

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 workshops to create lanterns for the parade 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 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 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	
Stacksteads Countryside Park Group	
How much are you applying for? Minimum £100	
£500	
What are you going to spend the grant on? Please give a brief outline of the project.	
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.	
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods	
Workshops will be held in September with the parade on Saturday 26 th October 2024	
What are the benefits expected to be achieved?	
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	
Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.	
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 Older 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 – children must be accompanied by parents/carers and are never alone with volunteers

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		£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
	St John's Hospice	£1,050.00
		£4,842.64
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25		£5,173.80
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected		
		£0.00
NEW REQUESTS	Stacksteads Countryside Park Group	£500.00
		£500.00
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£500.00
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved		£4,673.80

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

