

Report to County Councillor Noordad Aziz

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

Electoral Division affected:

Accrington North; Accrington West & Oswaldtwistle Central; Great Harwood, Rishton & Clayton-le-Moors;

Local Member Grants Scheme Application from:

Official Accrington Stanley Supporters Trust

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £2,000 towards the cost of signage at their football grounds 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 Carole Haythornthwaite - £500
- County Councillor Noordad Aziz - £500
- County Councillor Munsif Dad BEM JP - £500
- County Councillor Loraine Cox - £500

Recommendation

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

It should be noted that the outstanding amount being requested by organisations for grant applications comes to a combined total of £500. The total amount of funding available in County Councillor Noordad Aziz's budget is £250.

Therefore, the maximum amount of funds that can be approved for outstanding grant requests is £250.



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 Noordad Aziz'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	
Official Accrington Stanley Supporters Trust	
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
Great Harwood, Rishton & Clayton-le-Moors (Cllr Haythornthwaite)	£500
Great Harwood, Rishton & Clayton-le-Moors (Cllr Aziz)	£500
Accrington West & Oswaldtwistle (Cllr Dad)	£500
Accrington North (Cllr Cox)	£500
What are you going to spend the grant on?	
Signage for the football grounds.	
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods	
August 2024.	
How will the money benefit people in the councillor(s) division(s)?	



The Official Accrington Stanley Community Trust (OASST) was awarded the King's Award for Voluntary Service, which is the highest award in the United Kingdom for groups of volunteers. This award recognises, champions, and promotes outstanding groups whose volunteering work has a real impact at a grassroots level in communities across the UK.

Accrington Stanley Football Club provides a local identity and has historically provided a distraction from the toil and underdeveloped living and working conditions experienced by many.

Accrington Stanley, a founding member of the Football League in 1888, has established a longstanding relationship with the local community, and it's a symbol of civic pride.

OASST's outstanding work and projects have made a significant impact on the local community. They serve as the voice and body of the fans to bring about positive changes within the football club. Their latest project aims to erect signage around the football stadium to assist visiting fans with navigation around the club site.

The funds will benefit the people in the councillor's division by improving the experience of all visitors travelling to the club from throughout the borough, thus maximising the use of the football club's facilities.

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

£2,000 to be spent on signage.

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 organisations' own funds will be used to cover the rest of the balance.

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 continue to search for funding to make up the balance, however, this is a difficult item to find funding for.

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 amount being requested in this application is £500. The total amount of funding available in County Councillor Noordad Aziz's budget is £250, therefore the maximum amount of funds that can be approved for this application is £250.

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	Great Harwood Rovers	£500.00
	Rishton United FC	£500.00
	Hyndburn Green Spaces Forum	£500.00
	Rishton Festival	£250.00
		£1,750.00
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25		£250.00
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected		
		£0.00
NEW REQUESTS	Official Accrington Stanley Supporters Trust	£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		-£250.00

List of Background Papers



Paper

Date

Contact

None

