

Report to the Champion for Mental Health

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

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Champion Grants Scheme Application from:

Trinity Methodist and United Reformed Church

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £1,400 towards the cost of tables and seating in the sensory garden area. A request has also been made to the Champion for Disabled People for £1,500 and a separate report will be submitted to the councillor for their determination.

Recommendation

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

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 Mental Health 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
Trinity Methodist and United Reformed Church
How much are you applying for? Minimum £100
£1,400
What are you going to spend the grant on? Please give a brief outline of the project.
Trinity Methodist and United Reformed Church have totally revamped their church over the last five years to serve the community and are in the process of making their yard into a sensory garden and seating area, the funding requested would be used to purchase new tables and chairs.
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods
Once funding is awarded.
What are the benefits expected to be achieved?
The groups that meet at the church are across a wide range of users and the sensory garden will benefit them.
Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.
Tables and Chairs for the outdoor sensory garden
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.
N/A
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 seek funding elsewhere



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		£10,000.00
C/F from 2023/24		£2,500.00
Refunds		£0.00
Total Grant Available in 2024/25		£12,500.00
Grant Allocations Already Approved	Samaritans of Blackburn with Darwen, Hyndburn and Ribble Valley	£1,000.00
	Basically Cheer CIC	£500.00
	St John's Hospice	£1,500.00
	Community Solutions North West Ltd	£1,587.00
	Critical and Creative Approaches to Mental Health Practice	£500.00
	Divine Days Community CIC	£1,000.00
	Making Space	£1,000.00
	C.A.R.E.S	£1,500.00
	Beside You in Bereavement	£500.00
		£9,087.00
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25		£3,413.00
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected		



		£0.00
NEW REQUESTS	Trinity Methodist and United Reformed Church	£1,400.00
		£1,400.00
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£1,400.00
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved		£2,013.00

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

