

**Report to the Champion for Armed Forces and Veterans**

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

**Electoral Division affected:**  
(All Divisions);

**Champion Grants Scheme Application from:**

DWS Lifeskills CIC

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**Brief Summary**

This report presents an application from an organisation requesting £3,100 towards projects offering support to veterans in need in Lancashire from the Champion for Armed Forces and Veterans budget

**Recommendation**

That consideration be given to the request for grant funding as set out in this report.

**Detail**

The role of Champion was first established in 2002 and the county council currently has six Champions, whose role is to support the Leader and individual Cabinet Members within their remits.

The six county council Champions are as follows:

- Armed Forces and Veterans
- Disabled People
- Mental Health
- Older People
- Parishes
- Young People

For the financial year 2023/24, each Champion has been given an annual allocation of £10,000 for use at their discretion to finance their activities, to which any unspent

balance up to a maximum of £2,500 from the previous financial year could be added, giving a maximum budget of £12,500 in any one financial year. The Champion for Armed Forces and Veterans total budget is set out in the financial section of the report.

Details of the request for grant funding are shown below:

<b>Full name of your organisation</b>
DWS Lifeskills CIC
<b>How much are you applying for? Minimum £100</b>
£3,100
<b>What are you going to spend the grant on? Please give a brief outline of the project.</b>
The funding will be spent on working with veterans in need across Lancashire for a duration of 12 months, helping with mental health and physical wellbeing. They will visit veterans homes and listen to their issues and assist them by signposting to relevant agencies that will be able to help. They will assist with recovery from operations in the form of mobility and flexibility advice. They run events including quiz nights, walking, kayaking that will help stimulate and encourage socialisation.
<b>Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods</b>
Ongoing for 12 months
<b>What are the benefits expected to be achieved?</b>
They will help veterans improve their physical and mental wellbeing and help with integration into the community.
<b>Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.</b>
Veterans home visits 2 per week for 52 weeks @ £20 - £2080 Quiz nights £720 one per month for 12 months including room hire, admin and raffle prizes £60 per event Kayaking for 4 sessions @ £50 each - £200 Walking groups, and refreshments @ £10 - £100
<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>
The rest of funding for the project will be spread across different funders and they will raise other funds through donation and raffles.



**If the Champion 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?**

They will seek funding elsewhere

**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**

It should be noted that the outstanding amount being requested by organisations for grant applications comes to a combined total of £3,100. The total amount of funding available in the Champion for Armed Forces and Veterans Budget is £10,417.25.

Therefore, the maximum amount of funds that can be approved for outstanding grant requests is £3,100.

An up-date of spend in 2023/24 is shown below: Budget for 2024/25		£10,000.00
C/F from 2023/24		£1,054.00
Refunds		£0.00
<b>Total Grant Available in 2024/25</b>		<b>£11,054.00</b>
Grant Allocations Already Approved	Wrea Green D-Day 80th Anniversary Committee	£636.75
		£636.75
<b>Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25</b>		<b>£10,417.25</b>
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected	Veterans Living History Museum CIC	£1,200.00
		£1,200.00



NEW REQUESTS	DWS Lifeskills CIC	£3,100.00
		£3,100.00
<b>Total Grant Requests in Progress</b>		£4,300.00
<b>Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved</b>		£6,117.25

### List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

