

**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:**

Rosemary and Time CIC

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**Brief Summary**

This report presents an application from an organisation requesting £480 towards instruments, song books and promotional leaflets 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:

<b>Full name of your organisation</b>
Rosemary and Time CIC
<b>How much are you applying for? Minimum £100</b>
£480
<b>What are you going to spend the grant on? Please give a brief outline of the project.</b>
<p>As their group is growing they would like to purchase</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• More instruments to add to our singing sessions</li><li>• Print some songbooks for our performance at Grimsargh Field Day</li><li>• Print some promotional leaflets to distribute to those who would benefit from attending our sessions</li></ul>
<b>Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods</b>
<p>Their leaflets will be printed initially in early April, followed by subsequent batches as needed. Their instruments will also be purchased in April.</p> <p>They are taking part in Grimsargh Field Day in June, they will print their songbooks in May in order to be able to practice well in advance.</p>
<b>What are the benefits expected to be achieved?</b>
<p>While they attract some people to their service using online means (social media/website etc) there are still many people within their demographic who would only find out about us via paper leaflets and posters. They would like to reach as many people as possible as they know the services they offer make such a difference to the wellbeing of those attending.</p> <p>Their groups enable older people and those living with dementia to get together in an environment of genuine understanding. The overall atmosphere of their groups is one of fun, laughter and banter, where people can have a go at new activities and share their own skills in order to remind themselves just how much they still have to offer their community.</p> <p>One of the most popular activities is singing. They are developing that side of their service to meet the desires of their groups. Singing at Grimsargh Field Day will be a great way to celebrate their achievement as well as help their local community to understand that people living with dementia, and older people in general, still have some fabulous capacity and have a lot to add value to their local neighbourhood. We are trying to break through the approach of patronising pity that some of our members still face.</p>



<b>Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.</b>
Printing of leaflets £180 Printing of songbooks £150 Instruments £150
<b>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.</b>
We will raise the balance of this through their own fundraising activities
<b>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?</b>
They will print fewer leaflets, purchase fewer instruments, while they raise the funds to make up the difference.
<b>Will the activity involve members of your organisation having significant contact with children or vulnerable adults?</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes x <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 £1,880.00. 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 £1,880.



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
<b>Total Grant Available in 2024/25</b>		<b>£10,000.00</b>
Grant Allocations Already Approved	Blue Flamingo Community Hub CIC	£689.94
		£689.94
<b>Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25</b>		<b>£9,310.06</b>
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
	Rosemary and Time CIC	£480.00
		£1,880.00
<b>Total Grant Requests in Progress</b>		<b>£1,880.00</b>

### List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

