

Hambleton District Council

Report To: Cabinet

Date: 8 March 2022

Subject: **Community Grants**

Portfolio Holder: Leisure
Councillor P R Thompson

Wards Affected: All Wards

1.0 Purpose and Background

- 1.1 In December 2021, the Financial Strategy 2022/23 report was approved by Cabinet including within it the £250,000 allocation from the One-Off Fund to support the Council's 2022/23 'Making a Difference' scheme and £150,000 to support a 'Bounce Back' grants scheme in response to the COVID pandemic.
- 1.2 The Making a Difference grants programme was launched on 13 October 2021 with a closing date of 5 December 2021, and the Bounce Back fund was launched on 13 December 2021 with a closing date of 31 January 2022.
- 1.3 Five decision making panels made up of Elected Members from each of the sub-areas convened in January to consider the Making a Difference applications and to assess their merit against the grant criteria (Annex A).
- 1.4 The Leader of the Council, Portfolio Holder for Leisure and the Director of Leisure and Communities convened in February to consider the Bounce Back fund applications to assess their merit against the grant criteria (Annex B).
- 1.5 In February the Council approved additional budget for the Making a Difference grants programme in response to the high demand and quality of applications that have been submitted this year.
- 1.6 Key decisions for both grant programmes have been documented and a final set of recommended applications is presented at Annex C.

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.
- 2.2 The Bounce Back grant applications are required to meet the Council's Driving Economic Vitality priority and will contribute to the economic recovery of market towns.

3.0 Risk Assessment

3.1 There are no significant risks in approving the recommendations of this report.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 With regards to the previous year's Making a Difference grants programme, 7 projects awarded a grant in 2021/22 have not been completed. It is proposed that these organisations are granted permission to carry forward these funds into 2022/23 rather than return the monies to the One-Off Fund.

4.2 Grant allocations for 2022/23 total £397,754 for the Making a Difference fund.

4.3 Grants allocations for 2022/23 total £129,508 for the Bounce Back fund.

4.4 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.

4.5 All grant holders are informed that the grant cannot be increased under any circumstances and terms and conditions are signed to this effect.

4.6 Any grants that are not accepted will be returned to the Council's One-Off Fund.

4.7 Any funds that are allocated to the grant applicant and are not claimed by 31 March 2023 deadline will be returned to the One-Off Fund.

4.8 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 Both grants' programmes were 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 Appendix C of the report; and
- (2) the carry forward of 7 grants from 2021/22 into 2022/23 as proposed in paragraph 4.1 of the report.

Steven Lister
Director of Leisure and Communities

Background papers: None

Author ref: LW

Contact: Lisa Wilson
Service Manager (Communities)
01609 767149



Making a Difference Grant: Criteria

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.
- Salaries and general running costs should only be funded in exceptional circumstances
Projects must be able to be delivered between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023.

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.



Bounce Back Grant: Criteria

The principle of the grants programme is to fund projects that will make a genuine difference to Hambleton residents' quality of life. The focus of the programme is to fund capital costs to support infrastructure projects that drive economic recovery, help boost the local economy and benefit people who visit, live and/or work in Hambleton.

These guidance notes set out the factors that will be considered as part of the assessment and decision-making process.

General 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 Bounce Back Fund will not exceed 75% of the total cost of the project.
- The minimum grant award is £25,000 and the maximum grant award is £50,000.
- 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.
- Projects must be able to be delivered between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023.

Project eligibility

Projects must contribute to the Council's priority '**Driving Economic Vitality**' and:

- focus on enabling towns to 'bounce-back' economically with respect to Covid-19;
- contribute to economic sustainability;
- demonstrate value for money;
- have a positive impact on the local community (residents, community organisation/groups or businesses and can include the local environment)

Making a Difference grant recommendations

Thirsk Panel

Project name	Organisation	Recommended award
Upgrade of kitchen and toilets to include the installation of hot water	Thirsk Athletic Bowling Club	£2,220.00
Re-establishing post Covid	Thirsk Royal British Legion Band	£4,934.00
Hall refurbishment	Parochial Church Council of St Oswald's Sowerby	£24,000.00
Play park refurbishment	Siltons and Kewick Play Area Fund	£2,083.00
Disabled washroom facilities and baby changing facilities	Thirsk and Sowerby Institute	£10,500.00
Hall re-development	Sessay Community Trust	£11,106.00
The Chicken Shed - Learning and Heritage Centre	North Yorkshire Youth	£3,795.00
Children's playground	Hillside Rural Activity Park	£15,236.00
Creating a community space	Thirsk Community Library	£3,800.00
Expansion and upgrade to existing pavilion	Thornton Le Moor Cricket Club	£4,000.00
Access for all/toilets	Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall	£23,500.00
Thirsk map and information signage	Thirsk Town Council	£2,250.00
Play equipment	Carlton Miniott Playing Field Association	£3,000.00
Climate care project	Thirsk St James Methodist Church	£23,287.00
Wheelchair access to the Rotary Walk	Rotary Club of Thirsk Benevolent Fund	£8,200.00
Information is power	Community Works	£5,737.00

Easingwold Panel

Project name	Organisation	Recommended award
Regeneration of the War Memorial Park	Easingwold Town Council	£9,375.00
Making a greater difference to the youth of Easingwold	Cozie Youth Group	£6,175.00
Spinning Bikes	The Galtres Centre	£14,000.00
Easingwold Outdoor Centre car parking area improvement	1st Easingwold (Forest of Galtres) Scout Group	£10,847.00
Huby Sports Pavilion replacement	Huby Playing Fields Association	£23,760.00
Solar and storage	Hustwaite Village Hall	£18,000.00
Clean air ventilation project	Stillington Village Hall	£9,375.00
Helperby War Memorial cobbles	Brafferton and Helperby Parish Council	£7,560.00

Stokesley Panel

Project name	Organisation	Recommended award
Replacement swing equipment	North Yorkshire County Scout Council	£2,325.00
Bowling green edge repairs	Stokesley Bowling Club	£3,600.00
Yatton House community garden	Yatton House Society	£2,802.00
Enhancing health and wellbeing	JPC Community Farm	£5,000.00
River Stewards of the Living Leven	Tees Rivers Trust	£3,000.00
Sound and ventilation upgrade project	Newby Village Hall	£5,845.00
Fitting out cricket pavilion	East Harlsey Cricket Club	£2,250.00

Northallerton Panel

Project name	Organisation	Recommended award
CCTV	Northallerton Scout and Guide Group	£2,334.00
Fit for the Future	Northallerton Men's Shed	£3,650.00
Changing room showers and heating system	Northallerton Town Football Club	£6,952.00
Jubilee garden	East Cowton Parish Council	£3,176.00
Making a Splash	Northallerton Amateur Swimming Club	£7,125.00
Coming together, supporting parents and carers	Parents and Carers of Special Children	£3,037.00
District scout event and creation of website	North Hambleton District Scouts	£2,062.00
A New Start	Northallerton Street Angels	£4,434.00
Pride and Prejudice public art project	Danby Wiske with Lazenby Parish Council	£5,000.00
Brompton Community Project	Brompton Recreation Group	£2,011.00

Bedale Panel

Project name	Organisation	Recommended award
Leeming Bar Play Area Project	Aiskew Leeming Bar Parish Council	£4,950.00
Speed management on our streets	Snape with Thorp Parish Council in collaboration with Well Parish Council	£3,500.00
Works to improve carbon footprint	Snape Methodist Church	£7,500.00
Provision of Petanque Piste	West Tanfield War Services Memorial Hall	£9,000.00
Junior development project	Bedale Squash and Racketball Club	£15,435.00
New play equipment for young children	Burneston, Swainby with Allerthorpe & Theakston Parish Council	£10,000.00

Project name	Organisation	Recommended award
Bedale Park skating and scooting equipment	Bedale Town Council	£20,000.00
Nosterfield swing park improvements	Tanfield Parish Council	£4,197.00
Audio visual system	Snape Village Institute	£2,619.00
Community space improvements	Bedale Scout Group	£2,085.00
New Cricket Mower	Bedale Cricket Club	£4,950.00
Looking After Our Community	Kirklington and Sutton Howgrave Parish Council	£2,175.00

Bounce Back grant recommendations

Project name	Organisation	Recommended award
Toilet refurbishment and improvement project	Northallerton Town Council	£49,850.00
Toilet refurbishment and improvement project	Great Ayton Parish Council	£49,658.00
Toilet refurbishment and improvement project	Thirsk Town Council	£30,000.00