

Report to the Champion for Young People

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

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Champion Grants Scheme Application from:

Crusaders Morris Dancers

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from an organisation requesting £2,753.10 towards the cost of Championship tickets dancewear and equipment from the Champion for Young People 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 2025/25, 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 Young People 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
Crusaders Morris Dancers
How much are you applying for? Minimum £100
£2753.10
What are you going to spend the grant on? Please give a brief outline of the project.
<p>This year their dance championships will be held at Blackpool Tower Ball Room on the 12th and 13th October. They are incredibly excited for the opportunity to have it so close to home so their local supporters are able to come and watch. However, as you can imagine the cost to hire such a venue is quite substantial and due to this for the first time, dancers have to purchase tickets to attend the competition over the two days, along with their families. As many of our families are on low income and will struggle to pay for this, part of the grant will be used to make sure each dancer and one parent or guardian of each dancer under the age of 16 has a ticket to get into the championships.</p> <p>The remainder of the grant will be used to purchase items needed for the dancers to be able to continue practicing every week and attending competitions.</p>
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods
<p>The event will be held on the 12th and 13th October 2024 TRU Championships at Blackpool tower ballroom.</p> <p>For the equipment – Speaker, weights, shakers and dancewear this will be used throughout the season for competitions and practices and will be purchased as soon as the funds become available.</p>
What are the benefits expected to be achieved?
<p>The benefits expected are for the children to be able to practice using adequate and safe equipment and dancewear. For all the dancers to be able to attend the grand championships at Blackpool Tower Ballroom and for those under 16 to have at least one parent or guardian with them throughout the weekend.</p>
Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.
<p>Event tickets for each dancer and one parent for each child under the age of 16 – £1105</p> <p>Dancewear (including pumps, socks, bells, shakers, sorts, headwear, laces) – £1056.66</p> <p>Equipment (Music Speaker, shakers, weights, etc) - £591.44.</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.

Throughout the year, they hold multiple fundraising events so that they can subsidise the cost of training and travel to and from competitions for their families. So far this year they have held raffles, completed football cards and held an open evening to raise funds and they have more events in the diary. They are also looking for sponsors and applying for other donations and grants to help with these costs.

For the cost of the championship tickets and equipment, they are relying on your support. Your money will be used solely for these items.

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?

If the champion offers a grant, less than what has been asked then they will do everything, they can to raise the remainder of the funds. However, this could be a struggle as they are already doing what they can to raise funds for travel to their weekly competitions and the cost of the venue they practice in each week. They have worked extremely hard this season to keep things going and have welcomed lots more dancers and for the first time ever have six lines of dancers competing. They would love to see each dancer on that championship floor in October but without your help that may not be possible for some families if they cannot afford 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

An up-date of spend in 2023/24 is shown below:



Budget for 2024/25		£10,000.00
C/F from 2023/24		£16.44
Refunds		£0.00
Total Grant Available in 2024/25		£10,016.44
Grant Allocations Already Approved	Rotary Club of Preston South	£1,000.00
	Community Network and Outreach Service	£1,000.00
	Basically Cheer CIC	£1,000.00
	Positive Action in the Community	£792.64
		£3,792.64
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25		£6,223.80
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected		
		£0.00
NEW REQUESTS	Crusaders Morris Dancers	£2,753.10
		£2,753.10

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

