

Report to County Councillor Yousuf Motala

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

Electoral Division affected:
Preston City;

Local Member Grants Scheme Application from:

Broadgate and District Residents Action Group (BRAG)

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £500 towards the cost of a laptop, PC equipment and upgrade form 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 Yousuf Motala'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	
Broadgate and District Residents Action Group (BRAG)	
How much are you applying for? Minimum £100, Maximum £2000	
£500	
Which county councillors' electoral division(s) will your expenditure cover or benefit?	
Name	Amount
Preston City (Cllr Motala)	£500
What are you going to spend the grant on?	
Upgrading our Zoom for our BRAG and PACT meetings, there are a lot of older people who through social isolation and mobility issues cannot attend in person. And a new laptop for conducting the online meetings.	
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods	
We would be purchasing them ASAP in time for our next meeting on 12 June 2024.	
How will the money benefit people in the councillor(s) division(s)?	
People can't attend our meetings especially in the winter time when elder residents can't attend due to the weather and mobility issues. Hopefully by attending online, they feel part of the community and end their social isolation.	
Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.	
Cost of a new laptop and PC equipment - £400 Cost of zoom upgrade - £100	
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.	
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?

Our ability to carry out the project will be affected.

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		£200.00
Refunds		£0.00
Total Grant Available in 2024/25		£2,200.00
Grant Allocations Already Approved		£0.00
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25		£2,200.00
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected		£0.00
NEW REQUESTS	Broadgate and District Residents Action Group (BRAG)	£500.00
		£500.00
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£500.00
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved		£1,700.00



List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

