

Report to the Champion for Young People

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

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Champion Grants Scheme Application from:

Aawaz

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from an organisation requesting £1,750 towards the cost to organise outings for families from the Champion for Young 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 £1,750. The total amount of funding available in the Champion for Young People budget is £446.33.

Therefore, the maximum amount of funds that can be approved for outstanding grant requests is £446.33..

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
Aawaz
How much are you applying for? Minimum £100
£1,750
What are you going to spend the grant on? Please give a brief outline of the project.
<p>Aawaz work with Women and families from BAME communities. These are women who experience multiple barriers, disadvantage and deprivation. They would like to use the grant to organise outings for women and families so that they get the chance to enjoy a day out with their children without having to worry about the cost of it all. Families are on low income with many having debts, and living with food and fuel poverty. They have asked the women what they would like to do and two ideas have come forward: a trip to Blackpool either Blackpool Zoo or to the beach and the promenade. They would like to do in the spring / or Easter 2025 when the weather hopefully is a bit dryer.</p> <p>The other idea came from the teenage girls who came along to our drop in with their mums they would love to go on an Asian shopping bazar experience day for mothers and daughters to Cannon Mill in Bradford. They would like to use that trip especially for their Eid clothes shopping so would like to go in Feb 2025.</p>
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods
<p>Blackpool trip in Spring / Easter 2025 Cannon Mills trip in Feb 2025</p>
What are the benefits expected to be achieved?
<p>Aawaz work with women and families from BAME communities they engage with families at grassroots. They find that their service users are all on low income they experience deprivation and disadvantage, food and fuel poverty. Reliant on social welfare benefits and experiencing debt. All of which impacts on their health and well-being. Many of the women find it difficult to meet the essential costs of things and so cannot afford to go on day outs. The grant will greatly assist in bringing some much needed respite, happiness and feeling of wellbeing to these mums and their children.</p>



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

They would like the grant to cover the full cost of the Coach.

Coach for Blackpool - £600 (45 seats)
Coach for Cannon Mill - £750 (45 seats)

Blackpool Zoo tickets are quite expensive. Even for group bookings children 3-15 cost £9.50 and for Adults it is £15.50 each. We ask for a contribution of £400 towards the tickets.

We can help the mothers to start to save up for their contribution towards the entrance ticket to the zoo as they have a approx. 6 months before we would arrange the trip. Aawaz can also look to fundraise to put some monies towards it.

We ask for a grant of £1750.

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.

As explained above, they can help the mothers to start to save up for their contribution towards the entrance ticket to the zoo as they have a few months before they would go on the Blackpool zoo trip. Aawaz will also look to raise some funds to help with meeting the full cost.

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?

If the Champion CCIr Cox cannot give us the full grant, then they will have to consider what they can do with the reduced grant. Their aim is to bring about an opportunity for the mothers who access their support to spend some family time bonding with their children and feeling less pressured.

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

Yes
x 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 £1,750. The total amount of funding available in The Champion for Young People budget is £446.33, therefore the maximum amount of funds that can be approved for this application is £446.33.

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

Budget for 2024/25		£10,000.00
C/F from 2023/24		£16.44
Refunds		£0.00
Total Grant Available in 2024/25		£10,016.44
Grant Allocations Already Approved	Rotary Club of Preston South	£1,000.00
	Community Network and Outreach Service	£1,000.00
	Basically Cheer CIC	£1,000.00
	Positive Action in the Community	£792.64
	St John's Hospice	£1,050.00
	Stacksteads Countryside Park Group	£500.00
	Durose Studios CIC	£425.00
	Whitewell Bottom Pre-School	£500.00
	1st Oswaldtwistle Girls' Brigade	£500.00
	Sea Cadets Chorley (unit 526)	£500.00
	Divine Days Community CIC	£280.00
	Amazing Accrington	£500.00
	Oswaldtwisle St Mary's Football Club	£206.91
	Visually Impaired Childrens' Support	£200.00
	WAVE Adventure	£200.00
	PTA Heyhouses Endowed Primary School	£216.00



	JC's Gym and Fitness Centre	£500.00
	Rolls Football Club	£199.56
		£9,570.11
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25		£446.33
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected		
		£0.00
NEW REQUESTS	Aawaz	£1,750.00
		£1,750.00
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£1,750.00
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved		-£1,303.67

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

