

Report to the Champion for Older People

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

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Champion Grants Scheme Application from:

Lunch and Laughter

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from an organisation requesting £300 towards the transport costs for their day trips out for carers from the Champion for Older 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 2024/25, 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 Older 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
Lunch and Laughter
How much are you applying for? Minimum £100
£300
What are you going to spend the grant on? Please give a brief outline of the project.
The funding will be used to provide 3-4 day trips out via Preston Community Transport for unpaid carers and ex carers.
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods
Trips from September 2024 – March 2025
What are the benefits expected to be achieved?
To bring unpaid carers and ex carers together as the caring role can be quite isolating.
Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.
The money will be used for the hire of the transport.
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.
Any shortfall will be paid by themselves
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 will have to pay more themselves and provide less trips.



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		£0.00
Refunds		£0.00
Total Grant Available in 2024/25		£10,000.00
Grant Allocations Already Approved	Blue Flamingo Community Hub CIC	£689.94
	Friends of Pendle Brook	£500.00
	Brindle Over Fifty Fives (The BOFFS)	£400.00
	Rosemary and Time CIC	£480.00
	Longton Over Fifties Lunch Group	£250.00
	North Meols Nifty Fiftys	£500.00
	TOFFS	£400.00
	St Stephens in the Banks	£500.00
	St Stephen's Church - Friends Food and Fun Group	£400.00
	Hilldale Community Association	£300.00
	St Vincent De Paul Society	£600.00
	Hesketh Bank Community Centre	£450.00
Community Network and Outreach Service	£500.00	



	Basically Cheer CIC	£200.00
	St Christopher PC - Community Talks	£325.00
	Hesketh Bank Community Centre Dementia Carers	£336.00
	Adlington Luncheon Club	£300.00
	The A59 Club	£400.00
		£7,530.94
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25		£2,469.06
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected	Tanterton Village Centre	£500.00
	St Vincent De Paul Society	£250.00
		£750.00
NEW REQUESTS	Lunch and Laughter	£300.00
		£300.00
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£1,050.00
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved		£1,419.06

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
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None

