

## **Hambleton District Council**

**Report To:** Cabinet

**Date:** 10 March 2020

**Subject:** **Making a Difference Grants**

**Portfolio Holder:** Leisure  
Councillor Mrs B S Fortune

**Wards Affected:** All Wards

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### **1.0 Purpose and Background**

- 1.1 In February 2020, the Financial Strategy 2021/22 to 2029/30 report was approved by Cabinet where £125,000 is allocated from the one-off fund to support the Council's 2020/21 'Making a Difference' grants scheme.
- 1.2 The 2020/21 scheme was launched on 15 November 2019 with a closing date of 13 January 2020. Overall 67 applications were received requesting a total of £419,215.
- 1.3 Five decision making panels made up of elected Members from each of the sub-areas convened in January and February to consider the applications and to assess their merit against the grant criteria (Annex B) and the £25,000 budget allocation (£125,000 across all five areas). Each decision has been documented and a final set of recommendations is presented at Annex A.

### **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**

- 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. Each grant recipient 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 grants that are not accepted will be returned to the Council's One-Off Fund.
- 4.5 Any funds that are allocated to the grant applicant and are not claimed by 31 March 2021 deadline will be returned to the One-Off Fund.
- 4.6 Any funds that are claimed by the grant recipient and are not spent will be paid back to the Council and returned to the One-Off Fund.

## **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 Recommendation**

- 7.1 That Cabinet approves the grants proposed in Annex A of the report.

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**Background papers:** Making a Difference Grant guidance notes

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### Making a Difference Grant – Panel Recommendations for Approval

#### Bedale

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount recommended</b>
Clean Hands	Bedale Athletic and Sports Association (aka Bedale Sports Club)	£2,053.50	£1,000
Christmas Lights Improvements	Bedale Town Council	£3,250	£1,600
Parade and Presentation of a Illuminated Address to RAF Leeming	Bedale Town Council	£2,700	£1,300
Village Notice Boards	Well Parish Council	£1,367	£1,367
CCTV	Bedale Hall CIO	£2,000	£1,000
Lawn Relocation	Bedale and Dales Croquet Club	£9,360	£3,000
Court Refurbishments	Bedale Squash Club	£18,150	£6,000
New access to venue	Bedale Youth Venue	£2,000	£2,000
Alcohol and drug awareness activities	Bedale Youth Venue	£1,000	£1,000
Carthorpe Kissing Gate Project	Carthorpe Parish Council	£4,000	£2,000
Cricket Club Practice Nets	Bedale Cricket Club	£10,000	£3,733
Christmas Festival Decorations	Bedale & Villages Community Forum	£1,000	£1,000
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£25,000</b>

### Easingwold

Project Name	Organisation	Amount requested	Amount recommended
Friday Frolics	Easingwold District Community Care Association	£3,200	£3,200
Acoustic Panels in Main Hall	Alne Village Hall Registered Charity 1162875	£3,870	£3,870
To remove old wooden cladding, insulation and recladding building	Huby Memorial Village Hall	£13,016	£3,500
Playground repairs and new equipment	Huby Playground	£13,692	£3,020
Huby Methodist Church Project	Huby Methodist Church Trustees	£5,000	£3,000
Installation of new drainage bed	1st Easingwold (Forest of Galtres) Scout Group	£7,000	£3,500
Sound Absorption Project	First Kyle Valley Scout Group	£1,785	£1,785
Millfield Parkrun	Easingwold Town Council	£4,687	£3,125
<b>Total</b>			<b>£25,000</b>

### Northallerton

Organisation	Project Name	Amount requested	Amount recommended
New Mess/Dining tent	Romanby Scout Group	£1,000	£1,000
Step into Swimming	Northallerton Amateur Swimming Club	£7,458.60	£3,500
Gig Buddies	Northdale Horticulture	£6,200	£4,000
Appleton Film	Appleton Wiske Parish Council	£1,250	£1,250
Secret Garden Palliative Care Project	Cowtonbury	£18,650.25	£15,250
<b>Total</b>			<b>£25,000</b>

## Stokesley

Organisation	Project Name	Amount requested	Amount recommended
Potto Village Hall Toilet Refurbishment	Potto Village Hall Management Committee	£5,000	£3,500
Accessible Toilet Refurbishment in the Town Hall	Stokesley Town Hall Trust	£4,500	£3,000
Creating wildflower havens in Seamer	Seamer Parish Council	£1,867	£1,000
Replace Oven	North Yorkshire County Scout Council	£1,033.50	£1,000
Dementia Day Centre – a new environment	Stokesley and District Community Care Association	£1,460	£1,000
Promoting climate action in Stokesley and surrounding villages	Stokesley and Villages Community Partnership: sub-group Climate Action Stokesley and Villages group	£1,100	£1,000
Faceby Bus Shelter Project	Faceby Community Projects	£3,500	£2,000
Full refurbishment of the domestic skills kitchen	Yatton House Society	£7,000	£2,000
Moorsbus serving Hambleton	Moorsbus Community Interest Company	£5,000	£1,000
Refurbishment of poolside starting equipment	Stokesley Swimming Club	£9,298.80	£6,500
Easby Public Access Defibrillator	Restarting Hearts Northallerton	£1,275	£1,000
Great Ayton Whitbread Bridge Project	Great Ayton Parish Council	£2,731.18	£2,000
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£25,000</b>

## Thirsk

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount recommended</b>
Thirsk and Sowerby Festival	Thirsk and District Business Association	£2,500	£1,000
Leake Tennis Club New Pavilion	Leake Tennis Club	£11,000	£6,970
Activity Equipment for 2020	North Yorkshire Youth Ltd	£1,236	£1,236
Purchase of a new mower	Thirsk Athletic Bowling Club	£4,821	£4,821
New access path to village hall	Borrowby Parish Council	£1,875	£1,875
Equipment for Thirsk White Horse Swim Club	Thirsk White Horse Swim Team	£1,275	£1,275
Explorer group backing and camping development project	White Horse Explorer Scout Hut	£2,273	£2,273
Fresh Start	Friends of Thirsk Community Primary School	£4,050	£4,050
Wheelchair Tennis	Thirsk Tennis Club	£1,500	£1,500
		Total	<b>£25,000</b>

## **Making a Difference Grant 2020: 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 principle 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 requesting a smaller percentage of funding 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 will bring long term benefit beyond the lifespan of the grant programme. Consider which project(s) will have the biggest long term impact.