

Report to the Champion for Older People
Report submitted by: Head of Service Legal, Governance and Registrars

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Champion Grants Scheme Application from:
Brindle Over Fifty Fives (The BOFFS)

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from an organisation requesting £400 towards their entertainment costs from the Champion for Older People budget.

Recommendation

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

Detail

The role of Champion was first established in 2002 and the county council currently has six Champions, whose role is to support the Leader and individual Cabinet Members within their remits.

The six county council Champions are as follows:

- Armed Forces and Veterans
- Disabled People
- Mental Health
- Older People
- Parishes
- Young People

For the financial year 2023/24, each Champion has been given an annual allocation of £10,000 for use at their discretion to finance their activities, to which any unspent balance up to a maximum of £2,500 from the previous financial year could be added,

giving a maximum budget of £12,500 in any one financial year. The Champion for Older People total budget is set out in the financial section of the report.

Details of the request for grant funding are shown below:

Full name of your organisation
Brindle Over Fifty Fives (The BOFFS)
How much are you applying for? Minimum £100
£400
What are you going to spend the grant on? Please give a brief outline of the project.
<p>The Brindle Over Fifty Fives are a local group with an average of 65 members. Their meetings are held in Brindle Community Hall, where they have a guest speaker or musical entertainment, followed by refreshments, book exchange and general conversation, providing an interesting social afternoon for people aged over 55 from Brindle and the local area.</p> <p>The grant they are applying for is to assist with the cost of speakers, entertainment and the hire of their venue, Brindle Community Hall. They wish to maintain a high quality of speakers and provide an interesting and varied programme for their members to enjoy.</p>
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods
Brindle Over Fifty Fives is an ongoing Organisation, but the funding we are applying for will be used within 12 months of a grant being approved.
What are the benefits expected to be achieved?
They hope to be able to maintain their current membership and attract new members by continuing to offer a programme of good quality speakers and varied entertainment, thereby providing interest, company and social interaction for more mature people, which is so important for general well-being and mental health, particularly for those living alone.
Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.
<p>The average cost of a speaker is currently between £50 and £70, and our venue hire cost, for ten meetings during 2024 is £16 per hour. Meetings are for two hours apart from our two catered lunch meetings which require three hours each.</p> <p>A £400 grant could typically be used to cover venue costs for five two hour meetings (£160) and the cost of either four speakers at £60 each (£240), or five speakers at £50 each (£250).</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.

Members contributions fund our organisation.

If the Champion 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?

Any grant offered will be very much appreciated. However, a reduced grant may mean they would need to consider either economising on the cost, and therefore quality of their speaker/entertainment programme or an increase in members contributions, either of which could affect membership numbers.

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

Yes
x 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

It should be noted that the outstanding amount being requested by organisations for grant applications comes to a combined total of £1,400. The total amount of funding available in the Champion for Older People budget is £9.310.06.

Therefore, the maximum amount of funds that can be approved for outstanding grant requests is £1,400.

An up-date of spend in 2023/24 is shown below:



Budget for 2024/25		£10,000.00
C/F from 2023/24		£0.00
Refunds		£0.00
Total Grant Available in 2024/25		£10,000.00
Grant Allocations Already Approved	Blue Flamingo Community Hub CIC	£689.94
		£689.94
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25		£9,310.06
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected		
		£0.00
NEW REQUESTS	Friends of Pendle Brook	£1,000.00
	Brindle Over Fifty Fives (The BOFFS)	£400.00
		£1,400.00
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£1,400.00
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved		£7,910.06

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

