

Report to County Councillor Hasina Khan
Report submitted by: Head of Service Legal, Governance and Registrars

Electoral Division affected:
Chorley North; Chorley Rural
East;

Local Member Grants Scheme Application from:
Sea Cadets Chorley

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting ££200 towards the replacing the unit flat roof from the Local Member Grants Scheme.

The organisation has submitted a multi-division application requesting a total amount of £2000 from the Local Member Grants Scheme towards the same project. Requests have been made to each of the following county councillors and a separate report will be submitted to each councillor for their determination:

- County Councillor Hasina Khan - £1000
- County Councillor Kim Snape - £1000

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 2023/24, each county councillor has a budget of £2500. Each councillor can also carry forward a maximum of £200 that was unspent in the previous financial year. County Councillor Hasina Khan'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	
Sea Cadets Chorley	
How much are you applying for? Minimum £100, Maximum £2500	
£2000	
Which county councillors' electoral division(s) will your expenditure cover or benefit?	
Name	Amount
Chorley North	£1000
Chorley Rural East	£1000
What are you going to spend the grant on?	
<p>We are looking at totally refurbishing our unit flat roof. This job hasn't been done for a substantial period of time and unfortunately age-related issues are starting to appear.</p> <p>This has led to leaks in some of our teaching spaces, which also double up as accommodation for our cadets on courses. If left untreated there is the risk of serious damage to other parts of our building, so we are trying as a team to rectify these issues before they worsen. We are wishing to completely replace our flat roof and are hoping to use this grant to help cover the cost of building materials.</p>	
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods	
March 2024. With the aim of starting and completing the project over 6-8 months while in the summer season in the hope of good weather.	
How will the money benefit people in the councillor(s) division(s)?	
We recruit cadets right around the Chorley and District area. The unit opened in 1965 at Heapey Road, Chorley.	



It has supported thousands of young people in Chorley to learn nautical skills, with 30 cadets currently attending, supported by 10 volunteers, with the hope to expand and recruit more. Alongside the training we provide our cadets we also aim to give back and help our local community, this is done through local parades to show support for our veteran and military community but also in community events such as the Adlington Carnival.

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

- Mineral Felt
- Underlay felt
- Bitumen

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 are a small team of volunteers and within our unit we have a number of trained builders, engineers, and roofers to assist with building and maintenance work in the unit. This is a huge help with regards to lowering labour charges that we would otherwise have to pay.

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?

If this was to happen then we could aim to raise the money through traditional means such as bag packing however due to the increasing costs brought on by the cost of living crisis we have found this to be a limited resource for fundraising at this time.

Another potential option would be to repair our flat roof in parts and break up the job into sections rather than as one complete task, therefore spreading the costs over a longer period of time. However the longer the issue is left unaddressed the higher the risk becomes of greater damage occurring to other parts of the building.

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 2023/24		£2,500.00
C/F from 2022/23		£200.00
Refunds		£0.00
Total Grant Available in 2023/24		£2,700.00
Grant Allocations Already Approved	The Wellbeing Experience	£150.00
	St Laurence and St Peter's Church Lads and Church Girls Brigade	£100.00
	Chorley Heritage Centre Support Group	£200.00
	Chorley Women's Centre	£150.00
	Certain Curtain Theatre Company	£150.00
£750.00		
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2023/24		£1,950.00
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected		
£0.00		
NEW REQUESTS		
£0.00		
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£0.00
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2023/24 if all outstanding requests are approved		£1,950.00



List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

