

Report to County Councillor Alan Whittaker

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

Electoral Division affected:
Chorley Rural West;

Local Member Grants Scheme Application from:

Eccleston Brass Band

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £400 towards the cost of transport and accommodation when the group attend the National Finals of Great Britain from the Local Member Grants Scheme.

Recommendation

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

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 Alan Whittaker'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	
Eccleston Brass Band	
How much are you applying for? Minimum £100, Maximum £2000	
£400	
Which county councillors' electoral division(s) will your expenditure cover or benefit?	
Name	Amount
Chorley Rural West	£400
What are you going to spend the grant on?	
Eccleston Brass Band will be representing the Northwest in the National Finals of Great Britain at Cheltenham in September. This involves coach hire there and back, and overnight accommodation for thirty band members.	
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods	
Friday 13 th September - Saturday 14 th September	
How will the money benefit people in the councillor(s) division(s)?	
The money will facilitate Eccleston Brass Band to represent Lancashire on a national level. All band members are within the councillor's division of Chorley Rural West and this money will enable them to take part.	
Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.	
Entry fee=	£400.00
Coach hire=	£1800.00
Hotel (for thirty band members) =	£2420.00
Total expenditure=	£4620.00
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.	



Just Giving =	£416.00
Grant from Anwyll Homes =	£1000.00
Donation from Eccleston Parish Council =	£400.00
Donation from J&A Rigby and Sons =	£200.00

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?

The balance will be raised through further fund raising events and charges to members.

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 2024/25 is shown below:



Budget for 2024/25		£2,000.00
C/F from 2023/24		£155.13
Refunds		£0.00
Total Grant Available in 2024/25		£2,155.13
Grant Allocations Already Approved	Croston Old School	£400.00
	Friends of the Lancashire County Ensembles (FLCE)	£250.00
		£650.00
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25		£1,505.13
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected		
		£0.00
NEW REQUESTS	Eccleston Brass Band	£400.00
		£400.00
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£400.00
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved		£1,105.13

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

