

Report to the Champion for Older People

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

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Champion Grants Scheme Application from:

Friends of Longridge Civic Hall

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from an organisation requesting £500 towards their monthly seated exercise class from the Champion for Older People budget.

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 £2,000. The total amount of funding available in the Champion for Older People budget is £394.06.

Therefore, the maximum amount of funds that can be approved for outstanding grant requests is £394.06.

Detail

The role of Champion was first established in 2002 and the county council currently has six Champions, whose role is to support the Leader and individual Cabinet Members within their remits.

The six county council Champions are as follows:

- Armed Forces and Veterans
- Disabled People
- Mental Health



- Older People
- Parishes
- Young People

For the financial year 2024/25, each Champion has been given an annual allocation of £10,000 for use at their discretion to finance their activities, to which any unspent balance up to a maximum of £2,500 from the previous financial year could be added, giving a maximum budget of £12,500 in any one financial year. The Champion for XXX total budget is set out in the financial section of the report.

Details of the request for grant funding are shown below:

Full name of your organisation
Friends of Longridge Civic Hall
How much are you applying for? Minimum £100
£500
What are you going to spend the grant on? Please give a brief outline of the project.
Monthly seated exercise classes.
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods
For 12 months 2024/2025
What are the benefits expected to be achieved?
The seated exercise class is run by a qualified instructor who is particularly gearing the exercises to the needs and capabilities of the people involved. The exercises involve lots of equipment such as musical instruments, ribbons and balls which the participants enjoy using to the music that is played. Seated exercise is involving the minds and the bodies.
Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.
£35 per session plus refreshments
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.
They will apply to other funders and they will also continue with the Friends fund raising activities – raffles, etc boots etc.



If the Champion 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?

They will continue with fund raising activities and make every effort to keep the seated exercise going for the group on a monthly basis.

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

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

Budget for 2024/25		£10,000.00
C/F from 2023/24		£0.00
Refunds		£0.00
Total Grant Available in 2024/25		£10,000.00
Grant Allocations Already Approved	Blue Flamingo Community Hub CIC	£689.94
	Friends of Pendle Brook	£500.00
	Brindle Over Fifty Fives (The BOFFS)	£400.00
	Rosemary and Time CIC	£480.00
	Longton Over Fifties Lunch Group	£250.00
	North Meols Nifty Fiftys	£500.00
	TOFFS	£400.00
	St Stephens in the Banks	£500.00



	St Stephen's Church - Friends Food and Fun Group	£400.00
	Hilldale Community Association	£300.00
	St Vincent De Paul Society	£600.00
	Hesketh Bank Community Centre	£450.00
	Community Network and Outreach Service	£500.00
	Basically Cheer CIC	£200.00
	St Christopher PC - Community Talks	£325.00
	Hesketh Bank Community Centre Dementia Carers	£336.00
	Adlington Luncheon Club	£300.00
	The A59 Club	£400.00
	Tanterton Village Centre	£200.00
	St Vincent De Paul Society	£250.00
	Lunch and Laughter	£300.00
	Stacksteads Countryside Park Group	£200.00
	South Ribble Pensioners Association	£200.00
	Middleforth Coffee and Chat	£300.00
	Smile (Preston) (Self Motivation in Lasting Endorphins	£300.00
	Larches and Savick Community Association	£225.00
	Leyland Photographic Society	£100.00
		£9,605.94
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25		£394.06
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected	Friendship Café run by Church and Oswaldtwistle Rotary Club	£500.00



	Newburgh Parish Council	£500.00
	Hesketh Bank/Tarleton Community Helpers	£500.00
		£1,500.00
NEW REQUESTS	Friends of Longridge Civic Hall	£500.00
		£500.00
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£2,000.00
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved		-£1,605.94

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

