

REPORT TO: Grants Advisory Committee

27 March 2020

LEAD CABINET MEMBER: Councillor John Williams Lead Cabinet Member for Finance

LEAD OFFICER: Jason Clarke

Community Chest Grant: Funding Applications

Executive Summary

1. To consider deferred applications from the Grants Advisory Committee of 28 February as well as new applications received between 1 February and 29 February to the Community Chest funding scheme during 2019/20.
2. No

Recommendations

3. It is recommended that the Grants Advisory Committee considers all applications for funding that are set out in Appendix A to this report and makes a recommendation to the Lead Cabinet Member regarding the level of funding (£0 - £1,000) to be awarded for each or defer a decision, if further information is required, or reject an application if it doesn't comply with the grants' criteria.

Reasons for Recommendations

4. The Grants Advisory Committee's role is to consider and make recommendations to the Lead Cabinet Member responsible for grants, or Cabinet as appropriate, including, but not limited to:
 - a) Review of the Council's grants schemes to ensure they reflect Council priorities.
 - b) Design of any new or revised grants schemes, including consideration of criteria and guidance applicable in respect of each scheme.
 - c) Consideration of applications made under the Council's grants schemes.

Details

5. The Community Chest is grant funding available to voluntary and community sector groups, charities and public sector bodies wishing to further improve quality of life in South Cambridgeshire Applicants may apply for up to £1,000 and the community activity or project must deliver one or more of the following:
 - Improvements to community buildings and spaces (i.e. village halls / pavilions / play areas etc)
 - Repairs to historic buildings / monuments / memorials
 - Equipment / capital purchase
 - Materials
 - Start-up costs (may include training of staff / volunteers, hall hire and other revenue costs).
6. Guidance notes and eligibility criteria can be found at Appendix B.
7. Total amount of funding made available for 2019/20 is £58,140.00.
8. On 27 September 2019, Grants Advisory Committee recommended to the Lead Cabinet Member for finance that £20,000.00, for 2018/19 and 2019/20 from the discontinued Elite Athlete Award Scheme (EAAS), be allocated to the Community Chest Grant. This decision was taken by the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance on 3 October bringing the total pot up to £78,140.00.
9. Total funding available for 2019/20 has been amended to £68,140.00 due to EAAS funding for 2018/19 not being carried over.
10. Cambridge City Brass Band, who were successful in receiving £1,000 in 2018/19, were not able to spend their funding allocation and returned a cheque on 04/10/2019 bringing the total pot up to £79,140.00.
11. 1st Bourn Scout Group who were successful in 2018/19 had to seek planning permission prior to receiving the grant so they were not funded £1,000 until 11/12/2019.
12. Sawston Bowls Club, who were successful in receiving £499.00 in December 2019 for bowls collectors were only able to purchase 8 bowls collectors, rather than 6, due to space available. The club returned £152.00 on 03/02/2020 bringing the total pot up to £79,292.00.
13. There are 4 deferred applications totalling £3,289.95 and 17 new applications totalling £12,456.87 to consider and 3 VE day Applications totalling £2,800.00. The amount of funding remaining for allocation is £32,728.48. A summary of the applications can be found at Appendix A (copies of the applications forms are available from the Sustainable Communities and Partnerships Team upon request).

Options

14. The Grants Advisory Committee may consider all applications for funding that are set out in Appendix A of this report and recommend to the Lead Cabinet Member to:
15.
 - a. award the amount of funding requested,
 - b. award an alternative amount of funding, including zero funding,
 - c. defer a decision, if further information is required from grant applicants, or
 - d. reject an application stating the reason for this.

Implications

16. There are no significant implications

Risks/Opportunities

17. Applicants are required to provide supporting documents including copies of their constitution, financial accounts and quotes where applicable. Applicants must agree to the grant conditions before funds are released.

Consultation responses

18. Local members have been consulted on applications that directly affect their local area.

Effect on Council Priority Areas

19. The corporate aims are referenced in the criteria and guidance notes for the Community Chest.

Background Papers

Grants Advisory Committee, 27 November 2018

<https://scams.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=1096&MIId=7433&Ver=4>

Appendices

Appendix A: Applications Summary

Appendix B: Guidance notes for Community Chest 19/20

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