

Report to the Cabinet Member for Community and Cultural Services
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Part I

Electoral Division affected:
Cleveleys East; Fleetwood
West & Cleveleys West; St
Annes North; Thornton &
Hambleton;

Local Member Grants Scheme Application from:
Trinitas Day Choir

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £600 towards the cost of a special bag for every choir member and publication of poetry books to mark the choir's 3rd anniversary from the Local Member Grants Scheme.

The organisation has submitted a multi-division application requesting a total amount of £600 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 Peter Buckley - £100
- County Councillor Stephen Clarke - £100
- County Councillor Andrea Kay - £200
- County Councillor John Shedwick - £200

Recommendation

The Cabinet Member for Community and Culture Services is requested to consider and approve the request for grant funding as set out in the report.

Detail



On 16 December 2021, Full Council approved the reintroduction of the Local Member Grants. 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.

The above legislation however does not apply to Cabinet Members as they already have these decision-making powers. The Cabinet Member for Community and Cultural Services is therefore being asked to consider and agree the application for funding (in relation to their own Local Member Grants Scheme budget) under the existing decision-making process for Cabinet (Executive) Members. Existing rules for executive decision making, including the notification of key decisions and provision for the call in of decisions will therefore continue to apply for Cabinet Members.

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 Peter Buckley'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	
Trinitas Day Choir	
How much are you applying for? Minimum £100, Maximum £2000	
£600	
Which county councillors' electoral division(s) will your expenditure cover or benefit?	
Name	Amount
St Annes North (Cllr Buckley)	£100
Fleetwood West & Cleveleys West (Cllr Clarke)	£100
Cleveleys East (Cllr Kay)	£200
Thornton & Hambleton (Cllr Shedwick)	£200
What are you going to spend the grant on?	
<p>We would like to purchase a special bag for everyone in the choir to enable them to bring their music to rehearsal and concerts in a uniformed style.</p> <p>The choir are also having a poetry book published to mark their 3rd anniversary. We have £348.49 in restricted funds for the publication, however the design and print</p>	



costs is £710.

Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods

These are going to be handmade and the sewing will commence once any funding request is successful.

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

The choir is made up of 80 members from Fylde (18.24%), Wyre (81.25%) and Blackpool (0.5%). The choir pay subs and support the work of the choir, attending rehearsals and performing in each of the boroughs.

The choir purchase their own uniform and music folder at the moment, and it will be very professional if every member has their own music bag.

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

100 bags at £8.50 = £850
Publication of poetry books = £350
£600 is a contribution towards this total cost.

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.

Poetry book funding is money made at a concert specifically to try and fund the cost of the books.

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 have secured £600 of funding from a County Councillor and are looking to make up the difference if possible please.
We will ask each member to purchase their own bag which will result in some not being able to afford it.

Will the activity involve members of your organisation having significant contact with children or vulnerable adults?

- Yes
- No



Consultations

N/A

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.

Financial

Details of the funding requested are set out in this report.

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	PTA Heyhouses Endowed CofE Primary School	£1,000.00
		£1,000.00
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25		£1,000.00
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected		
		£0.00
NEW REQUESTS	Trinitas Day Choir	£100.00
		£100.00
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£100.00
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved		£900.00

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		



Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

