

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:

St John's Hospice

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from an organisation requesting £1,050 towards the cost of British Sign Language training for their family support practitioner 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 2023/24, 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
St John's Hospice
How much are you applying for? Minimum £100
£1050
What are you going to spend the grant on? Please give a brief outline of the project.
The St. John's Hospice Forget Me Not Centre is a dedicated hub for adult and childrens' bereavement support across the region. This initiative came about following research carried out by Lancaster University and feedback from Hospice patients and families, which highlighted gaps in local service provision for whole family support, pre and post bereavement. In 2023-2024 we supported 166 Bereavement support 1 to 1 service users with 2877 pre and post Bereavement sessions. The grant will pay for British Sign Language training at Level 6 for our Hospice's Family Support Practitioner to further develop and support this key service.
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods
June 2024 – March 2025
What are the benefits expected to be achieved?
British Sign Language training for their Family Support practitioner will facilitate effective and meaningful communication with bereaved children, young people and parents/carers whose preferred language is BSL, to deliver therapeutic interventions to manage their grief and to support their overall wellbeing. It will also allow the practitioner to translate BSL to communicate the needs and wishes of children and young people to other professionals where appropriate (ie social workers, teaching and pastoral staff involved in the child's care)
Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.
The total cost of the course is £2550. We have secured funding totalling £1550 and therefore we are seeking an additional £1050.
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 cost of the Level 6 British Sign Language training is £2550. We have secured funding of £1000 from the Birkdale Trust and have committed a spend of £500 from our Hospice funds. We are applying to other Trusts and Funders for the remaining support required



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?

They are grateful for all support received and will continue with our project due to its positive impact on our Young Peoples' bereavement service. They will continue to seek funding to support our project and to ensure that it will go ahead.

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 £3,803.10. The total amount of funding available in the Champion for Young People budget is £6,223.80.

Therefore, the maximum amount of funds that can be approved for outstanding grant requests is £3,803.10..

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	Crusaders Morris Dancers	£2,753.10
		£2,753.10
NEW REQUESTS	St John's Hospice	£1,050.00
		£1,050.00
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£3,803.10
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved		£2,420.70

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

