

Report to County Councillor Gina Dowding
Report submitted by: Head of Service Legal, Governance and Registrars

Electoral Division affected:
Lancaster Central;

Local Member Grants Scheme Application from:
Fairfield Association

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £400 towards the cost of putting on a Gamelan music session for children at the Fairfield Festival from the Local Member Grants Scheme.

Recommendation

That consideration be given to the request for grant funding as set out in this report.

Detail

On 16 December 2021, Full Council approved the reintroduction of the Local Member Grants Scheme. Under the scheme, each county councillor has been given a specific budget which they can spend to enhance the economic, social, and environmental well-being of people who live in their division. Following the reintroduction, using powers in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the Leader of the County Council has authorised individual county councillors to take formal decisions on behalf of the county council.

For the financial year 2024/25, each county councillor has a budget of £2000. Each councillor can also carry forward a maximum of £200 that was unspent in the previous financial year. County Councillor Gina Dowding's total budget is set out in the financial section of the report.

Details of the requests for grant funding are shown below:



Full name of your organisation	
Fairfield Association	
How much are you applying for? Minimum £100, Maximum £2500	
£400	
Which county councillors' electoral division(s) will your expenditure cover or benefit?	
Name	Amount
Lancaster Central (Cllr Dowding)	£400
What are you going to spend the grant on?	
The £400 will go towards the cost of putting on a Gamelan music session for children at the Fairfield Festival.	
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods	
25 th May 2024	
How will the money benefit people in the councillor(s) division(s)?	
This is the second time the Fairfield Association has put on the Fairfield Festival. Last year's event was attended by over 500 local people and was very well-received. One of the main items of feedback the charity had was the was not enough for young children. This year, we want to put on a Gamelan Music Workshop, provided by More Music. This is specifically aimed at children aged 0-5 and is child-led, developing their exploration and improvisation skills.	
Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.	
£400 will cover part of the £760 of the More Music Gamelan workshop.	
If you are not asking for the full amount of the cost of your activity / equipment, please give us details of where the rest of the funding is coming from. Please also explain what you will do if we give you the grant, but you do not get the other funding.	
The Fairfield Association have agreed to fund the remaining £360.	



If the councillor offers a grant of less than you have asked for, please explain below how that will affect your proposal – for example, will you still be able to complete your project or purchase, will you scale the project back, or seek funding elsewhere?

We would not be able to offer the More Music workshop.

Will the activity involve members of your organisation having significant contact with children or vulnerable adults?

- Yes
 No

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

No significant risks have been identified in relation to the proposals contained within this report.

Finance

An up-date of spend in 2024/25 is shown below:

Budget for 2024/25		£2,000.00
C/F from 2023/24		£0.00
Refunds		£0.00
Total Grant Available in 2024/25		£2,000.00
Grant Allocations Already Approved		
		£0.00
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25		£2,000.00
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected		
		£0.00
NEW REQUESTS	Fairfield Association	£400.00
		£400.00
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£400.00
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved		£1,600.00



List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

