

HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report To: Cabinet
7 July 2015

Subject: **MAKING A DIFFERENCE GRANTS**

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

1.0 PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 In December 2014 Cabinet agree to re-invest windfall savings back into the community and create a new one-off 'Making a Difference' community grants scheme.
- 1.2 Applications to the fund were to be considered by elected members from each of the 5 sub-areas and prioritised against a £25,000 budget allocation (£125,000 across all five areas).
- 1.3 The grant scheme was launched on 27th January 2015 with a closing date of 30th April 2015. Overall 38 applications were received.
- 1.4 5 decision making panels made up of elected members from each of the sub-areas convened at the beginning of June, each chaired by a member of Cabinet.

2.0 PROPOSALS

- 2.1 Each sub-area panel has considered each application and assessed it on its own merit against the set criteria (Annex C). Each decision has been documented and a final recommendation agreed (see Annex A).

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND EFFICIENCIES:

- 3.1 Grant allocations have not exceeded the £125,000 budget for Making a Difference grants.
- 3.2 All the grants awarded will be to legitimate, constituted bodies with their own bank accounts that will be required to submit proof of expenditure before payments are released.
- 3.3 All grant holders are informed that the grant cannot be increased under any circumstances and terms and conditions are signed to this effect.

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

- 4.1 Each grant holder will be sent a set of terms and conditions related to the grant that they sign up to. This ensures that the grant is spent correctly, that any legal requirements are met, that the grant is properly publicised, that Hambleton District Council is acknowledged in all publicity, and that the grant is closely monitored.

5.0 RISK ASSESSMENT:

- 5.1 The risks associated with this report are minor. However it is essential that the agreed decisions are documented in the event that decisions are challenged – although there is no appeals process for the decisions taken.

6.0 EQUALITY/DIVERSITY ISSUES:

- 6.1 The Making a Difference grants are open to all eligible organisations that are not-for-profit, constituted, with a bank account and benefit the community in Hambleton.
- 6.2 The awarded grants take into account any accessibility issues to ensure the schemes are open to all members of the community.

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 7.1 It is recommended that the proposals detailed in Annex A of the report are approved.

DAVE GOODWIN

Background papers: Making a Difference Grant application process and criteria 2015

Author ref: DRG

Contact: Dave Goodwin
Director of Customer & Leisure Services
Direct Line No: 01069 767147

MAKING A DIFFERENCE GRANT – PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL

Bedale

Project Name	Organisation	Amount requested	Amount recommended
Drainage improvements	Dalescare	£4,500.00	£4,500.00
Sussex Close to Firby Road footpath	Bedale and Villages Community Forum	£9,081.00	£5,500.00
Leeming Bar Community Hub	Leeming Bar Resident's Association	£12,750.00	£3,750.00
Village Hall toilet refurbishment	Hackforth Village Hall	£10,000.00	£6,350.00
Bedale Market Place promotion	Bedale and Villages Community Forum	£4,350.00	£2,400.00
Volunteering at Nosterfield Nature Reserve	Nosterfield Nature Reserve	£2,813.70	£2,500.00
Total			£25,000.00

Easingwold

Project Name	Organisation	Amount requested	Amount recommended
Home From Hospital	Easingwold & District Community Care Association	£5,332.00	£4,000.00
Huby & Sutton Community Shop	Huby & Sutton Community Shop Ltd.	£13,500.00	£4,500.00
Disabled Toilets at Stillington Sports Club	Stillington Sports & Social Club	£3,000.00	£3,000.00
Alne Village Hall Garden Restoration Project	Alne Village Hall Committee	£5,625.00	£3,000.00
Demountable Stage at Helperby Village Hall	Helperby Village Hall	£5,000.00	£3,000.00
Farlington Village Hall Refurbishment	Farlington Village Hall	£3,531.00	£3,500.00
New Clubhouse at Huby Bowling Club	Huby Bowling Club	£5,000.00	£4,000.00
Total			£25,000.00

Northallerton

Project Name	Organisation	Amount requested	Amount recommended
Lighting the Darkness	Northallerton Bowling Club	£2,546.00	£1,000.00
Hambleton Foodshare	Hambleton Foodshare	£2,890.00	£2,500.00
Practice facilities	East Cowton Cricket Club	£3,150.00	£2,000.00
Greenages Growing Together	Age UK	£4,350.00	£2,000.00
Bus scheme	Breathing Space	£7,345.00	£5,500.00
Station Road Playing Field	Brompton Recreation Association	£18,597.60	£6,000.00
Projection system	Pendragon Multi-Sensory Centre	£5,092.50	£1,000.00
Function Room Furniture	Northallerton Cricket Club	£2,930.00	£1,000.00
Making a Change	The Clock	£14,207.00	£4,000.00
Total			£25,000.00

Stokesley

Project Name	Organisation	Amount requested	Amount recommended
Battersby Junction Recreation Space	Battersby Junction Community Association	£22,870.82	£19,965.00
Hutton Rudby Community Hub Disabled Toilets	Hutton Rudby Methodist Church	£5,170.00	£2,585.00
Great Ayton Village Hall Access Improvements	Great Ayton Village Hall	£4,900.00	£2,450.00
Total			£25,000.00

Thirsk

Project Name	Organisation	Amount requested	Amount recommended
Multi-Use-Games-Area, Sandhutton	Sandhutton and Breckenbrough Village Hall	£2,500.00	£2,500.00
Village Hall refurbishment – Kilburn	Kilburn Institute	£2,662.50	£2,500.00
Village Hall refurbishment – Topcliffe and Asenby	Topcliffe and Asenby Village Hall	£5,346.00	£5,000.00
Expedition equipment	Hillside Scout Group	£2,500.00	£2,500.00
Volunteer Thirsk	Thirsk, Sowerby and District Community Care Association	£25,000.00	£12,500.00
Total			£25,000.00



Making a Difference Grant 2015: 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. Consideration will be given to which project(s) will have the greatest impact to the quality of life for residents.

- **Evidence of need.**

Applicants have been asked to demonstrate that there is 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. More weighting may apply to those projects that have been able to demonstrate that there is well-documented evidence of need.

- **Council priorities**

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

- supporting economic growth
- improving health & wellbeing
- improving access to services
- supporting a changing population

Column A on the summary sheet illustrates how many of the four priorities the project supports.

- **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. Column D on the summary sheet calculates the percentage of the total project cost applied for. Those with a smaller percentage usually 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. Column F on the summary sheet calculates the cost to the Council of supporting 1 beneficiary. The lower the number, the greater is the community benefit per capita. Consideration may be given to project(s) which will benefit the most number of people for the least amount..

- **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. Column G on the summary sheet illustrates the number of years the project will make a difference (1 year, 3 years, 10 years or 20+ years). Consideration may be given to which project(s) will have the biggest long term impact.