

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:

Veterans Living History Museum CIC

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from an organisation requesting £1,200 towards the school project for the 80th anniversary of D-Day 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:

Full name of your organisation
Veterans Living History Museum CIC
How much are you applying for? Minimum £100
£1,200
What are you going to spend the grant on? Please give a brief outline of the project.
<p>The Veterans Living History Museum will be putting a school project together on the 80th anniversary of D-Day 1944-2024. They will be putting 20 story boards together with D-Day heroes stories on them to bring these heroic soldiers to life, with each story board there will be a selection of artefacts from the Second World War, they will also put a display in each school which will consist of uniforms, artefacts and books, they will also leave a work sheet for the children to complete, this will be left in schools for a number of weeks, then their team will go to the schools to talk to the children and also try some of the uniforms they wore in WW2 with a prize given out to the best worksheet.</p> <p>In respect of all the schools they have also been invited to take their story boards and artefact to represent their mobile museum to the public opening of the Winston Churchill's Centre on the beaches of Normandy France from the 4th to the 10th June 2024, This is an absolute honour for them to be front and centre of this historical event, which is a once in a lifetime opportunity, They will be going as 6 veterans with one being a serving Major in the Duke of Lancasters Regiment, so the funds will be mainly used for the production of the story boards and school visits with any left over funds being put towards the cost of the trip to Normandy France.</p>
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods
The Start Date will be from 22/04/2024 with the Normandy Trip being 04 to the 10 th June 2024. The schools will be continuing throughout the year and many years ahead.
What are the benefits expected to be achieved?
<p>Bringing the museum to the schools across our region and bringing military history alive in our schools , giving children a better understanding of the heroic bravery of our soldiers in WW2 and the D-Day landings, with 20 story boards and artefact bringing the 20 selected stories of our soldiers back to life in the classrooms,</p> <p>Also giving 6 veterans the opportunity to be part of a once in a lifetime opportunity at the 80th Anniversary of the D-day landings</p>
Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.
Cost of story boards approx £350, Cost towards fuel for travelling to schools approx



£20 per school = start 10 schools £200, Design of work sheets for schools £150, Costs towards WW2 artefacts needed approx £300, Help towards the Normandy trip if any excess funds left
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.
This is part of a great project over the next year but will be carried on in schools for many years to come, they are always seeking funding, they have secured their fares for their Ferry to Normandy and they hold a decent amount of artefacts for schools in their mobile museum.
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 are very happy for any sort of funding as every little helps their mobile museum achieve their high standards of bringing their mobile military history museum to the people and bringing military history back to life through their museum, they are a fully volunteer organisation, nonprofit nonsalary working together as a team to help them selves and signpost our veterans with mental health and wellbeing to other great organisations across our community.
Will the activity involve members of your organisation having significant contact with children or vulnerable adults?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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		£1,054.00
Refunds		£0.00
Total Grant Available in 2024/25		£11,054.00
Grant Allocations Already Approved	Wrea Green D-Day 80th Anniversary Committee	£636.75



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Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25		£10,417.25
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected		
		£0.00
NEW REQUESTS	Veterans Living History Museum CIC	£1,200.00
		£1,200.00
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£1,200.00
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved		£9,217.25

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

