

Hambleton District Council

Report To: Cabinet

Date: 13 April 2020

Subject: **Making a Difference Grants**

Portfolio Holder: Leisure
Councillor Mrs B S Fortune

Wards Affected: All Wards

1.0 Purpose and Background

- 1.1 In February 2021, the Financial Strategy 2021/22 to 2029/30 report was approved by Cabinet including within it the £250,000 allocation from the One-Off Fund to support the Council's 2021/22 'Making a Difference' grants scheme.
- 1.2 The 2021/22 scheme was launched on 14 December 2020 with a closing date of 31 January 2021. Overall 71 applications were received requesting a total of £610,735.
- 1.3 Five decision making panels made up of Elected Members from each of the sub-areas convened in March to consider the applications and to assess their merit against the grant criteria (Annex B) and the £50,000 budget allocation (£250,000 in total across all five areas). Key decisions have 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 With regards to the previous year's programme, thirteen projects awarded a grant in 2020/21 have not been completed due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. As a consequence of these exceptional circumstances, it is proposed that the funded organisations are granted permission to carry forward these funds into 2021/22 rather than return the monies to the One-Off Fund.
- 4.2 Grant allocations for 2021/22 total the full £250,000 budget allocation for the Making a Difference programme.

- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 All grant holders are informed that the grant cannot be increased under any circumstances and terms and conditions are signed to this effect.
- 4.5 Any grants that are not accepted will be returned to the Council's One-Off Fund.
- 4.6 Any funds that are allocated to the grant applicant and are not claimed by 30 April 2022 deadline will be returned to the One-Off Fund.
- 4.7 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 Recommendations

- 7.1 That Cabinet approves:
 - (1) the grant allocations proposed in Annex A of the report; and
 - (2) the carry forward of thirteen grants from 2020/21 into 2021/22 as proposed in paragraph 4.1 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

Project	Organisation	Amount requested £	Amount recommended £
Electrical system improvements	Bedale CIO	18,750	6,250
Main hall extension	Bedale Athletic and Sports Association	25,000	10,000
Health and Wellbeing Project Outdoor fitness equipment	Well Playing Fields Association	4,774	4,000
Christmas lights	Bedale Town Council	6,000	2,000
Park improvements	Tanfield Parish Council	15,884	5,000
Replacement windows	Well Village Institute	5,022	4,000
Allotments	Burneston, Swainby with Allerthorpe & Theakston Parish Council	3,000	2,000
Pitch improvements	Bedale Town Football Club	5,850	2,000
Clubhouse windows and doors replacements	Bedale Golf Club Limited	18,600	6,000
Protection of village green	Snape with Thorp Parish Council	2,000	2,000
New clubhouse and changing facilities	Bedale Junior Football Club	25,000	6,750
Total			£50,000

Easingwold

Project	Organisation	Amount requested £	Amount recommended £
New windows and doors	Stillington Village Hall	5,036	4,500
Multi Use Games Area refurbishment	Husthwaite Parish Council	2,192	2,192
Tuition	Easingwold Town Band	4,255	4,255
Land drainage for activity field	1st Easingwold (Forest of Galtres) Scout Group	2,970	2,970
New junior HQ	Easingwold Cricket Club	25,000	7,500
Play area upgrade	Aldwark Parish Council	6,809	6,809
Staging and lighting equipment	Tholthorpe Follies	3,738	3,738
Clubhouse improvements	Alne Cricket Club	2,498	2,000
Hall renovation	Kilburn Village Institute	18,750	16,066
Total			£50,000

Northallerton

Project	Organisation	Amount requested £	Amount recommended £
Keep Water Polo Above Water	Northallerton Amateur Swimming Club	4,067	4,067
Wellbeing activities	Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall Charity	8,025	8,025
Camping equipment	Romanby Scout Group	2,250	2,250
Training for coaches	Allerton Juniors Athletic Club	2,300	2,250
Landscaping, lighting and CCTV	Brompton Recreation Group	3,214	3,214
Hall equipment	Northallerton Scout and Guide Group	2,058	2,058
Supporting parents and carers	POSCH (Parents of Special Children in Hambleton)	20,594	5,801
Replacement heating system	St Thomas Church, Brompton	4,558	4,558
Co-ordinator pilot	The Living Rooms	7,700	5,801
Social area with soft play	Northallerton Rugby Club	9,910	6,650
Wildlife Garden	Brompton Allotment Group	2,014	2,014
Cook and Grow Like a Pro – videography	Northallerton Homegrown Food Festival	3,312	3,312
		Total	£50,000

Stokesley

Project	Organisation	Amount requested £	Amount recommended £
Garden project	Stokesley Sports Club	2,850	2,000
War Memorial refurbishment	Stokesley Town Council	3,750	3,680
Lawnmower	North Yorkshire County Scout Council	2,999	2,000
External stairlift	Great Ayton Village Hall	3,240	3,000
Restoration project	St Mary's Chapel Crathorne	8,410	5,000
Bridleway improvement	Potto Parish Council	3,000	3,000
New roof	Newby Village Hall	5,000	5,000
Coaching and promotion	Great Ayton Tennis Club	7,500	5,000
Pathway and nature trail	Carlton in Cleveland Parish Council	6,000	5,000
Pavilion refurbishment	Hutton Rudby Cricket Club	16,140	8,000
Accessibility swing and pathway	Great and Little Broughton Parish Council	6,320	6,320
Levenside finger posts and information boards	Stokesley Manorial Lands Trust	7,875	2,000
		Total	£50,000

Thirsk

Project	Organisation	Amount requested £	Amount recommended £
Thirsk town website	Thirsk Town Council	2,283	2,283
New lighting	Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall	6,890	6,166
New minibus	Thirsk Community Minibus Association	15,000	15,000
Hall refurbishment	Eat Thirsk Community Association	16,650	16,650
Reaching out project	Thirsk Community Library	2,900	2,900
HQ internal works	Hillside Scouts Group	2,128	2,001
Buggy for Thirsk in Bloom	The Rotary Club of Thirsk	5,000	5,000
		Total	£50,000



Making a Difference Grant 2021: Guidance Notes

The principle of the grants programme is to fund projects that will make a genuine difference to Hambleton residents' quality of life. These guidance notes set out the factors that will be considered as part of the assessment and decision-making process.

Eligibility

- Eligible organisations will be not for profit groups or organisations with a bank account and constitution, or a Town or Parish Council. Ineligible organisations include statutory bodies (excluding Town and Parish Councils), individuals, businesses or groups/organisations that seek to promote political or religious extremism or radicalisation.
- Grant recipients will be financially solvent.
- The grant must not be used to replace statutory funding that has been withdrawn.
- The total amount requested from the Making a Difference Fund will not exceed 75% of the total cost of the project.
- The minimum grant award is £2,000 and the maximum grant award is £25,000.
- Generally, works on land or to buildings will only be funded if the applicant can evidence that they own the land or building or hold a minimum of 10 years remaining on their lease.
- Generally, salaries and general running costs will only be funded in exceptional circumstances.
- Projects must be able to be delivered between 1 May 2021 and 30 April 2022.

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 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 contribute at least 25% 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, but not always, offer greater value for money.

- **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 impact on the lives of people.