

**Report to County Councillor Mrs Sue Whittam**

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

**Electoral Division affected:**  
Preston Rural;

**Local Member Grants Scheme Application from:**

Grimsargh Cricket Club

Contact for further information:

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**Brief Summary**

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £450 towards the cost of fixing sight screens 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 Mrs Sue Whittam'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**



Grimsargh Cricket Club	
<b>How much are you applying for? Minimum £100, Maximum £2000</b>	
£450	
<b>Which county councillors' electoral division(s) will your expenditure cover or benefit?</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Preston Rural (Cllr Whittam)	£450
<b>What are you going to spend the grant on?</b>	
Fixing the sight screens as the metal works has been damaged with the weather.	
<b>Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods</b>	
April 2024	
<b>How will the money benefit people in the councillor(s) division(s)?</b>	
<p>The money will help people (young and old) who are connected with the cricket club.</p> <p>People of all ethnicities and religion play at our club, so assisting with this project will assist in building better connections across the local community.</p>	
<b>Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.</b>	
<p>A fabricator needs to source, bend, and weld the existing and new metal onto the sight screen.</p> <p>This project should cost at least £450 when you factor in the materials involved to complete the job and the time of the individual.</p>	
<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>	
I believe the works will cost more than the £450 but as a club we would be willing to fund any difference from the club account.	



**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?**

As I explained above, if we are granted less, then we will carry on with the works as we cannot play without the sight screens as it is dangerous and would need to seek grants from other sources.

**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		£0.00
Refunds		£0.00
<b>Total Grant Available in 2024/25</b>		<b>£2,000.00</b>
Grant Allocations Already Approved	Catforth Memorial Village Hall	£684.00
	Rosemary and Time CIC	£200.00
	Woodplumpton Community Action Group	£650.00
		£1,534.00
<b>Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25</b>		<b>£466.00</b>
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected		
		£0.00
NEW REQUESTS	Grimsargh Cricket Club	£450.00
		£450.00



<b>Total Grant Requests in Progress</b>	£450.00
<b>Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved</b>	£16.00

### List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

