

Decision by Portfolio Holder



Report reference: LCS-006-2017/18
Date of report: 27 November 2017

**Epping Forest
District Council**

Portfolio: Leisure and Community Services
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Subject: Grant Aid Scheme – Allocation of Budget and Applications for Determination - October 2017

Decision:

1. That funding from the Grant Aid Scheme (one-off grants) for 2017/18 totalling £4860 be awarded to; Loughton Broadway Town Partnership (BTCP), Loughton High Road Town Centre Partnership (LTCP), Ongar Town Football Club, Larsens Bowling Club and Roydon Playing Fields Management Association under the terms of the Grant Aid scheme, for the reasons stated and subject to any conditions set out in Column 4 of Appendix 1 attached.
2. That the applications from Nazeing Parochial Church Council and Samaritans – Redbridge Branch be deferred for the reasons set out in Column 3 of Appendix 2, and
3. That previously approved funding for Hastingwood Village Hall be agreed for change of use for the reasons set out in Column 3 of Appendix 3.

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I have read and approve/ do not approve (delete as appropriate) the above decision:	
Comments/further action required:	
Signed: Councillor H Kane	Date: 28 November 2017
<i>Non-pecuniary interest declared by Portfolio Holder/ conflict of non-pecuniary interest declared by any other consulted Cabinet Member:</i> None	<i>Dispensation granted by Standards Committee:</i> Yes/No or n/a N/A
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Reason for decision:

Through the Grant Aid Scheme consideration is given to applications received in respect of one-off grants from voluntary and community groups. The approval of such grants ensures the provision of much valued projects and services within the district.

Options considered and rejected:

Options considered in terms of grant applications were for approval (and, if so, the amounts concerned), deferral or refusal. A previously successful grant aid applicant requested change of use for which the funding had been approved. There were no other options for consideration and the only transfer of funds, which is possible, is from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Budget within the Leisure and Community Services Portfolio.

Background Report:**Resource Implications:**

£83,450 set aside for grants to voluntary organisations in 2017/18.

The one-off grants now put forward for approval amount to £4860. The total amount previously spent on one-off grants for 2017/18 being £42507. This leaves £36083 for the consideration of grants during the remainder of 2017/18. (See Appendix 4 attached)

Legal and Governance Implications:

Local Government Act 1972 137; Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Section 9.

Safer, Cleaner and Greener Implications:

There are no specific implications in terms of Crime and Disorder or Environmental issues within the District.

Consultation Undertaken:

Discussions have taken place with applicant groups, Ward Councillors and Officers.

Background Papers:

The Grant Aid application forms for the grant together with supporting information.

Impact Assessments:**Risk Management:**

No formal assessments carried out.

Key Decision Reference (Y/N): N**Equality Analysis:**

The Equality Act 2010 requires that the Public Sector Equality Duty is actively applied in decision-making. This means that the equality information provided to accompany this report is essential reading for all members involved in the consideration of this report. The equality information is provided at Appendix 5 to the report.

GRANT AID APPROVALS – 2017/18

APPENDIX 1

Column 1 Group	Column 2 Nature of Application	Column 3 Amount Approved £	Column 4 Comments
Loughton Broadway Town Centre Partnership	Funding towards defibrillator to be installed on the Broadway.	£1500	Essential equipment for residents and visitors to the area. Located centrally it will be available to anyone taken ill in the area.
Loughton High Road Town Centre Partnership	Funding towards defibrillator to be installed on the High Road.	£1000	Essential equipment for residents and visitors to the area. Located centrally it will be available to anyone taken ill in the area.
Ongar Town Football Club	Football equipment	£235	The equipment will benefit the members of the club and visitors. The club is also hoping to encourage new membership from a younger age group.
Larsens Bowling Club	Bowling equipment	£625	Will enable the club to extend its usage to young people as they currently do not have the equipment to do so. Open days have proved popular and this will allow increased physical activity for young people. Release of funds subject to safeguarding policy being submitted to the Council.
Roydon Playing Fields Management Association	Shower refurbishment	£1500	Facility is used by regular hirers and members of the public and is run by volunteers. Release of funds subject to safeguarding measures being implemented and receipt of their constitution.

APPLICATIONS DEFERRED**APPENDIX 2**

Column 1 Group	Column 2 Nature of Application	Column 3 Comments
Nazeing Parochial Church Council	Churchyard maintenance	To be reconsidered on receipt of additional information.
Samaritans – Redbridge Branch	Core costs	To be reconsidered on receipt of additional information.

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CHANGE OF FUNDING USE AGREED**APPENDIX 3**

Column 1 Group	Column 2 Nature of Application	Column 3 Comments
Hastingwood Village Hall	Request to change the use of previously approved funds.	Funds approved for the cost of supplying and fitting village hall doors. Request by Hastingwood Village Hall to use outstanding sum of £2585 for painting external area of the hall.

APPENDIX 4

GRANT AID SCHEME 2017/18 – STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION

Total Budget for Grants to Voluntary Organisations = £83,450

One-Off Major Grants	Grant Approved	
WAY 2000	5,000	
Chigwell Tennis Club	5,000	
Epping Forest Citizens Advice	193	
Epping Foresters Cricket Club	5,000	
Gardens of Hanbury Petenque Club	1,574	
GROW Community Garden	1,700	
Hastingwood Village Hall	3,700	
3rd Ongar Scouts	5,000	
Roydon Tennis Club	800	
The Roydon Society	1,500	
Waltham Abbey Woodcraft Folk	200	
Hertfordshire Boat Rescue	830	
Playground at Theydon Association (PAT)	5000	
Fyfield Bridge Club	1200	
Ongar & Villages Voluntary Care	1770	
Loughton Voluntary Care	1540	
Fyfield Village Hall	2500	
Total Expenditure as at 30/10/17		42,507
Amount remaining in budget prior to the approvals recommended in this decision sheet		40,943
Loughton Broadway Town Partnership (BTCP)	£1500	
Loughton High Road Town Centre Partnership (LTCP)	£1000	
Ongar Town Football Club	£235	
Larsen Bowling Club	£625	
Roydon Playing Fields Management Association	£1500	
Amount recommended for approval as per this decision sheet		4,860
Amount remaining if applications approved as per Appendix 1		36,083

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