

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S REPORT TO THE
GRANTS ASSESSMENT PANEL COMMITTEE

Date Monday 10th June 2013.

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 first quarter of 2013/14.

Recommendations

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

Panel receive a summary report of the 2012/13 Small Grants expenditure.

Panel receive a report on a 2012/13 Small Grants Appeal.

Panel receive a report on Green Grant expenditure for 2012/13.

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 2013/14 is £22,000.00.

1.2 Voluntary & Community groups can apply for a grant of up to £2,500.00.

1.3 26 applications were received, and 16 grants were awarded in 2012/13; 8 of those received the full amount they applied for. Total expenditure was £21,991.95, leaving an underspend of £8.05.

1.4 The average grant awarded in 2012/13 was £1,374.50; the average amount applied for was £1,679.68.

1.5 A breakdown of grants awarded shows that the 30% of grants, and 34% of funds, were for health & social care projects – the highest category.

2. **Issues.**

Appeal.

2.1 Appeal. SG 1213 22 – 79th URC Scout Group lodged an appeal against the decision not to award them a Small Grant. This appeal was not upheld. Please see Appendix One.

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

2.3 Green Grants. A summary of 2012/13 Green Grants expenditure is provided for information. Please see Appendix Four.

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 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.

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**

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 £22,000.00.

9.2 Applications submitted for this GAP meeting total £5,770.00. If all applications were approved for a full grant, that would leave £16,230.00 in the budget.

10. **Major Risks**

10.1 Not Applicable.

11. **Key Decision Information**

11.1 The applications for consideration potentially affect all Wards.

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 Appeal Report, SG 1213 22.

14.2 Small Grant applications – details.

14.3 Application 2012/13 Record.

14.4 Green Grants 2012/13 Record.

15. **Background Papers**

15.1 Copies of applications will be e-mailed to Panel members. 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.