

Report to County Councillor David O'Toole

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

Electoral Division affected:

Ormskirk; Skelmersdale West;
West Lancashire East; West
Lancashire West;

Local Member Grants Scheme Application from:

37th Ormskirk (St. Anne's) Scout Group

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £700 towards new equipment for the scout group from the Local Member Grants Scheme.

The organisation has submitted a multi-division application requesting a total amount of £700 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 Nikki Hennessey - £250
- County Councillor Rob Bailey - £100
- County Councillor David O'Toole - £250
- County Councillor Julie Gibson - £100

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 David O'Toole'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	
37 th Ormskirk (St. Anne's) Scout Group	
How much are you applying for? Minimum £100, Maximum £2000	
£700	
Which county councillors' electoral division(s) will your expenditure cover or benefit?	
Name	Amount
West Lancashire West	£250
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Skelmersdale West	£100
Ormskirk	£250
What are you going to spend the grant on?	
<p>Squirrels Section aged 4-6 years need a flag pole, holder to carry the flag in and a topper for the flag.</p> <p>Scout Section need a new flag pole – the old one is worn and shabby.</p> <p>Cub Section and Scout aged 8-10 years and 10 – 14 years need help replacing equipment used for camping. A new gas fridge is required for August, and we are trying to help a couple of Scouts who are finding the cost of the International Camp in August (£400) prohibitive so anything over will go to help their costs.</p>	
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods	
<p>Squirrel flag accessories will be purchased immediately; fridge will be purchased immediately.</p> <p>Tents will be purchased in September, and the funding for a Scout to come to camp will be immediate.</p>	



How will the money benefit people in the councillor(s) division(s)?

Our Squirrel Section is new for 4 – 6-year-olds and is already proving to help those little ones who missed out on the early years during Covid. To have a flag on a proper holder will give them an identity within our Group and help them to feel more a part of the community.

Scouting is proven to have been a huge help during Covid and beyond for all our young people and to be able to get them outside doing activities and camping has immeasurable benefits to physical and mental wellbeing.

As a Group, we carry our flags once a month into our church community at St. Anne's for a Parade and for community events – St. George's Day, Civic Sunday, Remembrance Parade etc. Our Scout flag pole is very worn, the screw in joining bit doesn't work properly and doesn't sit together. The Scouts are very proud of their flag and take turns in carrying it.

To have a new fridge for camping, to replace our old one that no longer chills food down, will help us to keep food safe when camping.

We always try to include anyone who wants to come on a camp, even if they cannot afford the whole payment or sometimes any of it. We have a couple of members currently attending our next week-long camp, who are struggling with the payments, and we are trying our best to help them.

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

Flag pole – Squirrels - £24
Topper - £18
Holster - £26
Flag pole – Scouts - £120
Camping Fridge - £287
Costs towards Scout Camp costs - £225

Total costs £700

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.

Full Amount Requested.

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?



If we don't get the full amount requested, we will have to do further fundraising e.g., cake sales, raffles etc., and may not be able to help as much as we would like to, the Scouts who are struggling to pay for the camp.

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		£200.00
Refunds		£0.00
Total Grant Available in 2024/25		£2,200.00
Grant Allocations Already Approved	Halsall St Cuthbert's Church of England Parish	£1,000.00
		£1,000.00
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25		£1,200.00
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected		
		£0.00
NEW REQUESTS	37th Ormskirk (St. Anne's) Scout Group	£250.00
		£250.00
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£250.00
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved		£950.00

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		



