

Report to County Councillor Rob Bailey
Report submitted by: Head of Service Legal, Governance and Registrars

Electoral Division affected:
West Lancashire East;

Local Member Grants Scheme Application from:
Bickerstock Organisation

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £200 towards running a community festival 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 Rob Bailey'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	
Bickerstock Organisation	
How much are you applying for? Minimum £100, Maximum £2000	
£200	
Which county councillors' electoral division(s) will your expenditure cover or benefit?	
Name	Amount
West Lancashire East	£200
What are you going to spend the grant on?	
Expenses in putting the Community Festival on. Any surplus profits after the festival will be distributed to local charities.	
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods	
2 nd /3 rd /4 th August 2024	
How will the money benefit people in the councillor(s) division(s)?	
Bickerstock festival is a community festival held in Bickerstaffe the first weekend of August each year. It is free entry, and we pay for the festival by selling food and drink over the weekend and by sponsorship from local businesses.	
Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.	
The £200 would be used to help pay for the hire of marquees we have on site/ fire extinguishers/ safety fencing/ tables and chairs etc.	
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.	
The rest of the funding will be from profits from food and drink that we sell over the weekend and from sponsorship by local businesses. It cost approximately £11,000 to put the festival on.	



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 will still be able to complete our project.
Will the activity involve members of your organisation having significant contact with children or vulnerable adults?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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		£0.00
Refunds		£0.00
Total Grant Available in 2024/25		£2,000.00
Grant Allocations Already Approved	Friends of Parbold Library	£200.00
	Newburgh Fair Association	£200.00
		£400.00
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25		£1,600.00
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected	37th Ormskirk (St. Anne's) Scout Group	£100.00
		£100.00
NEW REQUESTS	Bickerstock Organisation	£200.00
		£200.00
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£300.00
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved		£1,300.00



List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

