.2 Members consider each application on its merits, taking into account other possible funding options that applicant may be able to apply to.

5. **Reasons for Preferred Solution**

5.1 There may be other sources of funding to which applicants can be directed should they be awarded no grant, or a partial grant.

6. **Outcomes Linked to Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Priorities**

6.1 All the applications for consideration meet both Corporate Priorities and those of the Sustainable Community Strategy – please see the applications for further details.

7. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

7.1 Not applicable.

8. **Equality Impact Assessment**

8.1 All applications, if awarded, would be expected to have a positive impact on the communities that they benefit.

9. **Financial and Resource Implications**

9.1 The annual budget for the Small Grants scheme is £17,600.00.

9.2 Applications submitted for this GAP meeting total £6,354.10. If all applications were approved for a full grant, that would leave £7,245.90 in the budget.

10. **Major Risks**

10.1 Not Applicable.

11. **Key Decision Information**

- 11.1 One of the applications primarily affects Cross Heath Ward; one primarily affects Town Ward. The other applications are Borough-wide.

12. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**

- 12.1 Not Applicable.

13. **Recommendations**

- 13.1 Members consider each application on its merits, taking into account other possible funding options that applicants may be able to access.

14. **List of Appendices**

- 14.1 Small Grant applications 2014/15 Record.
14.2 Small Grant applications 2014/15 – details.

15. **Background Papers**

- 15.1 Copies of applications will be e-mailed to Panel members in advance of the meeting. Hard copies will not be made available to reduce printing costs, but can be viewed in advance - please contact Robin Wiles on 742493 or robin.wiles@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk.

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APPLICANT & PROJECT.	REF	AWARD REQUEST	THE ORGANISATION AND ITS PROJECT	COST OF PROJECT	PREVIOUS AWARDS	OTHER FUNDING	COMMENTS
Infusion Dance Troupe/Continuation of our community group.	SG 1415 04.	£1,500.00.	Infusion Dance Troupe is based in Cross Heath, with about 50 members. They are seeking funding to cover the room hire element of their running costs for 12 months – 50 weeks at £30.00 a week.	£5,900.00.	No.	£800.00 Community Chest – application unsuccessful. £1,200.00 Cultural Grants – unconfirmed. £1,500.00 Staffordshire County Council – confirmed.	
Vitalise/Provision of respite care breaks for people with disabilities & carers from Newcastle-under-Lyme.	SG 1415 05.	£2,000.00.	Vitalise are a national Charity that provides Respite holiday breaks for people with disabilities and their carers. They are seeking funding towards the cost of providing this service for Newcastle residents.	£4,498.00.	2012/13 - £1,175.00. 2010/11 - £1,462.50.	From their own funds and other fundraising.	
Potteries Divers - British Sub Aqua Club branch 12/ Scuba Diver Training in Clough Hall swimming pool.	SG 1415 06.	£854.10.	Potteries Divers is a branch of the British Sub Aqua Club, based in Newcastle. They meet weekly for training and socialising. They are seeking funding towards the additional cost for their Newcastle members of a temporary relocation whilst the pool they train at is closed for major repairs.	£2,190.00.	No.	£800.00 Club's savings – confirmed. £533.00 from increase in Annual Club Fees – confirmed.	39% of members are from Newcastle.

SMALL GRANTS – REPORT TO GRANTS ASSESSMENT PANEL Tuesday 23rd September 2014.

APPLICANT & PROJECT.	REF	AWARD REQUEST	THE ORGANISATION AND ITS PROJECT	COST OF PROJECT	PREVIOUS AWARDS	OTHER FUNDING	COMMENTS
St. Giles' PCC/St Giles Community Heritage Project – Digital Inclusion through Genealogy "DIG".	SG 1415 07.	£2,000.00	The PCC is the governing body for St. Giles' Church in the Town Centre. They are seeking funding towards the cost of a digital ancestry project, which itself is part of a wider heritage project for which they have received Heritage Lottery Funds. The project is supported by the Faculty of Arts and Creative Technologies, Staffordshire University.	£5,260.00.	No.	£610.80 Match Funding. £500.00 Volunteer contribution. £1,000.00 Match funding.	Cultural Grant application is for a different project.

BUDGET	REF.	RECEIVED.	ACKNOW.	APPLICANT.	PROJECT.	APPLIED.	APPLIED BALANCE.	GRANTED.	%	ACTUAL BALANCE.
GAP -	June '14	SG 1415 01	06/05/2014	06/05/2014 Moseley Railway Trust.	Apedale railway museum site access improvements	£ 2,000.00	£ 15,600.00	£ 1,500.00	75%	£ 17,600.00
	June '14	SG 1415 02	16/05/2014	19/05/2014 Onneley & Maer Cricket Club.	Onneley Oval.	£ 2,000.00	£ 13,600.00	£ 1,500.00	75%	£ 16,100.00
	June '14	SG 1415 03	19/05/2014	19/05/2014 Red Street Community Centre.	Red Street Community Centre Furniture Upgrade Replacement.	£ 2,000.00	£ 11,600.00	£ 1,000.00	50%	£ 14,600.00
	Sep-14	SG 1415 04	29/07/2014	29/07/2014 Infusion Dance Troupe.	Continuation of our community group.	£ 1,500.00	£ 10,100.00			£ 13,600.00
	Sep-14	SG 1415 05	27/08/2014	29/08/2014 Vitalise.	Provision of respite care breaks for people with disabilities & carers from Newcastle-under-Lyme.	£ 2,000.00	£ 8,100.00			£ 10,100.00
	Sep-14	SG 1415 06	29/08/2014	01/09/2014 Potteries Divers - British Sub Aqua Club branch 12.	Scuba Diver Training in Clough Hall swimming pool	£ 854.10	£ 7,245.90			£ 8,100.00
	Sep-14	SG 1415 07	01/09/2014	01/09/2014 St. Giles' PCC	St Giles Community Heritage Project - Digital Inclusion through Genealogy "DIG"	£ 2,000.00	£ 5,245.90			£ 7,245.90
						£ 12,354.10		£ 4,000.00		

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REPORT TO GRANTS ADVISORY PANEL

Date: 23 September 2014
Title: Cultural Grants
Submitted by: Executive Director – Operational Services
Portfolio: Culture and Active Communities
Ward(s) affected: All

Purpose of the Report

To consider the attached applications for Cultural Grants.

Recommendations

- *To approve the recommendation as indicated in the report.*

Reasons

To support local art and community groups to develop cultural activities and events for the community.

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 The Council has always maintained its support to local organisations by providing a fund, which is allocated to cultural activities. This allows groups or organisations to apply for grants up to £1200 in any one year.

2. ISSUES

2.1 The list as shown in Appendix 1 identifies the Groups applying for funding this round.

3. OUTCOMES LINKED TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES

The organisations cater for the following Council Corporate Priorities:

- No. 1 – Creating a Cleaner, Greener and Safer Borough
- No. 2. - Creating a Borough of Opportunity
- No. 3. - Creating a Healthy and Active Community

4. LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

There are no statutory or legal implications.

5. **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

The amount allocated for 2014/15 is £12000. If all the grants are approved to the sum of £7700 this will leave a balance of £1160.

6. **MAJOR RISKS**

Events may be unable to take place if funding is not available.

7. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

To approve the recommendations as indicated in the attached Appendix 1.

8. **LIST OF APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – list of organisations seeking grant aid

Appendix 2 – Spreadsheet of awards and balance 2014-2015

TM/14/15

APPLICANT	REF	AWARD REQUEST	THE ORGANISATION AND ITS PROJECT	COST OF PROJECT	PREVIOUS AWARDS	OTHER FUNDING
North Staffs Adventure Playground	04/09/14	£900	<p>The organisation is a registered charity and provides a range of services for children, young people and young adults with any form of disability and/or special needs.</p> <p>The Playground's activities meet an established need in the local community as demonstrated by the high level of demand for sessions (not all of which can currently be met) and by the existence of waiting lists for places at specialist sessions.</p> <p>One aspect of our work is the annual production of a variety show comprising performances by young people with disabilities and to which this application refers. This is a very popular event with our member families and has been shown to increase the self-esteem and abilities of the participants.</p> <p>This application is for a grant to meet part of the costs of producing and staging the shows including staffing and venue costs</p> <p>The Christmas Variety Show has become an established part of the annual activities at the Special Adventure Playground with costs of productions in the past being met, in part, by external grant aid - from local councils and other grant-making trusts which are no longer received - and in part from the Playground's own charitable resources.</p> <p>The Variety Show aims to provide children and young people with disabilities - including some with complex and extensive needs unlikely to gain such opportunities elsewhere - the opportunity to participate in the production and performance of a show to be performed before a live audience.</p> <p>The show would be performed on two consecutive evenings in December. It is anticipated that up to 75 individuals would take part this year, some at both performances and others on just one evening. A video film will be made of the shows and an edited CD made available early in 2015</p>	£1857.34	£600 in 2012/13	<p>Sale of tickets and programmes £600 (unconfirmed)</p> <p>Income from refreshments and raffle £350 (unconfirmed)</p>
Infusion Dance Troupe Page 19	05/09/14	£1200	<p>This dance troupe, established just over a year ago, is applying for assistance with dance uniforms/costumes for the next year's activity. The main goals of the troupe are to entertain and to have fun. Many of the participants are from low income families so costs for members are kept to a minimum to allow them to continue their hobby Their main cost is uniforms. The troupe does displays for people in residential homes, schools and churches. They currently have more than 50</p>	£5000	£1000 in 13/14	<p>Community chest (rejected) Small Grants</p>

APPLICANT	REF	AWARD REQUEST	THE ORGANISATION AND ITS PROJECT	COST OF PROJECT	PREVIOUS AWARDS	OTHER FUNDING
Page 20			members aged between 2-43 years old mainly from Cross heath but also Crackley, Chesterton, Bradwell and Wolstanton.			(unconfirmed) Community Fund (unconfirmed)
Staffordshire Knights	06/09/14	£1000	<p>Staffordshire Knights Youth Band are an American-Style marching band that provide musical education and exercise to the local community. They perform at a number of local and national events. They are an inclusive band which provides tuition and equipment for its members. They are seeking funding to purchase 15 hard cases for their drums which cost £10,000 to purchase but came without them. This will increase the drums life expectancy, which over their lifetime; will be used by many young people of the Borough.</p> <p>www.staffordshireknights.org.uk</p>	£1303	£1000 (2011-12) £1000 (2013-14)	Self Fundraising through performances & busking (£303.00)
Newcastle Town Centre Partnership	07/09/14	£1000	<p>NTCP exist in order to bring vibrancy back to the town of Newcastle-under-Lyme, and to bring people and community groups together to work cohesively to help it prosper. They seek funding to broaden a festival event called Bottle Cap Film Festival to cover 2 days on Nov 7-8th.</p> <p>The Film Festival last year attracted over 200 entries, saw film-makers come to the awards event from across the UK, and over a hundred school and college pupils take part in film-related workshops.</p> <p>They want to run a 'secret cinema' evening which will programme a 4D experience which sees local people invited to a film showing event, which is an exciting interactive experience. We are also going to be offering a Student film category,</p> <p>On the Friday of the Festival in the daytime, they will be repeating last year's workshop day, where local students and anyone interested can pop in to a town-centre unit to learn skills about film and meet film-industry professionals – in addition they would like to add the opportunity for visitors to learn about animation.</p> <p>The awards evening, which will take place on Nov 8th, will be the same format as before, taking place in a vacant property in the town. This time it will be at the former Conservative Club as well as the Hush Hush Cinema event. A website is already running for the event this year at www.bottlecapff.co.uk</p>	£4000	£1500 2013/14	<p>£500 – Town centre partnership existing funds</p> <p>£2000 - Sponsorship (Keele Uni, Newcastle College) uncon</p> <p>£500 Audience award sponsor Uncon.</p>

APPLICANT	REF	AWARD REQUEST	THE ORGANISATION AND ITS PROJECT	COST OF PROJECT	PREVIOUS AWARDS	OTHER FUNDING
Silverdale Sapphires	08/09/14	£1200	<p>Silverdale Sapphires Morris Dancers are a small youth organisation created to train girls from the age of 5 in the carnival Morris dance. They meet weekly at Cornerstone Community Centre. They perform regularly and are regularly taken to dancing competitions. They seek funding to purchase new costumes and shakers of competition standard. The girls are from varying backgrounds including disadvantaged and single parent families and cannot afford to purchase the costumes in addition to weekly subs. Each dress costs £75.50 and they want to purchase 35.</p>	£2643	None	<p>£800 Com Chest (uncon.)</p> <p>£270 own finances</p>
St Giles' Parochial Church Council	09/09/14	£1200	<p>St Giles is in the Parish Church of Newcastle under Lyme and as such it plays a pivotal role in the civic life of the Borough. As the town centre Church of England we hold a range of civic events The Church also delivers a considerable range of activities that are essentially secular and would be described as community development activities/services. And a range of services and activities that complement regeneration efforts around increasing cultural participation and renewal alongside the Borough's key strategic regeneration partners.</p> <p>St Giles PCC are embarking on a large scale Urban Renewal and Community Regeneration Project that will lead to the transformation of the church yard into a "green flag standard" town centre culture and heritage park for the benefit of the community. Their ambition is that this will ultimately act as a catalyst for social and economic development within the wider context of the Town Centre Development ambitions of the Local Strategic Partnership.</p> <p>They wish to apply to the Cultural Grants Programme in order to develop the Civic Life Exhibition strand of the revenue programme which will, if successful, augment and replace one of the permanent displays at the Newcastle Borough Museum and Art Gallery.</p> <p>It is clear that there is a considerable opportunity to engage in co-operative working to meet the needs of both the PCC to develop an exhibition of local interest, from some of the finds from the site. The current gallery no longer meets modern museum standards in terms of interpretation information materials/interactive technology, and the PCC are proposing that artefacts from the St Giles site of National significance (John Smith Ironstone in particular) – and any new insights (in terms of information) from what is to be a significant archaeological and historical research opportunity; be reflected and included in the future new exhibition. The permanent gallery at the museum would</p>	£8100	None	<p>PCC £3850 (confirmed)</p> <p>Museum and Art Gallery £1500 in kind</p> <p>Youth Volunteers in kind £1250</p>

APPLICANT	REF	AWARD REQUEST	THE ORGANISATION AND ITS PROJECT	COST OF PROJECT	PREVIOUS AWARDS	OTHER FUNDING
Page 22			<p>include items found in the redeveloped St Giles' site, those items at risk on the site and also artefacts already in the museum collections, reinterpreted and displayed by staff and volunteers.</p> <p>It is also proposed to create the very first Newcastle Borough History App for additional, accessible historical information that can be sent across the area. This will enable anyone to hear audio versions of interpretation material and see video footage and photographs to enrich the displays.</p>			
Newcastle Lanterns Supporters' Club	10/09/14	£1200	<p>Newcastle Lanterns Supporters' Club are a group of people, emerging from the Keele Women's Community Choir, who put on a Lantern Parade in Newcastle under Lyme in 2013, supported by artists from B-Arts. They raised money via online crowdfunding to fund lantern making workshops. These were held in central Newcastle, at Keele and in St Marks church working with women asylum seekers. The lanterns are beautiful handmade structures of paper and willow, to be carried while lit up by candles. They create a pageant of light, intended to provide a winter celebration for all in the dark evenings.</p> <p>Newcastle Lantern Parade 2014. They have secured funding for some workshop activity to make lanterns with the public and with some community groups. They intend to work with older people and with socially excluded communities in the Borough, making lanterns and facilitating transport to take part in the parade.</p> <p>The parade itself will take place in Newcastle town centre on Saturday 13th December in the late afternoon. Lantern-makers from the community will join us to parade through the streets. The first parade was supported by last-minute volunteers, but to make this year's parade a better and more seamless community event, we would like to create a Lantern Band for all comers, supported by workshop rehearsals ahead of the event. Led by a music professional/composer and assistant, the band will entertain the audience, lead the parade (essential for a jaunty, organised event!) and will encourage musicians and singers to contribute to making the Parade a full, well-organised community experience.</p> <p>Funding is sought for professional fees and expenses for a musical director and an assistant, plus stewards/helpers for the music workshops. In addition various expenses relating to the performances on the night are included, which will include bookings of other entertainment to support the event.</p>	£12000	None	<p>Keele Key Fund £2500 (confirmed)</p> <p>Fundraising social event, Keele Women's Choir £600 (confirmed)</p> <p>Arts Council Grants for the Arts £8000 (decision expected September 14)</p>

APPLICANT	REF	AWARD REQUEST	THE ORGANISATION AND ITS PROJECT	COST OF PROJECT	PREVIOUS AWARDS	OTHER FUNDING

Appendix 2

CULTURAL GRANTS BUDGET 2014/15

£ 12,000.00

GAP.	REF.	APPLICANT.	PROJECT	APPLIED.	GRANTED.	ACTUAL BALANCE.	NOTES.
09/06/14	01/06/14	Moseley Railway Trust	Tracks to the Trenches - 2014 WWI event	£1,200.00	1,200.00	£ 10,800.00	successful
09/06/14	02/06/14	Fluxx	Gameplan' - Over 55's Role Play Project	£940.00	940.00	£ 9,860.00	successful
09/06/14	03/06/14	Letting in the Light	Castle Uncovered - Oral History Project	£1,000.00	1,000.00	£ 8,860.00	successful
				£3,140.00		£ 8,860.00	
23/09/14	04/09/14	North Staffs Special Adventure Playground	Christmas Variety Show	£900.00	0.00		
23/09/14	05/09/14	Infusion Dance Troupe	Support for dance uniforms for the season	£1,200.00	0.00		
23/09/14	06/09/14	Staffordshire Knights	Purchase of protective hardcases for drums	£1,000.00	0.00		
23/09/14	07/09/14	Newcastle Town Centre Partnership	Bottle Cap Film Festival	£1,000.00	0.00		
23/09/14	08/09/14	Silverdale Sapphires	New Costume	£1,200.00	0.00		
23/09/14	09/09/14	St Giles Parochial Church Council	Civic Life Gallery	£1,200.00	0.00	£ -	
23/09/14	10/09/14	Newcastle Lanterns Supporters' Club	Lantern Parade 2014	£1,200.00	0.00	£ -	
				£7,700.00	0.00	£ -	

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NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

Grants Assessment Panel

Date 23rd September 2014

1. **HEADING** Grants to organisations providing services to homeless people
- Submitted by:** Abid Razaq
- Portfolio:** Regeneration and Development
- Ward(s) affected:** All Wards

Purpose of the Report

To seek approval for the allocation of the unspent Homelessness funding reserved for voluntary organisations that provide homelessness related services.

Recommendations

- That Members approve the recommended allocations.

Reasons

The Council offers grants to assist with the statutory requirement to provide free advice and information about homelessness and its prevention. A resolution was passed in February 2014 by the Grants Assessment Panel that the budget, which was unspent would be re-advertised for a further round of applications to be received from the Voluntary Organisations in mid-2014.

1. **Background**

- 1.1 The Council's budget for grants to organisations providing services to homeless people in 2014 -15 was set at £15,000.
- 1.2 In February 2014, the Grants Assessment Panel met and awards were made to the sum of £6025.02, which left funding of £8974.98. It was resolved that the remaining budget would be re-advertised and Homelessness Voluntary Grants would be assessed and awarded during the mid-year 2014.
- 1.3 In accordance with the resolution of the Grants Assessment Panel, the remaining budget was advertised in July 2014. An email was sent to a number of voluntary organisations informing them about the availability of the Homelessness Voluntary Grants and encouraging them to submit projects by the 15th August 2014.

2. **Issues**

- 2.1 In response to the advertisement, three applications have been received. These have been from:
- 1) Arch
 - 2) Staffordshire North Citizens Advice Bureau
 - 3) Gingerbread

- 2.2 All of the above organisations are either voluntary or third sector organisations, which have a proven track record of providing advice and assistance to residents of Newcastle under Lyme, who are homeless or threatened with homelessness.
 - 2.3 £13,133 has been requested this year, which is above the amount of £8974.98 remaining within the original funding allocation.
 - 2.4 Three grant applications have been submitted for consideration. Each is listed below, giving the amount requested, a brief explanation and the amount recommended by officers. All the Grant Applications and the financial accounts provided are available from the Housing Strategy Team on request.
4. **Proposal**

Arch – Private Sector Rented Housing Advice Clinics

Amount Requested £3463.00

Arch is a registered charity that provides support, accommodation and advice services for a range of customers, all of whom are vulnerable or socially excluded, and have been affected by homelessness. Their customer group is diverse, and consists of customers of all ages including children and young people, who are living across North Staffordshire and Cheshire East.

The application form states that the funding would be used to hold weekly housing advice clinics for residents of Newcastle aged 16+ who are not considered to be priority homeless. Following clarification, it has been established that these clinics will be based in the Newcastle town centre for 3.5 hours per week for period of 12 months. The precise location will be selected following discussions with the agencies. These clinics will specifically focus on working with the applicants in ‘*exploring and accessing*’ the private rented sector. It is the view of the officers and Newcastle Housing Advice that this project would be of great benefit as a focus on the private rented sector would be an extension to the existing advice and assistance service provided by Newcastle Housing Advice,

The application estimates that the project will “benefit a minimum of 46 residents (if each customer received 3 brief interventions) and up to a maximum of 138 residents (if each customer received 1 brief intervention).

The officer’s recommendation is that this project should be funded, as it would be an extension to the current service that is being provided by Newcastle Housing Advice. Furthermore, this project could be a ‘trailblazer’ for further projects which aim to foster links with homelessness advice and the private rented sector.

Officers are therefore recommending awarding £3463.00, the full grant requested.

Gingerbread – Accommodation and Support

Requested £5,000

The centre provides 24 hour supported accommodation to homeless lone parent families, including lone fathers and pregnant single women. The grant application is to continue to provide housing and tenancy telephone advice to vulnerable lone parent families and single pregnant women in the community who may be at risk of becoming homeless. The bid

outlines how the Stoke on Trent Supporting People contract does not cover all of the support services provided to Newcastle residents. Importantly Gingerbread is the only family focussed support provider requesting financial assistance.

Although, it is based within Stoke on Trent, referrals into the service for residents with a local connection to the Borough have been made and continue to be made by Newcastle Housing Advice service. This has been confirmed with Newcastle Housing Advice, which continues to see Gingerbread as an important provider of hostel accommodation to which they make referrals.

The application states that in 2013, eight families with a connection to the Borough were accommodated within the hostel and 96 applicants were given advice by the Elizabeth House. It is expected that a similar number of people will be accommodated and assisted for the duration of the project period.

Officers are therefore recommending awarding the full grant of £5,000 requested.

Staffordshire North Citizens Advice Bureau – Housing and Homelessness Advice

Requested: £4,670

Staffordshire North Citizens Advice Bureau is involved in providing information and advice to people who are in need, to empower those who experience poverty and inequality to improve their lives. SNSCAB has long been recognised as a specialist agency providing housing advice in Newcastle-under-Lyme as well as Stoke-on-Trent and Biddulph.

The application form received states that the project intends to provide face to face advice sessions at Newcastle-under-Lyme Bureau with a specialist housing adviser to those at risk of homelessness or experiencing housing problems that could result in homelessness. It was initially felt that the project would duplicate the functions of the Newcastle Housing Advice Service and therefore, a series of clarification questions were sent. The answers received stated that the project would specifically work with those applicants that were intending to request a review of their homelessness decisions and those that would require assistance at court. Although, such a project would provide assistance, it is believed, and this is confirmed by Newcastle Housing Advice, that the level of demand for court assistance would not be great, possibly a handful of cases per month. Furthermore, such advice and assistance, where required by applicants who do not have the financial means can be funded through legal aid.

It is for this reason that the Officer's recommendation is not to fund this particular project.

5. **Reasons for Preferred Solution**

5.1 The organisations who have applied and have been recommended for grant aid provide very valuable, complementary services and should be seen as a vital part of the Council's overall strategy for dealing with homelessness and housing advice.

5.2 If the recommendations are accepted, the following grants will be approved:

Arch	£3463.00
Gingerbread	£5000.00

Total Approvals: £8463.00

- 5.3 As a note, it is the case that should the Arch project be funded than they would have received three separate lots of funding from the Homelessness Voluntary Fund in 2014/2015. Although, this is significant amount of funding for any one organisation, this should not automatically prevent the present application from being considered, as the Guidance Note for the Homelessness Voluntary Grants and previous precedents set by the Grants Assessment Panel make it clear that multiple projects emanating from a single organisation **can** be funded, providing the projects are demonstrably distinct and separate.
- 5.4 This will leave an unspent balance of £511.98. It is recommended this be added to the Homelessness Voluntary Grants in 2015/2016.
6. **Outcomes Linked to Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Priorities**
- 6.1 Addressing homelessness fits within all the Corporate Priorities especially that of 'creating a borough of opportunity'.
7. **Legal and Statutory Implications**
- 7.1 The Housing Act 1996 refers specifically to the practice of giving grants in section 180, 'Assistance for Voluntary Organisations', which allows a local authority to help voluntary (i.e. not for profit) organisations concerned with homelessness by providing grants.
8. **Equality Impact Assessment**
- 8.1 The Equality Impact Assessment has been completed on the Housing Strategy and the Homelessness Strategy.
9. **Financial and Resource Implications**
- 9.1 The amount allocated for 2014/15 is £15,000.
10. **Major Risks**
- 10.1 Provision of these services for Newcastle residents may not be available if funding is not granted.
11. **Key Decision Information**
- 11.1 Services are available to residents from all wards within the Borough.
12. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**
- 12.1 Grant Assessment Panel – February 2014.
13. **Recommendations**
- 13.1 That Members approve the recommended allocations.
14. **List of Appendices**
- 14.1 None