

**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:**

Blackpool Fylde and Wyre Royal Marines Association

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**Brief Summary**

This report presents an application from an organisation requesting £1,000 towards the coach hire to Scotland for the 360 Anniversary of the Royal Marines 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 2024/25, 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:

<b>Full name of your organisation</b>
Blackpool Fylde and Wyre Royal Marines Association
<b>How much are you applying for? Minimum £100</b>
£1,000
<b>What are you going to spend the grant on? Please give a brief outline of the project.</b>
This year is the 360 anniversary of the formation of the Corps of The Royal Marines. To mark this occasion they are holding a celebration weekend at Spean Bridge Scotland which will consist of a trip to Achnacarry House where the original commands trained, a regimental dinner and a memorial service at the Spean Bridge Memorial. There will be about 20 members and family attending from their branch and the estimated cost of the coach is £2,000.
<b>Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
<b>What are the benefits expected to be achieved?</b>
If they can provide cheap or free travel for their members then more will be able to attend this special weekend where they can meet old friends and together honour fallen comrades.
<b>Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.</b>
The funding would be used towards the cost of the coach hire.
<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>
They will pay the other half of the travel expenses from their branch bank account
<b>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?</b>



If they are offered less than the £1,000 they would find that some of their members would not be able to attend

**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**

It should be noted that the outstanding amount being requested by organisations for grant applications comes to a combined total of £2,200. The total amount of funding available in the Champion for XXX budget is £6,517.25.

Therefore, the maximum amount of funds that can be approved for outstanding grant requests is £2,200.

An up-date of spend in 2024/25 is shown below:

Budget for 2024/25		£10,000.00
C/F from 2023/24		£1,054.00
Refunds		£0.00
<b>Total Grant Available in 2024/25</b>		<b>£11,054.00</b>
Grant Allocations Already Approved	Wrea Green D-Day 80th Anniversary Committee	£636.75
	DWS Lifeskills CIC	£3,100.00
	Poulton in Bloom	£800.00
		£4,536.75
<b>Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25</b>		<b>£6,517.25</b>
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected	Veterans Living History Museum CIC	£1,200.00
		£1,200.00
NEW REQUESTS	Blackpool Fylde and Wyre Royal Marines Association	£1,000.00



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<b>Total Grant Requests in Progress</b>	£2,200.00
<b>Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved</b>	£4,317.25

### List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

