

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:

St Stephens in the Banks

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from an organisation requesting £500 towards their weekly coffee morning 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
St Stephens in the Banks
How much are you applying for? Minimum £100
£500
What are you going to spend the grant on? Please give a brief outline of the project.
They are enjoying the increase of people coming to our coffee morning, they all seem to enjoy meeting there very much. They are providing more and more refreshments. le, Toast crumpets fruit bread and jam. Coffee tea and juice. Several people have come forward to help them. They now have a great raffle and a fruit and veg hamper. People are very generous contributing towards their sale of good as new , jams, veg and cake. Etc. their reputation is growing far and wide. They now get people coming from the local nursing homes along with their carers, The funding enables Them to keep going, they have used every penny of their last grant on the rent of the room and stocking up the coffee sugar tea butter juice and milk etc. with more help from people they are able to look after those that need more time spent with them and they are very appreciative.
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods
Their project runs every month through the year.
What are the benefits expected to be achieved?
Keep the people going and catch up with the news and also friends they have not seen for a while or cannot get to see for whatever reason. It keeps the community ticking over and creates a good feeling.
Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.
Rent approximately £400 the rest will be used on food plates etc
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.
They would ask the church to finance the shortage



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?
Seek funding elsewhere
Will the activity involve members of your organisation having significant contact with children or vulnerable adults?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <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 £3,530. 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 £3,530..

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		
	Friends of Pendle Brook	£1,000.00



Rejected	Brindle Over Fifty Fives (The BOFFS)	£400.00
	Rosemary and Time CIC	£480.00
		£1,880.00
NEW REQUESTS	Longton Over Fifties Lunch Group	£250.00
	North Meols Nifty Fiftys	£500.00
	TOFFS	£400.00
	St Stephens in the Banks	£500.00
		£1,650.00
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£3,530.00
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved		£5,780.06

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

