

Report to County Councillor Samara Barnes

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

Electoral Division affected:
Rossendale West;

Local Member Grants Scheme Application from:

Community Defibs for Rossendale

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £500 towards the installation of a community access defibrillator 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 Samara Barnes' 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	
Community Defibs for Rossendale	
How much are you applying for? Minimum £100, Maximum £2000	
£500	
Which county councillors' electoral division(s) will your expenditure cover or benefit?	
Name	Amount
Rossendale West	£500
What are you going to spend the grant on?	
We would like to facilitate the installation of a Community Public Access Defibrillator adjacent to the Clough Head Visitor Centre & Café on Grane Road, Haslingden.	
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods	
As soon as possible once funds are raised.	
How will the money benefit people in the councillor(s) division(s)?	
<p>With many visitors to the Centre to enjoy the local landscape and wildlife, it is a relatively remote site, which would benefit from access to emergency equipment should the need arise.</p> <p>The unit will be available to all visitors to the site.</p>	
Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.	
<p>Polycarbonate heated outdoor cabinet locked with lighting - £495</p> <p>Physio Control Lifepak CR2 Semi-Automatic defibrillator - £1775</p>	
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.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Defibs for Rossendale (CDfR) are donating a housing unit. • The Cafe will host the housing unit and provide electricity for the heater • RBC Community partnership Grant - £500 • E3P are donating £500 	



- Visitors to the site are contributing through collection pots

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?

No half-measures with this project - we will persevere and find the funding – by public appeal, Go Fund Me etc if necessary.

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		£6.00
Refunds		£0.00
Total Grant Available in 2024/25		£2,006.00
Grant Allocations Already Approved		
£0.00		
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25		£2,006.00
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected		
£0.00		
NEW REQUESTS	Community Defibs for Rossendale	£500.00
£500.00		
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£500.00
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved		£1,506.00

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

