

Report to County Councillor Jennifer Mein

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

Electoral Division affected:
Preston South East;

Local Member Grants Scheme Application from:

Residents Association of Farrington & Thirlmere (RAFT)

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £500 towards the cost of making up 30 Christmas food hampers 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 Jennifer Mein'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	
Residents Association of Farrington & Thirlmere (RAFT)	
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
Preston South East (Cllr Mein)	£500
What are you going to spend the grant on?	
<p>Ribbleton, Preston is one of the most deprived areas in England. RAFT provides critical services to over 700 local households in this area. Due to the impact of the current Cost of Living Crisis, many of our elderly residents are suffering in silence and often feel lonely and isolated. We currently run an over 50's friendship club at our community centre to help keep our elderly engaged and feel meaningful within the community.</p> <p>This Christmas we will be making up 30 Christmas food hampers to deliver to the homes of our most vulnerable elderly residents during the month of December 2024. The £500 will be used to buy food for the hampers. RAFT will be providing funding of £150.</p>	
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods	
December 2024.	
How will the money benefit people in the councillor(s) division(s)?	
Helping our older residents get and stay meaningfully engaged will help with their health and wellbeing and improve our community overall.	
Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.	
<p>Christmas pudding – 30 x 2.00 = £60.00 Mince pies – 30 x 1.80 = £54.00 Shortbread biscuits – 30 x 1.10 = £33.00</p>	



Tin of Tuna steak – 30 x 1.25 = £37.50
 Shortbread Biscuits – 30 x 1.50 = £45.00
 Chocolates – 30 x 1.90 = £57.00
 Christmas cake – 30 x 2.70 = £81.00
 Soup – 30 x 1.25 = £37.50
 Christmas card – 30 x 0.50 = £15.00
 Christmas cracker – 30 x 0.65 = £19.50
 Tin of Ham – 30 x 1.95 = £58.50
 Toffees / Fudge – 30 x 1.50 = £45.00
 Jar jam / marmalade – 30 x 1.30 = £39.00
 Tea bags – 30 x 2.25 = £67.50

Total = £649.50

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.

We will allocate £150 of funding from RAFT funds to buy the Christmas hamper goods.

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?

We would have to reduce the number of Christmas hampers that we can give out to our most vulnerable elderly residents.

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
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C/F from 2023/24		£0.00
Refunds		£0.00
Total Grant Available in 2024/25		£2,000.00
Grant Allocations Already Approved		
		£0.00
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25		£2,000.00
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected	Rosemary and Time CIC	£100.00
		£100.00
NEW REQUESTS	Residents Association of Farringdon & Thirlmere (RAFT)	£500.00
		£500.00
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£600.00
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved		£1,400.00

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

