

SMALL GRANTS

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Portfolio: Resources and Efficiency

Ward(s) affected: Three of the applications for consideration potentially affect all Wards; one application primarily affects Newchapel Ward.

Purpose of the Report

To consider applications submitted to the Small Grants scheme for the second quarter of 2012/13.

Recommendation

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

Reasons

The remit of the Panel 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 2012/13 is £22,000.00.
- 1.2 Voluntary and Community groups can apply for a grant of up to £2,500.00.
- 1.3 At the Panel meeting of Monday 17 September 2012, 3 grants were awarded totalling £5,624.00.
- 1.4 The balance in the budget therefore stands at £12,636.00.

2. Issues

- 2.1 Two applications have been received for consideration by the Panel.
- 2.2 One application that was deferred from the June 2012 meeting is re-submitted for consideration.
- 2.3 One application that received a 50% grant at the June 2012 meeting is re-submitted for consideration for the second 50% to be granted.
- 2.4 For information about applications for consideration at this meeting, please see Appendix 1.

3. Options Considered

- 3.1 For each application, GAP can award:-
 - Full Grant.
 - Partial Grant.
 - No Grant.

- Unless an application has previously been deferred. 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.

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 Projects (not organisations) that receive a grant in two successive years are required to take a break for the following year before they are eligible to apply again. One of the applications is the third in successive years from the same organisation; members need to consider whether this is an eligible application.
- 4.3 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**

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 £22,000.00.
- 9.2 Applications submitted for this GAP meeting total £5,182.55. If all applications were approved for a full grant, that would leave £7,507.45 in the budget.

10. **Major Risks**

Not applicable.

11. **Key Decision Information**

- 11.1 Three of the applications for consideration potentially affect all Wards; one primarily affects Newchapel Ward.

12. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**

Not applicable.

13. **List of Appendices**

Appendix 1 - Small Grants details

Appendix 2 - Application 2012/13 Record

14. **Background Papers**

Copies of applications forms 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-staffpartnership.org.uk.