

HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report To: Cabinet
18 October 2016

Subject: **MAKING A DIFFERENCE GRANTS**

All Wards
Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Customer Service

1.0 PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 In June 2016 Cabinet agree to re-invest windfall savings back into the community and create another 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 9 June 2016 with a closing date of 19 August 2016. Overall 43 applications were received.
- 1.4 5 decision making panels made up of elected members from each of the sub-areas convened in September, 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 B). 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 scheme 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.

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Background papers: Making a Difference Grant application process and criteria 2016

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE GRANT – PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL

Bedale

Project Name	Organisation	Amount requested	Amount recommended
Village Hall refurbishment	Crakehall Village Hall	£7,000.00	£4,000.00
Access for all car park	Kirby Fleetham Village Hall	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
New cricket nets	Bedale Cricket Club	£9,000.00	£2,500.00
Woodworm treatment and roof repairs	Bedale Hall	£11,250.00	£11,000.00
Renovation of steps to river	West Tanfield Memorial Hall	£2,500.00	£2,500.00
Total			£25,000.00

Easingwold

Project Name	Organisation	Amount requested	Amount recommended
Village Hall refurbishment	Farlington Village Hall	£2,500.00	£2,500.00
Electrowind winding machine	St Cuthbert's Short Mat Bowling Club	£3,500.00	£3,500.00
Playground project	Shipton by Beningbrough Playground Committee	£4,815.00	£4,789.00
Disabled bathroom facilities	Galtres Centre	£13,900.00	£3,000.00
Renovating Memorial Hall	Huby Memorial Village Hall	£18,334.71	£11,211.00
Total			£25,000.00

Northallerton

Project Name	Organisation	Amount requested	Amount recommended
Angel Community Festival	Osmotherley Community Trust	£2,500.00	£2,500.00
Northallerton Street Angels	Northallerton Street Angels	£2,850.00	£2,850.00
Village Hall 'Eco-Transformation & Refurbishment'	Romanby Women's Institute	£21,381.00	£3,695.00
Purchase of tactile & sensory equipment	Pendragon Community Trust	£2,500.00	£2,500.00
Purchase of first aid equipment and defibrillator	Northallerton Rugby Union Football Club	£2,700.00	£2,700.00
Purchase of electrical and amplification equipment	Life Encounters	£13,350.00	£5,000.00
Acoustic attenuation improvements	St James' Church, Romanby	£2,655.00	£2,655.00
Facility refurbishment & purchase of furniture	Mental Health Support in Hambleton and Richmondshire	£5,500.00	£3,100.00
Total			£25,000.00

Stokesley

Project Name	Organisation	Amount requested	Amount recommended
New gang mower	Great Ayton Cricket and Football Club	£6,000.00	£5,000.00
Floodlighting	Hutton Rudby Tennis Club	£3,930.00	£2,500.00
Endeavour Way design and delivery report	Stokesley and Villages Community Partnership	£10,000.00	£6,500.00
Disabled ramp	Ingleby Arncliffe Village Hall	£10,650.00	£3,500.00
Tennis Club resurfacing	Stokesley Tennis Club	£6,000.00	£5,000.00
Machinery storage and equipment	Great Broughton and Kirby Sports Club	£20,046.00	£2,500.00
Total			£25,000.00

Thirsk

Project Name	Organisation	Amount requested	Amount recommended
New look Village Hall	Topcliffe and Asenby Village Hall Committee	£4,921.00	£2,500.00
Scouts Go Camping – kit	1 st Topcliffe Scouts	£2,850.00	£2,850.00
Kitchen refurbishment	Dalton Village Hall	£12,900.00	£12,650.00
Community landscaping scheme	Thirsk8 Park Ltd	£4,500.00	£4,500.00
WiFi and internet and kitchen refurbishment	Sandhutton Village Hall	£3,075.00	£2,500.00
Total			£25,000.00

Making a Difference Grant 2016: Guidance Notes

The following guidance notes are designed to help you 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 will help you 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. You need to 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. You may wish to give more weighting 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:

- Driving economic vitality – projects that will encourage young people to stay in the district or that support vibrant and active market towns
- Enhancing health and wellbeing – projects that will increase participation in physical activity, tackles fuel poverty and/or supports an ageing population
- Caring for the environment – projects that will increase recycling and/or improve the environmental footprint
- Providing a special place to live – projects that support people to live independent lives, provides access to services and/or support those that are homeless or at risk of homelessness

Column A on the summary sheet illustrates how many of the four priorities the project supports (25% = 1 priority, 50% = 2 priorities, 75% = 3 priorities and 100% = 4 priorities)

- **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 the community benefit per capita. You may consider which project(s) 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 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). You may want to consider which project(s) will have the biggest long term impact.