

Report to County Councillor Sue Whittam

Report submitted by: Head of Service Legal, Governance and Registrars

Electoral Division affected:
Preston Rural;

Local Member Grants Scheme Application from:

Catforth Memorial Village Hall

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £684 towards the cost of flooring refurbishments 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 Sue Whittam'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



Catforth Memorial Village Hall	
How much are you applying for? Minimum £100, Maximum £2000	
£684	
Which county councillors' electoral division(s) will your expenditure cover or benefit?	
Name	Amount
Preston Rural (Cllr Whittam)	£684
What are you going to spend the grant on?	
The grant would be put towards the refurbishment of our maple sprung wooden floor.	
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods	
A specific date is to be agreed with the supplier as they need 3-5 days to complete the work. This needs to be done at a quiet booking time to be agreed between June & December 2024.	
How will the money benefit people in the councillor(s) division(s)?	
The sprung floor is a significant attraction to our hirers. It is in a poor state of repair and needs resanding & sealing to withstand constant use.	
Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.	
<p>The total cost of this refurbishment is £3,420.00. We are applying for a grant of £684.00 (being 20% of the total)</p> <p>This money, £684.00, would be spent on the hire of sanding equipment and the purchase of floor primer & sealant.</p>	
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 remaining balance will be taken from Catforth Village Hall limited funds.	



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?

As this is extremely important to the success of the hall, we will have to fund from our village hall account which will significantly deplete our reserves.

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	Rosemary and Time CIC	£200.00
		£200.00
NEW REQUESTS	Catforth Memorial Village Hall	£684.00
		£684.00
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£884.00
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in		£1,116.00



2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved

List of Background Papers

Paper

Date

Contact

None

