

Report to County Councillor Azhar Ali OBE

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

Local Member Grants Scheme Application from:

Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale Council for Voluntary Service

Electoral Division affected:

Brierfield & Nelson West; Burnley Central East; Burnley Central West; Burnley North East; Burnley Rural; Burnley South West; Mid Rossendale; Nelson East; Padiham and Burnley West; Pendle Central; Pendle Hill; Pendle Rural; Rossendale East; Rossendale South; Rossendale West; Whitworth & Bacup;

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £2,000 towards the cost of painting and flooring the 'head office' building from the Local Member Grants scheme.

The organisation has submitted a multi-division application requesting a total amount of £2,000 from the Local Member Grants Scheme towards the same project. Requests have been made to each of the following county councillors and a separate report will be submitted to each councillor for their determination:

- County Councillor Sobia Malik - £117.65
- County Councillor Cosima Towneley - £117.65
- County Councillor Usman Arif - £117.65
- County Councillor Scott Cunliffe - £117.65
- County Councillor Lian Pate - £117.65
- County Councillor Alan Hosker - £117.65
- County Councillor Azhar Ali OBE - £117.65
- County Councillor Howard Hartley - £117.65
- County Councillor Mohammed Iqbal MBE - £117.65
- County Councillor Ash Sutcliffe - £117.65
- County Councillor Samara Barnes - £117.65



- County Councillor Jackie Oakes - £117.65
- County Councillor Sean Serridge - £117.65
- County Councillor Scott Smith - £117.60
- County Councillor Mike Goulthorp - £117.65
- County Councillor Jenny Purcell - £117.65

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 Azhar Ali'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	
Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale Council for Voluntary Service	
How much are you applying for? Minimum £100, Maximum £2000	
£2,000	
Which county councillors' electoral division(s) will your expenditure cover or benefit?	
Name	Amount
Burnley Central East (Cllr Malik)	£117.65
Burnley Rural (Cllr Towneley)	£117.65
Burnley North East (Cllr Arif)	£117.65
Burnley Central West (Cllr Cunliffe)	£117.65
Burnley South West (Cllr Pate)	£117.65
Padiham and Burnley West (Cllr Hosker)	£117.65



Nelson East (Cllr Ali)	£117.65
Pendle Hill (Cllr Hartley)	£117.65
Brierfield and Nelson West (Cllr Iqbal)	£117.65
Pendle Central (Cllr Sutcliffe)	£117.65
Rossendale West (Cllr Barnes)	£117.65
Rossendale South (Cllr Cheetham)	£117.65
Rossendale East (Cllr Oakes)	£117.65
Mid Rossendale (Cllr Serridge)	£117.65
Whitworth & Bacup (Cllr Smith)	£117.60
Pendle Rural (Cllr Goulthorp)	£117.65
Pendle Rural (Cllr Purcell)	£117.65
What are you going to spend the grant on?	
Our 'head office' which is in Yorkshire Street, Burnley is in dire need of sprucing up. The funding will be spent on some decorating (painting) and some flooring which needs replacing as a health and safety issue.	
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods	
As soon as funding becomes available and will be spent by 31 st March 2025.	
How will the money benefit people in the councillor(s) division(s)?	
<p>BPRCVS has provided a valuable service in East Lancashire for almost 90 years. We are a Member-led organisation which is made up of non-profit small groups across Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale. We maintain an extensive database (approx. 1000 orgs); Deliver various projects which support our communities in a variety of different ways including Employability & Skills for those who are economically inactive; Support local VCF (voluntary, community & faith) groups to support people: governance, funding, volunteering, etc; we are a DBS umbrella body; Community transport for those who cannot use public transport; we have 2 buildings which are used as base by many and for activities by many more; Food share programme; Administer grant programmes & support individuals on Panels for Personal Health Budgets for young people and for adults; we deliver an extensive social prescribing programme which supports individuals with non-medical interventions which tackle the wider determinants of health such as housing, debt, family issues, etc. We publish newsletters about community job roles, events & activities. BPRCVS is the only accredited volunteer centre in Lancashire, and we are currently delivering a National Lottery funded project: Volunteering for Wellbeing and Community from our Gannow Community Centre base.</p> <p>Our funding is restricted to project delivery therefore we are unable to update our</p>	



'head office' to ensure we continue to attract organisations who will hire rooms. If our rooms/offices are updated and nicely decorated this will help to make us attractive to organisations and so sustainable and less reliant on funding streams to maintain our premises.

Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.

£1000 paint and equipment e.g. brushes and rollers
£1000 flooring/carpet for stairs

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 estimate that the total needed to update the whole of the building would be £10,000.

Should we be successful in obtaining this grant funding we would carry out the work specified in a part of the building which is immediately accessed on entering.

We would be able to carry out the works in phases – applying for funding from various sources to cover each phase.

We have applied and will continue to apply to other funding streams to enable us to redecorate and update flooring/carpeting throughout the building. We have submitted an application to Screwfix for £5,000.

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?

Should we receive less than £2000, we would scale back the project and use the permitted funding to update the entrance where we can with the funds available.

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

It should be noted that the outstanding amount being requested by organisations for grant applications comes to a combined total of £382.65. The total amount of funding available in County Councillor Azhar Ali's budget is £2,018.

Therefore, the maximum amount of funds that can be approved for outstanding grant requests is £2,018.

An up-date of spend in 2024/25 is shown below:

Budget for 2024/25		£2,000.00
C/F from 2023/24		£18.00
Refunds		£0.00
Total Grant Available in 2024/25		£2,018.00
Grant Allocations Already Approved		
		£0.00
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25		£2,018.00
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected	Women Rise Up CIC	£265.00
		£265.00
NEW REQUESTS	Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale Council for Voluntary Service	£117.65
		£117.65
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£382.65
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved		£1,635.35

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

