

Report to County Councillor Alan Cullens

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

Electoral Division affected:
Chorley Rural West;

Local Member Grants Scheme Application from:

St Bede's PTFA

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £500 towards subsidising a Year 6 residential trip from the Local Member Grants Scheme.

The organisation has submitted a multi-division application requesting a total amount of £1800 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 Steven Holgate - £187.50
- County Councillor Kim Snape – £187.50
- County Councillor Alan Cullens - £125

Recommendation

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

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 Alan Cullen'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	
St Bede's PTFA	
How much are you applying for? Minimum £100, Maximum £2000	
£500	
Which county councillors' electoral division(s) will your expenditure cover or benefit?	
Name	Amount
Hoghton with Wheelton	£125.00
Chorley Rural West	£187.50
Chorley Central	£187.50
What are you going to spend the grant on?	
To subsidise Year 6 residential to Robin Wood Activity Centre for families of children currently entitled to Pupil Premium, who attend St Bede's Catholic Primary School.	
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods	
4 – 6 December 2024	
How will the money benefit people in the councillor(s) division(s)?	
The grant will part fund the costs of the Year 6 residential, which will reduce the financial barriers of families and will allow all Year 6 pupils to take part. The reduction in the costs to families will be made available to 4 families in this year group who are currently entitled to Pupil Premium and without this support cannot afford for their child to attend this residential.	
Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.	
£500.00 – The cost for the trip to Robin Wood costs £250.00 per child and includes all	



outdoor activities, food and accommodation. The monies will be used to provide 50% funding support to 4 families to enable them to afford for their child to participate in the important milestone at the end of their primary school journey.

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 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?

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		£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	Withnell Fold Millennium Green Trust	£700.00
	Girlguiding Hoghton District	£300.00
	Friends of the Lancashire County Ensembles (FLCE)	£250.00
	Wheelton & District Branch of the Pony Club	£400.00
	Sea Cadets Chorley	£225.00
		£1,875.00
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25		£125.00
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected		
		£0.00
NEW REQUESTS	St Bedes PTFA	£125.00
		£125.00
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£125.00
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved		£0.00

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
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None

