

Report to the Champion for Parishes

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

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Champion Grants Scheme Application from:

Yealand Parish Council

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from an organisation requesting £900 towards the installation of monkey bars at Yealand Playground from the Champion for Parishes 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 Parishes total budget is set out in the financial section of the report.

Details of the request for grant funding are shown below:

Full name of your organisation
Yealand Parish Council
How much are you applying for? Minimum £100
£900
What are you going to spend the grant on? Please give a brief outline of the project.
They are extending the playpark to include some Monkey Bars which will extend the age range of interest for local children. They can fit these into the existing footprint of the playground.
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods
1 st June 2024
What are the benefits expected to be achieved?
The offer for the 9 to 14 year old range of children has not been catered for in Yealand. They know how important it is to get this cohort outside and active for their health and wellbeing. They feel this will support both the teenagers and the families locally who have children in this category.
Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.
Installation of Monkey bars at the Yealand Playground £1800 Amount requested 50% £900
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.
They are having a fundraising event on the 5 April and 18 May expressly for the playground equipment. Any shortfall can be made up from Parish reserves. We are confident we can cover the cost of the project, however receiving the Parish Champion grant will make this more feasible.



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 have an active group based on the Village Hall who are committed to putting on events for the community and we can continue to have fundraising activities to make up any shortfall.

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 2023/24 is shown below:

Budget for 2024/25		£10,000.00
C/F from 2023/24		£2,500.00
Refunds		£0.00
Total Grant Available in 2024/25		£12,500.00
Grant Allocations Already Approved		£0.00
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25		£12,500.00
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected		£0.00
NEW REQUESTS	Yealand Parish Council	£900.00
		£900.00
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£900.00
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved		£11,600.00



List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
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