

Report to County Councillor Alan Whittaker

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

Electoral Division affected:
Chorley Rural West;

Local Member Grants Scheme Application from:

Croston Old School

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £400 towards the cost of a new computer for the community centre 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 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 Alan Whittaker'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	
Croston Old School	
How much are you applying for? Minimum £100, Maximum £2000	
£400	
Which county councillors' electoral division(s) will your expenditure cover or benefit?	
Name	Amount
Chorley Rural West (Cllr Whittaker)	£400
What are you going to spend the grant on?	
The grant will be used to purchase a new computer for our community centre.	
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods	
June 2024.	
How will the money benefit people in the councillor(s) division(s)?	
Our community centre is much used by the residents of Croston and its surrounding villages. It is important that we have a computer so that the centre operates in an efficient and responsive manner. Our current computer is now very out of date.	
Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.	
Computer with Windows 13: Cost £550	
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.	
The rest of the required funding will come from our reserves.	



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?

In this event we will organise a fundraising event which may delay the purchase.

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		£155.13
Refunds		£0.00
Total Grant Available in 2024/25		£2,155.13
Grant Allocations Already Approved		
		£0.00
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25		£2,155.13
Grants Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected	Requests	
		£0.00
NEW REQUESTS	Croston Old School	£400.00
		£400.00
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£400.00
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved		£1,755.13



List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
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