

Report to County Councillor Stewart Jones

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

Electoral Division affected:
Fylde East;

Local Member Grants Scheme Application from:

Kirkham Methodist Church

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £760 towards the cost of installation of a fixed handrail for a disability entrance ramp and increasing electric wheelchair/mobility scooter access from the Local Member Grants Scheme.

Recommendation

That consideration be given to the request for grant funding as set out in this report.

It should be noted that the outstanding amount being requested by organisations for grant applications comes to a combined total of £2,760. The total amount of funding available in County Councillor Stewart Jones's budget is £2,000.

Therefore, the maximum amount of funds that can be approved for outstanding grant requests is £2,000.

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 Stewart Jones'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	
Kirkham Methodist Church	
How much are you applying for? Minimum £100, Maximum £2000	
£760	
Which county councillors' electoral division(s) will your expenditure cover or benefit?	
Name	Amount
Fylde East (Cllr Jones)	£760
What are you going to spend the grant on?	
<p>1. Supply and installation of Fixed Handrail for disability entrance ramp.</p> <p>2. Increase area for Electric Wheelchair/ Mobility Scooter Access by shortening length of two church pews. (This will involve removal and refit of pews so that they can be cut down without damage to pew ends).</p>	
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods	
Envisaged that work will be completed by end of church financial year — End August 2024.	
How will the money benefit people in the councillor(s) division(s)?	
<p>1. Individuals needing handrail support when using disability ramp</p> <p>2. We have noticed that due to the size of some Electric Wheel Chairs / Mobility Scooters some individuals are having difficulty accessing our premises This includes visitors from Kirkham Adult Day Centre who come to our Welcome Hub each week.</p>	
Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.	
<p>1. Hand Rail for Crush Hall entrance disability ramp - £280</p> <p>2. Joinery work to reduce length of two church pews (to allow greater movement area for Electric Wheelchair access) £480</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 are applying for the full cost of project which is split into two parts. Should the full grant not be given then the outstanding amount will be covered by the church property budget.

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 are applying for the full cost of project which is split into two parts. Should the full grant not be given then the outstanding amount will be covered by the church property budget and the project will still go ahead as specified in section 6.

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

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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				
				£0.00
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25				£2,000.00
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected	Christ Church Treales			£2,000.00
				£2,000.00
NEW REQUESTS	Kirkham Methodist Church			£760.00
				£760.00
Total Grant Requests in Progress				£2,760.00
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved				-£760.00

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

