

Report to County Councillor Ash Sutcliffe
Report submitted by: Head of Service Legal, Governance and Registrars

Electoral Division affected:
Pendle Central;

Local Member Grants Scheme Application from:
Christians Against Poverty – Burnley, Nelson and Colne

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £399.98 towards the cost of a laptop, Microsoft 365, and internet protection 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 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 Ash Sutcliffe'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	
Christians Against Poverty – Burnley, Nelson and Colne	
How much are you applying for? Minimum £100, Maximum £2500	
£399.98	
Which county councillors' electoral division(s) will your expenditure cover or benefit?	
Name	Amount
Cllr Ash Sutcliffe (Pendle Central)	£399.98
What are you going to spend the grant on?	
A laptop with a Windows Operating System, Microsoft 365, and internet protection.	
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods	
February 2024	
How will the money benefit people in the councillor(s) division(s)?	
We have just employed another debt coach to try and help with the number of referrals we are receiving to help people deal with debt and to better manage their money. All our work systems are online. As we do home visits each Debt Coach needs their own laptop to fill in Electronic Fact Finds and to show clients videos that relate to their debt solution. A laptop is an essential piece of equipment for each debt coach.	
Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.	
Laptop - £300 Microsoft 365 - £59.99 McAfee - £39.99	
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 will have to go into our core funding, we are entirely responsible for all running costs for our Debt Centre so it would impact us in that area.	
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?	



None

