

Report to County Councillor Yousuf Motala
Report Submitted by: Head of Democratic Services

Local Member Grants Scheme Application from:
Broadgate and District Residents Action Group (BRAG)

	Corporate Communities	Priorities:	Stronger
Electoral Division(s): Preston City;			
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Summary

Purpose of the Report

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £400 towards the cost of producing a bi-monthly magazine for residents from the Local Member Grants Scheme.

Recommendation

County Councillor Yousuf Motala is asked to consider the request for grant funding as set out in the report.

Background

1. 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.
2. 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 Yousuf Motala's total budget is set out in the financial section of the report.
3. Details of the requests for grant funding are shown below:

Full name of your organisation



Broadgate and District Residents Action Group (BRAG)	
How much are you applying for? Minimum £100, Maximum £2000	
£400	
Which county councillors' electoral division(s) will your expenditure cover or benefit?	
Name	Amount
Preston City (Cllr Motala)	£400
What are you going to spend the grant on?	
To cover the cost of producing our bi-monthly magazine, which goes out to 1900 homes in the local area of Broadgate and district.	
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods	
January 2025 – December 2025	
How will the money benefit people in the councillor(s) division(s)?	
This will help end social isolation and keep people informed about local issues, what's on in the area and events taking place such as family fun, after school clubs and hut club social events.	
Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.	
£100 each quarter to offset the cost of the magazine.	
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.	
We charge for advertising in the magazine however this does not cover the cost of the magazine which is £572.50 each edition.	
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?	
If we do not receive a grant, this will mean we will need to reduce the frequency of the	



magazine from every 2 months to every quarter.

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

- Yes
 No

Options and Proposals

4. There are three options available:
5. **Option One:** Approve the application in full for the amount requested.
6. **Option Two:** Approve the application in part for a reduced amount.
7. **Option Three:** Reject the application.

Consultations

8. This report has been written in consultation with Broadgate and District Residents Action Group (BRAG) and using the information provided in their application.

Context and Implications

Legal (including Human Rights)

9. In submitting their application, the organisation has signed the Local Member Grants Scheme Funding Agreement which sets out the terms and conditions of the grant. Those conditions include a requirement that any funding awarded to them will be used solely for the purposes set out in their application and this report.

Financial

10. The outstanding amount being requested by organisations for grant applications comes to a combined total of £650. The total amount of funding available in County Councillor Yousuf Motala's budget is £1,260.

11. Therefore, the maximum amount of funds that can be approved for outstanding grant requests is £1,260.

12. An updated summary of spend in 2024/25 is shown below:

Budget for 2024/25		£2,000.00
C/F from 2023/24		£200.00
Refunds		£0.00
Total Grant Available in 2024/25		£2,200.00



Grant Allocations Already Approved	Broadgate and District Residents Action Group (BRAG)	£500.00
	Mill Bank Wellbeing Centre	£240.00
	Paradise Gems	£200.00
		£940.00
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25		£1,260.00
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected	TAAG Youth Committee	£250.00
		£250.00
NEW REQUESTS	Broadgate and District Residents Action Group (BRAG)	£400.00
		£400.00
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£650.00
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved		£610.00

Equality and Diversity

13. The Local Member Grants Scheme enables each county councillor to enhance the economic, social, and environmental wellbeing of people who live in their division. Applications for grant funding may relate to projects or activities that seek to benefit specific groups with protected characteristics.

Risk Management

14. No significant risks have been identified.

15. Following the receipt of grant funding, organisations are contacted for evidence to demonstrate that the money awarded has been spent in accordance with their application. The outcome of this monitoring activity is reported to the council's Audit, Risk and Governance Committee.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
None		

Part II Reason

16. N/A

