

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:

Friends of Pendle Brook

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from an organisation requesting £1,000 towards the purchase of art and craft supplies and 6 singing to the Brain sessions 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
Friends of Pendle Brook
How much are you applying for? Minimum £100
£1,000
What are you going to spend the grant on? Please give a brief outline of the project.
<p>Friends of Pendlebrook run a weekly dementia cafe within Pendlebrook Care Home. This is open to the community and welcomes people living with dementia and their carers. They have been running for 18 months and the group is well attended with an average of 20 people per week. They offer chat, advice, friendship, crafts, information, refreshments and entertainment.</p> <p>They would spend the grant on art and craft supplies over the next 6 months and 6 sessions of Singing for the Brain at £90 a session (1 per month).. .</p>
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods
The group runs weekly and the grant will cover the costs for 6 months up to July 2024.
What are the benefits expected to be achieved?
<p>The dementia cafe has a wide range of benefits. It is a warm and safe space for people to attend. It offers social connections for attendees where people living with dementia can connect with others in similar situations. This can combat feelings of isolation and loneliness which are common among those living with the condition. Attendees receive support and understanding, they form friendships with others who understand what its like to live with dementia or care for some one with dementia. They are able to share experiences and cry and let off steam in a non judgemental situation. There is a reduced stigma , allowing participation with other who understand dementia and do not care if someone has repetitive speech patterns or unusual behaviours during the session. This in turn boosts confidence. Attendees also enjoy mental stimulation from the sessions. Although there is no cure for dementia it is good to stimulate cognitive function with singing well known songs, reminiscing, simple crafts and simple quizzes, all of which help to maintain memory and thinking skills. We also provide information and resources for those who need it and we can signpost people to services if required.</p>



Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.

Art & Crafts Supplies for 6 months activities for 20 people £460
averaging 88p per person per week
6 x Singing for the Brain Sessions with a trained singing teacher £90 per session =
£540

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.

If we receive the full amount that will be sufficient to cover costs for 6 months. If we don't get the full amount of funding we would not be able to offer as many activities .

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?

If we get less than requested, they would scale the project back and offer less art and crafts and less Singing for the Brain sessions.

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

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
		£1,000.00
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£1,000.00
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved		£8,310.06

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

