

HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report To: Cabinet
12 March 2019

Subject: **MAKING A DIFFERENCE GRANTS**

All Wards
Portfolio Holder for Leisure: Councillor Mrs B S Fortune

1.0 PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 In February 2018 Cabinet agreed to allocate £125,000 from the One-Off Fund for the 2019/20 'Making a Difference' grants scheme.
- 1.2 Applications to the fund were to be considered by elected members from each of the five sub-areas and prioritised against a £25,000 budget allocation (£125,000 across all five areas).
- 1.3 The 2019/20 scheme was launched on 12 November 2018 with a closing date of 11 January 2019. Overall 52 applications were received requesting a total of £274,409.
- 1.4 Five decision making panels made up of elected members from each of the sub-areas convened in January to consider the applications and to assess their merit against the grant criteria (Annex B). Each decision has been documented and a final set of recommendations is presented at Annex A of the report.

2.0 LINK TO COUNCIL PRIORITIES

- 2.1 The Making a Difference grant criteria stipulate that all projects must contribute to at least one of the Council priorities.

3.0 RISK ASSESSMENT:

- 3.1 There are no significant risks associated with this report.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND EFFICIENCIES:

- 4.1 Grant allocations total the full £125,000 budget allocation for the Making a Difference programme.
- 4.2 All the grants awarded will be to legitimate, constituted bodies with their own bank accounts and they will be required to submit proof of expenditure before payments are released.
- 4.3 All grant holders are informed that the grant cannot be increased under any circumstances and terms and conditions are signed to this effect.
- 4.4 Any funds that are allocated to the grant applicant and are not spent should be returned to the Council by the grant recipient. This is also included within the terms and conditions.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 Each grant holder must adhere to a set of terms and conditions. This ensures the grant is spent correctly, that any legal requirements are met, that the grant is properly publicised and Hambleton District Council is acknowledged accordingly, and that the grant is closely monitored.

6.0 EQUALITY/DIVERSITY ISSUES:

- 6.1 The Making a Difference grants are open to all eligible organisations that are not-for-profit, formally constituted, possess a bank account and whose proposed projects will benefit the community in Hambleton.
- 6.2 The awarded grants take into account equality and diversity to ensure that the schemes and their benefits are open to all members of the community.

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 7.1 It is recommended that the grants proposed in Annex A are approved.

STEVEN LISTER
DIRECTOR OF LEISURE AND COMMUNITIES (INTERIM)

Background papers: Making a Difference Grant guidance notes

Author ref: SL

Contact: Steven Lister
Director of Leisure and Communities (Interim)
Direct Line No: 01069 767033

MAKING A DIFFERENCE GRANT – PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL

Bedale

Project Name	Organisation	Amount requested	Amount recommended
Accessible entrance	Bedale Area Sports Association	£1,334.25	£1,000.00
Platform construction for permanent siting	Leeming Bar Community Hub	£3,250.00	£2,000.00
Village infrastructure renovations	Snape with Thorp Parish Council	£4,000.00	£2,500.00
Playground improvements	Crakehall with Langthorne Parish Council	£10,000.00	£4,000.00
Resurfacing courts and installation of floodlighting	Bedale Tennis Club	£25,000.00	£5,000.00
Timber shelter	The Dales Croquet Club	£2,411.00	£1,000.00
Village Hall renovations	Snape Institute Management Committee	£6,000.00	£2,500.00
Promoting Bedale for the Tour de Yorkshire and World Championships	Bedale and Villages Community Forum	£5,000.00	£4,000.00
Village enhancements - bulb planting; benches and tower clock	Tanfield Parish Council	£4,082.75	£3,000.00
Total			£25,000.00

Easingwold

Project Name	Organisation	Amount requested	Amount recommended
Tuition for learners	Easingwold Town Band	£2,000.00	£2,000.00
Tollerton playing field regeneration	Tollerton Sports and Recreation Committee	£11,666.00	£8,285.00
Village hall refurbishment new kitchen	Tholthorpe Village Hall Committee	£4,212.00	£4,212.00
Men's sheds	Easingwold and District Community Care Association	£3,150.00	£3,150.00
Brafferton and Helperby cobbles restoration project	Helperby Parish Council	£17,250.00	£4,000.00
Cricket ground maintenance equipment	Alne Cricket Club	£3,353.00	£3,353.00
Total			£25,000.00

Northallerton

Project Name	Organisation	Amount requested	Amount recommended
Arty, Healthy and Well	Chopsticks (North Yorkshire) Ltd	£2,700.00	£2,000.00
Pavilion extension and renovations	East Harlsey Cricket Club	£5,366.25	£2,000.00
Disabled toilet for Scout and Guide hut	Northallerton Scout Group	£5,000.00	£3,220.00
Mature tree replacement programme	Romanby Parish Council	£1,200.00	£1,000.00
Village Hall seating and storage	East Cowton Village Hall Association	£4,300.00	£3,220.00
Community hub - new kitchen	The Living Rooms	£6,958.00	£5,000.00
Revive the Hall	Ainderby Steeple Village Hall Trust	£9,000.00	£3,220.00
Disabled Access	Brompton Recreation Group	£2,340.00	£2,340.00
Warmth and Comfort	Romanby Women's Institute	£7,500.00	£3,000.00
Total			£25,000.00

Stokesley

Project Name	Organisation	Amount requested	Amount recommended
Riverside footpath improvements	Rudby Parish Council	£14,250.00	£5,000.00
Public toilets refurbishment	Whorlton Parish Council	£3,973.00	£2,500.00
Fire alarm system	North Yorkshire County Scout Council	£2,820.00	£2,500.00
Environment and accessibility improvements to village pond	Seamer Parish Council	£2,655.00	£2,000.00
Stokesley Levenside Improvements	Stokesley Manorial Lands Trust	£10,000.00	£5,000.00
Commemorating the Cook's Farewell	Great Ayton Parish Council	£3,592.50	£1,500.00
After school club – chill out area	Friends of Hutton Rudby	£2,500.00	£1,500.00
Play area improvements	Crathorne Parish Meeting	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Car park improvements	Crathorne Reading Room	£3,052.00	£2,000.00
Defibrillators	Ingleby Greenhow Parish Council	£4,014.00	£2,000.00
Total			£25,000.00

Thirsk

Project Name	Organisation	Amount requested	Amount recommended
Breaking down the barriers	North Yorkshire Youth	£2,037.00	£2,000.00
Thirsk and Sowerby Festival 2019	Thirsk & District Business Association and Thirsk Town Council	£3,000.00	£1,000.00
School inclusion unit and community centre	Friends of Thirsk School	£7,000.00	£5,000.00
Reprinting and distribution of Thirsk Guide	Thirsk Tourist Information Centre	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
More hands make lighter work - adult volunteering	The Clock	£8,504.00	£6,000.00
Resurfacing courts	Thirsk Netball Club	£8,000.00	£5,000.00
Sessay Village Hall Play Area upgrade	Sessay Parish Council	£11,793.00	£5,000.00
Total			£25,000.00



Making a Difference Grant 2019: Guidance Notes

The following guidance notes are designed to help assess each grant application on its relative merits, identify how well each project helps support the Council's four priorities and how each project demonstrates value for money. The principal of the grants programme is that it makes a genuine difference to the quality of life for residents of Hambleton. These notes help determine which applications will make the most difference.

Factors to consider

- **Impact on the community**

Each applicant has been asked to explain what difference their project will make. Consider which project(s) will have the greatest impact to the quality of life for residents.

- **Evidence of need.**

Applicants have been asked to demonstrate a genuine community need for the project. This could be evidenced in a Parish Plan, an Area Partnership Community Plan or through user group consultation.

- **Council priorities**

Each application must meet at least one of the Council's priorities:

- Driving economic vitality
- Enhancing health and wellbeing
- Caring for the environment
- Providing a special place to live

- **The percentage of the total project cost applied for**

The maximum grant available is 75% of the total project cost with the expectation that the applicant will secure *at least* 25% of the project cost from other fundraising activity. Those with a smaller percentage may represent better value for money.

- **The number of beneficiaries supported per Council £1**

Each applicant has been asked to estimate how many people will benefit should the application be successful. The lower the cost per beneficiary, the greater the community benefit per capita and may offer greater value for money depending on the type of project.

- **The long term impact of each project**

Some projects are short term pilots that provide an immediate response to an acute need, whilst others are capital projects that that will bring long term benefit beyond the lifespan of the grant programme. Consider which project(s) will have the biggest long term impact.