

**Report to County Councillor Mohammed Iqbal MBE**

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

**Electoral Division affected:**  
Brierfield & Nelson West;

**Local Member Grants Scheme Application from:**

Nature Warriors

Contact for further information:

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**Brief Summary**

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £1,500 towards the cost of sports equipment for a community sports gym 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 Mohammed Iqbal'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>	
Nature Warriors	
<b>How much are you applying for? Minimum £100, Maximum £2000</b>	
£1,500	
<b>Which county councillors' electoral division(s) will your expenditure cover or benefit?</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Brierfield & Nelson West (Cllr Iqbal)	£1,500
<b>What are you going to spend the grant on?</b>	
<p>We will shortly be moving into a new centre which will provide a range of activities for the community including multiple martial arts, fitness classes, strength and conditioning centre, a fight for peace training academy. We are at the stage of raising funding for sports equipment needed over both floors and will use the money towards strength and conditioning equipment.</p>	
<b>Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods</b>	
Will be spent within 3 months of award.	
<b>How will the money benefit people in the councillor(s) division(s)?</b>	
We will be a community sports gym so it will benefit everyone in the local area.	
<b>Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.</b>	
<p>Boxing Bags £121 X 5 = 605  Basketball Hoop Connected to Wall = £350  Strength and Conditioning - Weights, Kettle Bell etc = £545</p>	
<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>	
N/A	



**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 have split the budget up into 3 items we need, so a smaller amount will allow us to purchase something smaller if we receive an offer of less.

**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	Women Rise Up CIC	£265.00
		£265.00
NEW REQUESTS	Nature Warriors	£1,500.00
		£1,500.00
<b>Total Grant Requests in Progress</b>		<b>£1,765.00</b>
<b>Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved</b>		<b>£235.00</b>



## List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

