

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:
Colne Dramatic Society/Colne Little Theatre

Contact for further information:

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £400 towards the cost of garden items for the outside of the theatre 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 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	
Colne Dramatic Society/Colne Little Theatre	
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
Pendle Central (Cllr Sutcliffe)	£400
What are you going to spend the grant on?	
Garden items including plants, tables and lighting for the outside of our theatre.	
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods	
June 2024.	
How will the money benefit people in the councillor(s) division(s)?	
It will help us to enhance our outdoor space and create a comfortable seating area for patrons, as well as enhancing the overall look of the theatre for the people of Colne. It will also ensure that our outdoor garden will be of a high standard and in line with other public places in Colne; particularly as Colne in Bloom is so successful. We hope to make the outside of our building as beautiful as the inside is after our recent refurbishments.	
Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.	
<p>£200 – benches for patio area (4 wooden picnic benches, seating 6 per table)</p> <p>£100 – shrubbery for raised bedding area outside the new main entrance</p> <p>£50 – Perennials for raised planters</p> <p>£50 – Festoon lighting for outdoor performance space</p>	
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 rely solely on donations from the public and have recently been gifted £500 from a local business. We also fundraise ourselves and give our time for free to do this. We also use ticket money from shows.	



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?

We will continue to appeal for local donors and will appeal to local businesses for donations of garden items.

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		£0.00
Refunds		£0.00
Total Grant Available in 2024/25		£2,000.00
Grant Allocations Already Approved	East Lancashire Goalkeeping Academy	£376.91
		£376.91
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25		£1,623.09
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected		
		£0.00
NEW REQUESTS	Colne Dramatic Society/Colne Little Theatre	£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	£1,223.09
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List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

