

**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:**

Stacksteads Countryside Park Group

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**Brief Summary**

This report presents an application from an organisation requesting £500 towards the workshops to create lanterns for the parade 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 2024/24, 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 Older People total budget is set out in the financial section of the report.

Details of the request for grant funding are shown below:

<b>Full name of your organisation</b>	
Stacksteads Countryside Park Group	
<b>How much are you applying for? Minimum £100</b>	
£500	
<b>What are you going to spend the grant on? Please give a brief outline of the project.</b>	
They organise workshops to create lanterns for residents to bring to the annual Lantern Parade. These are organised by a professional artist and held on 4 days prior to the parade. The lanterns are then brought to the local park and a parade is organised with local bands and refreshments afterwards.	
<b>Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods</b>	
Workshops will be held in September with the parade on Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	
<b>What are the benefits expected to be achieved?</b>	
A community event supported by around 500 residents, with volunteering opportunities for many local people. The artist is a local resident - refreshments are provided by a local business and the newsletter is compiled by a local journalist. We are therefore supporting the local economy.	
<b>Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.</b>	
Activity	Cost
Materials	£650
Workshops incl room hire (4 days x 2 professional artists)	£1440
Repair and remake of existing lanterns – 1 week x 2 professional artists – total 10 days incl materials	£2600
Refreshments / gazebo hire / PA system hire	£850
Newsletter	£300
Bands x 2 in parade	£450
Donations to 2 x community groups to assist with marshaling	£200
Total	£6490



**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.**

If we are successful with this application, and the application for £500 to the Young People's Champion, then we have already secured the balance of the funding from Rossendale Council, Grantscape, Bacup Cultural Consortium and Eric Wright Community Fund.

**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?**

N/A

**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
<b>Total Grant Available in 2024/25</b>		<b>£10,000.00</b>
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
<b>Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25</b>		<b>£2,469.06</b>
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected	Tanterton Village Centre	£500.00
	St Vincent De Paul Society	£250.00
	Lunch and Laughter	£300.00
		£1,050.00
NEW REQUESTS	Stacksteads Countryside Park Group	£500.00
		£500.00
<b>Total Grant Requests in Progress</b>		<b>£1,550.00</b>



**Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved**

£919.06

**List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

