

**Report to County Councillor Rob Bailey**

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

**Electoral Division affected:**  
West Lancashire East;

**Local Member Grants Scheme Application from:**

Friends of Parbold Library

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**Brief Summary**

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £600 towards a Heritage Month in May 2024 and Lancashire Day in November 2024 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 Rob Bailey's total budget is set out in the financial section of the report.

Details of the requests for grant funding are shown below:



<b>Full name of your organisation</b>	
Friends of Parbold Library	
<b>How much are you applying for? Minimum £100, Maximum £2000</b>	
£600	
<b>Which county councillors' electoral division(s) will your expenditure cover or benefit?</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
West Lancashire East	£600
<b>What are you going to spend the grant on?</b>	
<p>The library will be holding a Heritage Month during May 2024. The Friends of Parbold Library are planning to hold events during the month. One event will be a Lancashire Clog dancer, Alex Fisher, giving a talk to the public and also two classes of local schoolchildren and be shown the rudiments of clog dancing with the opportunity to join in using the clogs supplied by the dancer.</p> <p>The cost of Alex Fisher for the talk and the two classes will be £250.</p> <p>The Friends group are also planning on celebrating Lancashire Day in November 2024 by having a concert in the library on 28th November which will consist of a number of entertainers on the night who will performing Lancashire songs, poems and monologues.</p> <p>The cost of this evening will be £350 split among the performers.</p>	
<b>Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods</b>	
Heritage Month Events with Clog Dancing - May 2024	
Lancashire Night - 28th November 2024	
<b>How will the money benefit people in the councillor(s) division(s)?</b>	
<p>Events in the library help to raise the profile of the library in terms of people using the building. Whilst the primary purpose of the library is borrowing of books and other related materials, other activities in the building happen on a regular basis including coffee mornings, author talks, Baby Bounce and Rhyme mornings, and poetry group meetings.</p>	



The Friends of Parbold Library hold events on a regular basis that helps to raise money to buy things for the library that it is not in the council's remit. In the past these have included mugs, chairs, art materials for children to use, the notice board that is displayed outside the library telling people what is going on at certain times. It is important that the library is used on a regular basis by the public to keep the place open.

**Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.**

To provide a clog dancing teacher and speaker for events during Heritage Month, May 2024 £250

To provide entertainers for Lancashire Day, 28th November 2024 - £350

Total £600

**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.**

The grant applied for will cover the full cost of the events.

**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?**

The Friends of Parbold Library could fund a small shortcoming from a grant award from its own funds.

**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		
£0.00		
<b>Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25</b>		<b>£2,000.00</b>
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected		
£0.00		
NEW REQUESTS	Friends of Parbold Library	£600.00
£600.00		
<b>Total Grant Requests in Progress</b>		<b>£600.00</b>
<b>Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved</b>		<b>£1,400.00</b>

## List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

