

Report to County Councillor Peter Britcliffe

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

Electoral Division affected:
Oswaldtwistle;

Local Member Grants Scheme Application from:

Church and Oswaldtwistle Branch Royal British Legion

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £200 towards refreshments and entertainment at the Royal British Legion Branch 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 Peter Britcliffe'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	
Church and Oswaldtwistle Branch Royal British Legion	
How much are you applying for? Minimum £100, Maximum £2000	
£200	
Which county councillors' electoral division(s) will your expenditure cover or benefit?	
Name	Amount
Oswaldtwistle	£200
What are you going to spend the grant on?	
To cover the cost of refreshments and entertainment for our Royal British Legion Branch Spring social meeting and fundraiser for the community, prior to planning for D Day 80year commemoration.	
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods	
14th April 2024	
How will the money benefit people in the councillor(s) division(s)?	
<p>The social event is as a thank you to everyone in the community who helps support the all year round Poppy Appeal fundraising to help the armed forces community. The meeting also acts as an RBL branch awareness event showcasing how we work with the armed forces community and their families.</p> <p>Guests are from mixed age groups which helps different generations to support each other and to gain an understanding of the needs of others. Guests will include past and current serving armed forces personnel and their relatives.</p> <p>The afternoon will help build relationships in the community and will also enable networking for people to share their skill sets to enable different community groups to grow.</p>	
Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.	
Buffett lunch £196.00 Tea and coffee £4.00	



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.

Requesting the full amount of funding for the project.

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?

Alternative funding to cover costs will have to be sought from guests attending via raffle/donations if full amount is not granted.

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		£70.00
Refunds		£0.00
Total Grant Available in 2024/25		£2,070.00
Grant Allocations Already Approved		
£0.00		
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25		£2,070.00
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected		
£0.00		
NEW REQUESTS	Church and Oswaldtwistle Branch Royal British Legion	£200.00
£200.00		
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£200.00
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved		£1,870.00

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

