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Date of meeting Monday, 27th February, 2012
Time 7.00 pm
Venue Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, Merrial Street,
Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs ST5 2AG
Contact Peter Whalan

Grants Assessment Panel

AGENDA

PART 1– OPEN AGENDA

- 1 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** (Pages 1 - 2)
To consider the minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 November 2011.
- 2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive Declarations of Interest from Members on items included on the agenda
- 3 **Small Grants** (Pages 3 - 14)
- 4 **Cultural Grants** (Pages 15 - 20)
- 5 **Grants to Organisations Providing Services to Homeless People** (Pages 21 - 26)
- 6 **Community Chest** (Pages 27 - 28)
- 7 **Any Other Business**

Members: Councillors D Cornes (Chairman), Burnett, Eagles, Fear, Heames, Holland, H Johnson and J Walklate

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GRANTS ASSESSMENT PANEL

Monday 21 November 2011

Present:- Councillor Mrs Cornes – in the Chair

Councillors Eagles, Mrs Heames and Miss Walklate

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs Johnson.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 6 September 2011 be approved as a correct record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Cornes declared an interest in the Community Chest application made by Audley Parish Council (member of the Parish Council) and left the meeting during its consideration when Councillor Miss Walklate was appointed to the Chair.

4. SMALL GRANTS

Consideration was given to two applications for assistance from the Small Grants scheme.

Resolved:- (a) That no grant be awarded in respect of the application submitted by Silverdale St Luke's Parochial Church Council (new stained glass windows) but that it be considered wholly for support as a Cultural Grant.

(b) That in respect of the application submitted by North Staffs Asperger/Autism Association (Social Club Project), a grant of £1000 be awarded to be paid in two instalments of £500 with the second payment being conditional upon applicants submitting satisfactory reports demonstrating that progress has been made during the first six months of the project.

5. CULTURAL GRANTS

Consideration was given to 3 Cultural Grant applications.

Resolved:- (a) That in respect of the application submitted by Silverdale St Luke's Parochial Church Council, a grant of £1200 be awarded towards the cash involved in installing a new stained glass window in the church with such grant being contained upon other funding, as detailed in the application, being secured, the applicants confirming that satisfactory measures will be implemented to protect the new window from vandalism.

(b) That in respect of the application submitted by Maer Village Hall – Maer, Chorlton and Blackbrook Social History Project, a grant of £1500 be

awarded and the applicants be advised that the committee wishes to receive a progress report on the project to its June 2012 meeting.

(c) That in respect of the application submitted By Tonks Theatre Workshops, a grant of £600 be awarded towards the costs involved in equipment and costume hire when performing interactive theatre activities at three sheltered housing/residential schemes in the Borough. The applicants should also be advised of the Committee's requirement that the grant of £600 be used equally between the three venues.

6. COMMUNITY CHEST

The Committee considered a report informing Members of Community Chest applications that had been processed during the period April 2011 to November 2011.

The report also outlined applications for approval from:-

- Kidsgrove Town Council - Floral displays at a cost of £900
- Audley Parish Council - Upgrade of Footpath 66

Reference was also made to a document that had been prepared and which was to be forwarded to all those applying for Community Chest funding indicating that any equipment funded must be kept securely in a community building.

The Committee also received advice about the management responsibility of the Harriet Higgins Community Centre being transferred to Poolfields Residents Association and a suggestion that until the Association established itself in its new note the Community Chest function be carried out by the Management Committee of Westfield Community Centre where there was some experience in that role.

The Committee had no obligations to this arrangement indicating that if possible it should be implemented from 1 January 2012.

In conclusion, the Committee was advised that the annual review of Community Chest with the Locally Based Bodies would be undertaken in February 2012.

Resolved:- (a) That the Committee notes the applications received and processed during the period April – November 2011.

(b) That the application submitted by Kidsgrove Town Council in respect of floral displays be approved and a grant of £900 be awarded.

Councillor Miss Walklate in the Chair

(c) That the application submitted to Audley Parish Council in respect of repairs to Footpath 66 be approved and a grant of £500 be awarded.

MRS CORNES
Chair

SMALL GRANTS

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

Portfolio: Resources and Efficiency

Ward(s) affected: Potentially all

Purpose of the Report

To consider applications submitted to the Small Grants scheme for the final quarter of 2011/12.

Recommendations

That the Panel gives consideration to the applications set out in the attached appendix with a view to determining whether a grant should be awarded, and if so, at what level.

Reasons

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

1. **Background**

- 1.1 The Small Grants budget for 2011/12 is £22,000.00.
- 1.2 Voluntary and Community groups can apply for a grant of up to £5,000.00.
- 1.3 The average grant awarded in 2010/11 was £1,997.86
- 1.4 The maximum grant awarded in 2010/11 was £3,000.00.
- 1.5 At the previous three Panel meetings for 2011/12, a total of £11,016.00 grants were awarded to eight organisations, leaving a current balance of £10,984.00.
- 1.6 Fifteen applications have been submitted by the deadline for the final Panel meeting of 2011/12 totalling £39,865.55.
- 1.7 Twenty six applications have been received for 2011/12 totalling £74,243.66.

2. **Issues**

- 2.1 Details of the applications received are set in the attached appendix.

3. **Options Considered**

- 3.1 For each application, GAP can award:-

- Full Grant
- Partial Grant
- No Grant

- 3.2 Applications cannot be deferred given that this is the final quarterly meeting of 2011/12.

4. **Proposal**

- 4.1 The applications received are from eligible organisations, and contribute towards meeting the Council's Corporate Priorities and the priorities of the Sustainable Community Strategy.
- 4.2 The applications in total come to £39,865.55, with the current balance in the budget being £10,984.00.
- 4.3 Members consider each application on its merits, taking into account other possible funding options that the applicant may be able to apply to, and the extent to which the project for which funding is sought meets the Council's Corporate Priorities and Newcastle Partnership's priorities.

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.
- 5.2 With the high demand for grants we need to ensure that the projects we fund are those that best help to meet the objectives of the Council and the Partnership.

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

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

7. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

Not applicable.

8. **Equality Impact Assessment**

- 8.1 A full Equality Impact Assessment has not been carried out on each application.
- 8.2 Members should consider the equality impact when determining which applications should be awarded grants.

9. **Financial and Resource Implications**

- 9.1 The annual budget for the Small Grants scheme is £22,000.00.
- 9.2 Grants awarded to date leave £10,984.00 in the budget.
- 9.3 Applications submitted for this GAP meeting total £39,865.55. If all applications were approved there would be a deficit of -£22,881.55 in the budget.

10. **Major Risks**

Not applicable.

11. **Key Decision Information**

- 11.1 Not applicable.

12. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**

12.1 Not applicable.

13. **List of Appendices**

Appendix – details of applications for consideration.

15. **Background Papers**

15.1 Copies of applications will be e-mailed to Panel Members on Monday 20 February 2012.

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APPENDIX

APPLICANT/PROJECT	REF	AWARD REQUEST	THE ORGANISATION AND ITS PROJECT	COST OF PROJECT	PREVIOUS AWARDS	OTHER FUNDING	AREA OF IMPACT.	COMMENTS
<p>St. John Ambulance Newcastle Quadrilateral Division/Generator.</p> <p>www.sja.org.uk</p>	<p>SG 1112 13</p>	<p>£2,228.00.</p> <p>Minimum of £500.00.</p>	<p>St. John Ambulance is a national first aid charity that supplements the work of the ambulance service.</p> <p>The Newcastle Quadrilateral Division provides treatment for minor injuries and minor medical conditions in support activities including the Safer Night project, and events such as Midsummer Mayhem and Remembrance Day Parade.</p> <p>They are seeking £2,228.00 to purchase 2 generators @ £1,114.00 inc. VAT each. They say that this will enable their first aid post to be more flexible in location since they would not need to plug into mains electricity provision.</p>	<p>£2,228.00.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Fundraising – unspecified amount.</p>	<p>All Wards.</p>	
<p>Madeley Parish Residents' Association – Mill Lane Community Fund/Maintenance of Mill Lane Project.</p>	<p>SG 1112 14</p>	<p>£5,000.00.</p>	<p>Mill Lane Community Fund is a project of Madeley Parish Residents' Association that seeks to restore Mill Lane, Madeley.</p> <p>They state that the road is in a bad state of repair and they are seeking funds towards the restoration of the road to improve health</p>	<p>£9,000.00.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>Community Chest - £1,000.00 applied for.</p>	<p>Part of Madeley Ward.</p>	<p>Community Chest more appropriate.</p>

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<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Page 8</p>			<p>& safety and the quality of life for residents.</p>					
<p>Newcastle-under-Lyme 50+ Forum/Newsletter. www.nul50plusforum.org.uk</p>	<p>SG 1112 15</p>	<p>£2,270.00. “Any contribution would be valued”.</p>	<p>Newcastle-under-Lyme 50+ Forum produces a quarterly newsletter for its members and stakeholders. They are seeking £2,270.00 for the costs of printing 1,000 copies 4 times a year for its newsletter. This provides information & articles of particular interest for older residents.</p>	<p>£2,270.00.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Not for this activity.</p>	<p>All Wards.</p>	
<p>Midsummer Mayhem/Midsummer Mayhem 2012. www.lymevalley.webs.com</p>	<p>SG 1112 16</p>	<p>£2,500.00. Minimum of £1,000.00.</p>	<p>Midsummer Mayhem is an annual summer event organised by the Friends of Lyme Valley that takes place on Lyme Valley Park. They are seeking £2,500.00 towards the 2012 event due to take place on Sunday 22 July 2012.</p>	<p>£6,436.00</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Aspire - £1,000.00, to be confirmed. Stall fees - £240.00 to date. Brochure advertising – unknown at this date. Anglian RHS Britain in</p>	<p>Impact on all Wards, but additional impact on Wards of Clayton and Town.</p>	

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						Bloom - £500.00 – to be confirmed.		
Green Age (at Blore Heath Farm). www.green-age.org.uk	SG 1112 17	£2,500.00. £2,000.00	“Green Age” is a new Care Farm provision, run as a social enterprise, at Blore Heath Farm near Loggerheads that aims to provide farm-based day opportunities for older people from April 2012. They are seeking £2,500.00 to provide subsidies for older people in Newcastle-under-Lyme who would not otherwise be able to afford the fees.	£229,878.00 overall.	No	Not for this activity.	Impact on all Wards, but additional impact on Ward of Loggerheads & Whitmore;	
Newcastle-under-Lyme District Scout Council/Castle Capers 2012. www.castlecapergs.org.uk	SG 1112 18	£5,000.00. £3,000.00.	Castle Capers is the annual Gang Show put on by Newcastle Scouts – the 2012 show takes place from 10 - 14 April. They are seeking £5,000.00 towards the cost of putting this show on.	£11,860.00.	No	Cultural Grant, £1,500.00 – to be confirmed. Community Chest, £500.00 – to be confirmed. Ticket sales, amount unknown.	Impact on all Wards.	Cultural Grant more appropriate.

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Parish of Audley

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Parish of Audley Medieval Society (PAMS)/Medieval & Community Event 2012. www.pams2011.btck.co.uk	SG 1112 19	£1,300.00.	Parish of Audley Medieval Society (PAMS) is a community group that put on an annual Medieval & Community Event on the Millenium Green in Audley – this year’s event takes place on 21 - 22 April 2012. They are seeking £1,300.00 to pay for an “authentic re-enactors display who will portray medieval life and knight’s battles”, and for St. John’s Ambulance.	c£3,627.48.	No	Community Chest – amount unknown. Audley & District Community Centre, £100.00.	Impact on the Ward of Audley.	Unsuccessful application, 2009/10.
Knighton Village Hall/Emergency Repair to Committee Room Floor – re-decoration.	SG 1112 20	£600.00.	Knighton Village Hall is “the only public amenity in the village”. They are seeking £600.00 towards the cost of an emergency repair/replacement to the wooden floor & skirting that have been attacked by dry rot and woodworm.	£3,000.00.	No	Loggerheads Parish Council - £1,000.00. Staffs CC Capital Projects - £1,000.00 to be confirmed. Fund raising event - £400.00, to be confirmed.	Impact on part of the Ward of Loggerheads & Whitmore.	Community Chest more appropriate.

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<p>Community Council of Staffordshire/Village Agent – Madeley & Whitmore.</p> <p>www.staffs.org.uk</p>	<p>SG 1112 21</p>	<p>£2,500.00. £1,000.00.</p>	<p>Community Council of Staffordshire is one of 38 that operate in every English county, providing support, advice and information for parish councils and rural voluntary & community groups.</p> <p>They are seeking £2,500.00 to support the ongoing work of the Village Agent working in Madeley & Whitmore from April to August 2012 – they are anticipating that they will be in a position to secure longer-term funding for the project.</p>	<p>£5,500.00.</p>	<p>£5,000.00, 2008/09.</p>	<p>Community Council of Staffordshire, £1,000.00.</p> <p>Staffordshire County Council, £2,000.00.</p>	<p>Impact on the Wards of Loggerheads & Whitmore and Madeley.</p>	
<p>Newcastle Community Transport/Health & Safety – New Retractable Passenger Steps.</p>	<p>SG 1112 22</p>	<p>£1,875.00. £1,406.25.</p>	<p>Newcastle Community Transport provides a door-to-door, wheelchair-accessible transport service for people with mobility problems in Newcastle.</p> <p>One of their 3 minibuses needs new retractable steps fitted to replace old ones that are no longer serviceable. The minibus cannot be used until this work has been done.</p>	<p>£1,875.00.</p>	<p>£2,000.00, 2009/10.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Impact on all Wards.</p>	

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<p>Ministry 4 Sport Community Interest Company/Walks 4 Health.</p> <p>www.ministry4sport.org.uk</p>	<p>SG 1112 23</p>	<p>£4,970.00. £1,988.00.</p>	<p>Ministry 4 Sport is a Newcastle-based not-for-profit Community Interest Company that provides sporting and recreational activities across North Staffordshire.</p> <p>They are seeking £4,970.00 to provide regular walks across Newcastle for vulnerable adult, led by trained walk leaders. They aim to target wards where poor health is a major issue.</p>	<p>£4,970.00.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Impact on the Wards of Bradwell, Butt Lane, Chesterton, Cross Heath, Holditch, Kidsgrove, Knutton & Silverdale and Silverdale & Parkside.</p>	<p>Coalfields Regeneration Trust grant, £4,970.00 (for healthy walks in S-o-T).</p> <p>Staffordshire Wildlife Trust's "Wild Steps" project - http://www.staffs-wildlife.org.uk/page/wild-steps</p> <p>Could be considered for a Sports Council grant.</p>
<p>St. Thomas' Parent Staff Association/Installing and planting of barrier planters.</p> <p>www.st-thomas-kidsgrove.org.uk</p>	<p>SG 1112 24</p>	<p>£823.20 £588.00.</p>	<p>St. Thomas' PSA is seeking £823.20 to purchase and install 7 barrier planters for the school's Eco Schools Committee and Gardening Club.</p>	<p>£823.20</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Impact on the Wards of Butt Lane and Kidsgrove.</p>	<p>Community Chest and/or Green Grants more appropriate.</p>
<p>Disability Solutions/Outreach Service.</p> <p>www.disability-solutions.net</p>	<p>SG 1112 25</p>	<p>£4,632.35. "A smaller amount would reduce the service pro-rata.</p>	<p>Disability Solutions are a North Staffs user-led charity that provides a range of services for people with a disability.</p> <p>They are seeking £4,632.35 to provide 1 outreach session of benefits and disability living advice a week in Newcastle for, mainly, older Newcastle residents with a disability. Some</p>	<p>£4,632.35.</p>	<p>2010/11, £2,500.00. Evaluation Form returned.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Impact on all Wards.</p>	

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			home visiting would be included.					
Action Apedale/Action Apedale.	SG 1112 25	£1,750.00. £1,400.00.	Action Apedale provides a range of free services for people with a mental health need, including art & craft; gardening; walking group; exercise sessions. They are seeking £1,750.00 for the costs of venue hire at Apedale, for their Public Liability insurance, and for promotional materials.	£11,118.05, including £6,720.00 in kind.	No	Aspire Housing - £320.00. Robbie Williams "Give it Sum" fund - £1,000.00. Community Chest, Silverdale Parish Council - £500.00.	Impact on the all Wards, but particularly the Wards of Chesterton, Holditch and Silverdale & Parksite.	Community Chest grant, 2010/11, Chesterton - £1,000.00. Evaluation Form returned.
Arch (North Staffs) Ltd/Sunshine Project – Safe Transport to School. www.archnorthstaffs.org.uk	SG 1112 27	£1,467.00. £944.00.	Arch (North Staffs) is a charity that provides a range of services, including supporting victims of domestic violence and their children. They are seeking £1,467.00 towards their Safe Transport scheme (part of their Sunshine Project) that provides safe transport to and from children living at Elizabeth	£2,832.00.	No	Ingles Charitable Trust, £250.00 – to be confirmed. The Hazel Steven Charitable Trust, £500.00. Mrs ME	Impact on all Wards.	

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			House, their DV refuge in Newcastle.			<p>Sargaent's Charitable Trust, £150.00.</p> <p>The Mercers Charitable Foundation, £500.00.</p> <p>The E & HN Boyd and JE Morland Charitable Trust, £250.00.</p>		

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 recommendations set out in Appendix 'A' of this 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 £1500 in any one year.

2. **Issues**

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

3. **Outcomes Linked to Sustainable Community Strategy and 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 none.

5. **Financial and Resource Implications**

5.1 The amount allocated for 2011/12 is £14,360. To date, a total of £10811 has been paid out leaving £3549 in the budget. If all the grants are approved to the sum of £3000, this will leave a balance of £549.

6. **Major Risks**

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

7. **List of Appendices**

Appendix A – list of organisations seeking grant aid

Appendix B – Spreadsheet of awards and balance 2011-2012

APPENDIX A

APPLICANT	REF	AWARD REQUEST	THE ORGANISATION AND ITS PROJECT	COST OF PROJECT	PREVIOUS AWARDS	OTHER FUNDING	COMMENTS
<p>Creative Arts North Staffs (CANS)</p>	<p>11/12/13</p>	<p>£1500</p>	<p>Creative Arts North Staffs are a community arts company delivering a wide range of arts projects to young people and the wider public. CANS work with hard-to-reach communities and encourage the use of artistic activities to support community development and improve quality of life.</p> <p>They are applying for a series of arts workshops with Hard to Reach young people who are finding difficulty in engaging in mainstream education. Their intended workshops are designed to re-integrate those pupils who are falling behind in their learning because of social or learning difficulties. These are young people who are often bypassed in the education system due to not receiving behavioural statements yet are placed in mainstream classes without sufficient support. It is our aim to help not only the student but also the teachers, peers, siblings and families in showing the young person creative learning can open up avenues they did not think were possible.</p> <p>Working with teachers and pupils in Newcastle schools they will devise projects to engage young people and will encourage them to learn new skills and participate.</p> <p>This project has the support of school and the Local Police Liaison Team.</p>	<p>£1840</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>PASS £340 unconfirmed</p>	<p>Need to identify which schools they will be working with.</p>
<p>Newcastle-under-Lyme District Scout Council</p>	<p>11/12/14</p>	<p>£1500</p>	<p>The Newcastle-under-Lyme District Scout Council covers 14 scout groups in the Newcastle area.</p> <p>They are seeking a grant for Castle Capers 2012, a musical review. The beavers, cub scouts, scouts, explorer scouts and leaders will rehearse for 14 weeks and put on six performances. Residents of sheltered housing and residential homes will be invited to the performances. This project will encourage the children to become actively involved and will build confidence, discipline and focus.</p> <p>Funding is sought to assist with the costs of room/theatre hire, musicians, costume, lighting, printing and other production costs.</p>	<p>£11860</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Small grants – unconfirmed</p> <p>Ticket sales</p>	<p>How much money do they anticipate raising from ticket sales?</p> <p>Have they considered Newcastle venues?</p>

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BUDGET 2011/12

				£			14,360.00	
GAP.	REF.	APPLICANT.	PROJECT	APPLIED.	GRANTED.	ACTUAL	BALANCE.	NOTES.
14/06/11	11/12/01	Body Image Dance	Dance 123	1,200.00	£ 1,200.00	£	13,160.00	Awaiting Ev Form
14/06/11	11/12/02	Keele University	New Landscapes	1,305.00	£ -	£	13,160.00	-
14/06/11	11/12/03	25th Knutton Scouts	Concert	150.00	£ 150.00	£	13,010.00	Concert postponed
14/06/11	11/12/04	Midsummer Mayhem	Midsummer Mayhem 2011	1,500.00	£ 1,500.00	£	11,510.00	Evaluation received
14/06/11	11/12/05	New Vic Borderlines	Romeo and Juliet	1,190.00	£ 1,190.00	£	10,320.00	Evaluation received
14/06/11	11/12/06	Jude Theatre Company, the Young Ones	Reminiscence Theatre project	1,500.00	£ -	£	10,320.00	-
				6,845.00	£ 4,040.00	£	10,320.00	
06/09/11	11/12/07	Judes Young Drama Group	Reminiscence Theatre project	£ 1,181.00	£ 1,181.00	£	9,139.00	Awaiting Ev Form - cf
06/06/11	11/12/08	Staffordshire Knights Youth band	Replace brass instruments	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,000.00	£	8,139.00	Awaiting Ev Form - cf
06/09/11	11/12/09	Art Brasil	Brazilian dance Workshops	£ 1,290.00	£ 1,290.00	£	6,849.00	Awaiting Ev Form- en
				£ 10,816.00	£ 7,511.00	£	6,849.00	
21/11/11	11/12/10	Silverdale St lukes PCC	Stained Glass Memorial Window	£ 1,200.00	£ 1,200.00	£	5,649.00	Awaiting Ev Form
21/11/11	11/12/11	Maer Village Hall	Maer Chorlton and Blackbrook Social History Project	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,500.00	£	4,149.00	Awaiting Ev Form
21/11/11	11/12/12	Tonks theatre Workshops	Panto Mayhem	£ 1,500.00	£ 600.00	£	3,549.00	Awaiting Ev Form
				£ 15,016.00	£ 10,811.00	£	3,549.00	
27/02/12	11/12/13	CANS	Our Crew	£ 1,500.00				

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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 funding reserved for voluntary organisations that provide homelessness related services.

Recommendation

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. The level of requests for financial support is greater than the finance available, therefore this report seeks to outline reasons as to how the grants should be awarded in order to maximise the outcomes in line with the Council's adopted Homelessness Strategy.

1. Background

- 1.1 The Council's budget for grants to organisations providing services to homeless people in 2012 -13 has been set with £17,500. The grants assessment panel will consider grants which are under £5,000.
- 1.2 The Council has a statutory responsibility to provide free advice and information about homelessness and its prevention. These responsibilities can be discharged in a variety of ways. Although the main approach is through the Newcastle Housing Advice Contract with Aspire Housing to provide homelessness, housing advice and the maintenance of the housing register, it is acknowledged that many agencies provide valuable support to those who have or may become homeless.
- 1.3 The organisations applying 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. 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.

2. Issues

- 2.1 The 2010 Homelessness Strategy sets out how the Council plans to address homelessness issues within the Borough. As part of the grant application each organisation has been asked to state how their service will meet the aims and priorities set out within the Homelessness Strategy.
- 2.2 Following on from previous years' grant allocations all organisations are required to sign a service level agreement and submit monitoring statistics, which enables the Council to monitor the service availability to and take up from Newcastle residents.

- 2.3 Some of the organisation that have applied for grant funding this year have received funding in previous years and have been able to submit statistics; monitoring statistics from the previous year's allocations are listed below each organisation.
- 2.4 There are organisations that have applied, which have not received funding in previous years and therefore, they have not been able to provide monitoring statistics. However, these organisations have been established for many years and have assisted the residents of Newcastle-under-Lyme. Information of their work is also listed below.

3. **Options Considered**

- 3.1 £35,628.50 has been requested this year, which is above the amount of £17,500 allocated for these bids.
- 3.2 Nine grant applications have been submitted for consideration. Each is listed below, giving the amount requested, the amount recommended by officers and a brief explanation.
- 3.3 The option considered is to allocate the available funding to grant applications.

4. **Proposal**

- 4.1 In assessing the grant applications, it has been decided that certain applications should not be awarded any funding, as in principle these have either demonstrated a low value for money or the projects will duplicate an existing service.
- 4.2 There are other grant applications, which in principle have demonstrated that they will provide a service that will directly link in with homelessness prevention and the recommendation has been to approve these applications. However, there is insufficient funding to support these grants in full.
- 4.3 Officers have exercised their judgement to allocate the funding. This judgement has been based on the performance of the organisation and the usefulness of the service to residents of Newcastle-under-Lyme.

Arch - Elizabeth House Advice Service

Requested £ 2,628.50

Elizabeth House is based in the Borough and provides emergency and temporary accommodation to women and families experiencing homelessness. The application for funding is to support the advice and information and signposting work which is carried out by the service. This service is particularly beneficial because it deals with enquiries out of regular office hours when no other service is available.

Total enquiries for Newcastle 2009/2010 (three quarters) = 39

Total enquires for Newcastle 2010/2011 (there quarters) = 22

Total enquires for Newcastle 2011/2012 (there quarters) = 33

Officers are therefore recommending awarding £2,628.50, the full grant requested.

Gingerbread

Requested £5,000

Gingerbread will provide residential and non-residential housing and tenancy advice to vulnerable lone parent families and single pregnant women who may be at risk of becoming homeless. The grant application explains how the grant application helps support the service provided in Newcastle. 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.

Total enquiries for Newcastle 2009/2010 (three quarters) = 59

Total enquires for Newcastle 2010/2011 (there quarters) = 59

Total enquires for Newcastle 2011/2012 (there quarters) = 69

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

Arch – Julia Refuge (*Previously Potteries Women’s Refuge*)

Requested £5,000

The Julia Refuge which was previously Potteries Women’s Refuge will continue to provide help for women and children escaping domestic violence and abuse. The refuge is situated in Stoke on Trent but assists Newcastle residents. The bid states that any monies received will go towards the telephone costs and staffing contribution for the training of the volunteer staff to ensure that they are able to continue to help vulnerable women and children from Newcastle.

Total enquiries for Newcastle 2009/2010 (three quarters) = 28

Total enquires for Newcastle 2010/2011 (there quarters) = 22

Total enquires for Newcastle 2011/2012 (there quarters) = 24

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

Salvation Army – Stoke

Requested £2,000

The Salvation Army provides support and temporary accommodation to homeless men. The grant application would enable the Salvation Army staff to provide advice and sign posting to those residents who are identified as having a local connection with Newcastle. In addition the centre provides an extensive life skills programme (including budgeting, cleaning, cooking, ironing, painting and decorating and developing hobbies) these skills all provide the necessary skills for independent living and employment, thus reducing the chances of individuals becoming homeless again.

Total enquiries for Newcastle 2009/2010 (three quarters) = 28

Total enquires for Newcastle 2010/2011 (there quarters) = 29

Total enquires for Newcastle 2011/2012 (there quarters) = 30

Officers are therefore recommending awarding the full grant of £2,000 requested.

North Staffordshire Furniture Mine

Requested £5,000

The Furniture Mine is a furniture reuse project, established in 1990. The function of the project is to facilitate the reuse of good quality pre-owned furniture and domestic appliances

donated from the general public and the business sector by the less well off members of the community. To ensure the furniture is available only to those who need it most, the organisation works with a network of agencies, in both the statutory and voluntary sector, who identify clients. Also individuals who are unable to obtain a referral but are on benefits or a low income can register and purchase items at low cost at the Furniture Mine showroom.

The table below is a summary of key performance of the organisation and demonstrate activity across the region:-

Year	Referrals	Self Referrals	Collections	Tons collected
2009/2010	1596	1354	5888	486
2010/2011	1617	1469	5194	407
2011/2012 (to Dec)	1276	994	4333	324

For Newcastle-under-Lyme, Furniture Mine has had a total of 245 referrals for April to December 2011 (three quarters).

The grant application has been made to contribute to the core cost of providing this service within Newcastle-under-Lyme. The indicative total expenditure for the next year is projected approximately at £375,215

Through the 3rd Sector Commissioning Framework, the provision for a Furniture Reuse Service will be commissioned shortly. It is anticipated that the contracts will commence in Quarter 2 of 2012/2013. Up until that time Officers are recommending awarding Furniture Mine a proportional grant, which will ensure that they will continue to provide a service to Newcastle-under-Lyme for Quarter 1 of 2012/2013, up until a re-use service, is in operation under the Commissioning Framework. Officers are therefore recommending awarding a grant of £1,871.50.

North Staffordshire Community Chaplaincy – Saltbox

Requested £1,000

North Staffs Community Chaplaincy seeks to address re-offending and prevent homelessness in North Staffordshire. The organisation states that it has 33 houses across the area, all of which are owned by local landlords who have entered into a contractual arrangement. Of these houses, two are within Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough, which provides accommodation to four men and one woman. There organisation also work with a number of people who are vulnerably housed, who access our debt management service (Money Matters). Statistics for Money Matters show that over 20 people from the borough in the past year have accessed this service.

North Staffs Community Chaplaincy has recently secured funding to use a trainer to address life skills and will be use the voluntary grant to fund budgeting training and one to one support for residents from/in the Newcastle area. It is anticipated that 4 training days will be undertaken throughout the year, for a minimum of 10 clients.

Officers are recommending awarding the full grant of £1,000 requested.

The Lyme Trust

Requested £5,000

The Lyme Trust is a voluntary charitable based in Newcastle-under-Lyme, which provides supported accommodation for adults with a diagnosed mental health need, dual diagnosis and homelessness. The grant application has been made to employ a Life Skill Worker, who will be employed for 16 hour per week, which will be divided into 4 days. It is intended that the life skill worker will work with the residents to build basic life skills i.e. budgetary, cooking etc.

Officers believe that although the intended project will benefit the residents – there seems to be significant overlap between the concept of the life skill work and the provision of housing support that is currently funded by Staffordshire Supporting People. This raises questions about the duplication of services that are being applied for under this funding. Therefore, the recommendation is not to approve this project under this particular grant.

Revival Home Improvement Agency

Requested £5,000

Revival Home Improvement Agency helps vulnerable people in North Staffordshire stay independent, providing a range of services to help them live in a warm, safe and secure home. The services include 'home from hospital', adaptations service, decorating and gardening, handyperson service, fire prevention, falls prevention, repairs management, housing options, and help to fund repairs.

The funding requested will be spent by freeing up family accommodation from people who are under occupying. Revival Home Improvement Agency states that intends to work with Aspire and other RSL's in Newcastle-under-Lyme to identify vulnerable people who need, and wish to move to more suitable accommodation or downsize to free up family homes.

Revival Home Improvement Agency has estimated that through the funding requested they would be able to support three people in Newcastle with moving to alternative accommodation.

Officers believe that although the intended project will benefit the residents, the project does not offer value for money. The funding requested of £5,000 would assist 3 people, which equates to a cost of approximately £1,667.00 for every person assisted. Therefore, the recommendation is not to approve this project under this particular grant.

YMCA

Requested £5,000

YMCA North Staffordshire is a large provider of housing and accommodation services across North Staffordshire and provide floating support services across North Staffordshire and the Staffordshire Moorlands. The main focus of the organisation is young people with engage group ranging from 16 – 25. YMCA North Staffordshire has established a customer forum, whereby young people have a platform to initiate ideas and support development. Within the customer forum is a peer mentoring team.

The funding has been requested for a project whereby the peer mentoring team, would identify schools that exist in within the Borough where social groups are particularly vulnerable to homelessness i.e. BME communities and lone parents and these schools would become the main focus of the campaign to raise awareness, provide information and training to young people about the reality of homelessness issues.

YMCA has estimated that they would be able to work with 6 schools with a total of 30 groups

and this would directly impact on 180 young people. They have stated that the indirect number of people whom would benefit is much higher due to the wider family impact.

Officers believe that although the intended project will benefit the residents – the project is seeking to provide a service that is due to be commissioned under the 3rd Sector Commissioning framework. Homelessness Prevention for Young People aged 16 years and under & 16 years and over service. A project to raise awareness about the realities of homelessness amongst young people. Therefore, the recommendation is not to approve this project under this particular grant. However, correspondence will be sent to the YMCA to make them aware of the opportunity to bid for this project under the 3rd Sector Commissioning framework.

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.

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 2012/13 is £17,500.

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 None

13. **List of Appendices**

- 13.1 Further details of each of the above applications are available from the Housing Strategy Team on request.

COMMUNITY CHEST

Submitted by: Sara Shuker

Portfolio: Resources and Efficiency

Ward(s) affected: All Wards affected

Purpose of the Report

To inform Members of Community Chest applications processed at the time of writing this report for the period April 2011 to February 2012.

Recommendations

- (a) That the Panel notes the applications received and processed to date.
- (b) That the Panel considers an application from Marsh Hall Community Centre and, if received, applications from Audley Parish Council and Keele Parish Council.

1. **Background**

1.1 Eighty four applications have been received for the current financial year 2011/12 from 15 Locally Based Bodies: -

- A total of £39,290.33 has been granted in grants from £49,603.37 applied for
- Forty seven received full grant applied for, twenty three received partial grants, seven applications refused, one application was cancelled, two applications awaiting appraisal, one application requires panel decision, three applications require further information

2. **Issues**

The following application has been received for approval by the Panel:-

- Marsh Hall Community Centre application for £1000 for the upkeep of exterior gardening, leaflet designs and production and Willow art structure. At the time of writing, the evaluation form from 2009/10 funding has yet to be returned.

Two further applications, as set out below, are expected and, if received, will be tabled at your meeting:-

- Audley Parish Council for 2 grit bins as part of the Ice Buster programme at a cost of approximately £217.
- Keele Parish Council for a Diamond Jubilee Orchard at a cost of approximately £1000.

3. **Options Considered**

Not applicable.

4. **Proposal**

4.1 The Panel consider approval of the application from Audley Parish Council (if received).

4.2 Panel consider approval of the application from Keele Parish Council (if received).

4.3 Panel consider approval of the application from Marsh Hall Community Centre.

5. **Reasons for Preferred Solution**

Not applicable.

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**

Not applicable.

8. **Equality Impact Assessment**

Not applicable.

9. **Financial and Resource Implications**

9.1 A breakdown of the current budgets for the Locally Based Bodies 2011/12

10. **Major Risks**

Not applicable.

11. **Key Decision Information**

Not applicable.

12. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**

Not applicable.

13. **List of Appendices**

There are none.

14. **Background Papers**

Applications made from April 2011 to February 2012
MHCC 1112 06 Marsh Hall Community Centre application