

Decision by Portfolio Holder



Report reference: LCS-001-2018/19

Date of report: 14-June-2018

**Epping Forest
District Council**

Portfolio: Leisure and Community Services

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**Subject: Grant Aid Scheme –
Allocation of Budget and Applications for Determination – May 2018**

Decision:

1. That funding from the Grant Aid Scheme (one-off grants) for 208/19 totalling £14060 be awarded to; 3rd North Weald Scout Group, 414 (Epping & North Weald) Squadron Royal Airforce Cadets, Buckhurst Hill Bowls & Lawn Tennis Club, Epping Bowls Club, Epping Youth FC, Grant A Smile and Hertfordshire Boat Rescue 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 ABECEI – Afro-Brazilian Arts & Cultural Exchange Institute be deferred for the reasons set out in Column 3 of Appendix 2, and
3. Loughton Youth Project be refused for the reasons set out in Column 3 of Appendix 3.

ADVISORY NOTICE:

***A Portfolio Holder may not take a decision on a matter on which he/she has declared a Pecuniary interest.
A Portfolio Holder with a non-pecuniary interest must declare that interest when exercising delegated powers.***

I have read and approve/do not approve (delete as appropriate) the above decision:

Comments/further action required:

Signed: Cllr H Kane

Date: 14th June 2018

Non-pecuniary interest declared by Portfolio Holder/ conflict of non-pecuniary interest declared by any other consulted Cabinet Member:

None

*Dispensation granted by Standards Committee:
Yes/No or n/a*

N/A

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Call-in period begins: 15th June 2018

Expiry of Call-in period: 21st June 2018

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Portfolio Holder:**

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. 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:

N/A

Resource Implications:

£83,450 set aside for grants to voluntary organisations in 2018/19.

The one-off grants now put forward for approval amount to £14060. The total amount previously spent on one-off grants for 2018/19 being £0. (See Appendix 4 attached)

Legal and Governance Implications:

None specific.

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 – 2018/19

APPENDIX 1

Column 1 Group	Column 2 Nature of Application	Column 3 Amount Approved £	Column 4 Comments
3 rd North Weald Scout Group	Funding towards the cost of purchasing a trailer for use of various activity programmes	£2250	The group support a large number of district residents via the Beavers, Cub and Scout scheme and the work they do meets a number of the Councils objectives. The funding has been approved to enable them to provide activities for the districts young people.
414 (Epping & North Weald) Squadron Royal Airforce Cadets	Funding towards the cost of a banner to parade at community events	£350	The group attend many community activities and events across the district and the funding of the banner will help them to promote the work they do and encourage others to get involved.
Buckhurst Hill Bowls & Lawn Tennis Club	Funding towards the cost of building a mini tennis court and practice wall	£5000	The group have clearly identified that they need to increase their younger membership and the new facility will assist this. The group encourages activity amongst residents of all ages and are a proactive group within the local community.
Epping Bowls Club	Funding towards the cost of purchasing a defibrillator and training	£600	The group have been proactive in raising funds for this equipment. The group are active within the local community and the equipment will be available for use by the wider community.
Epping Youth Football Club	Funding towards football equipment	£2660	The group support over 200 Epping Forest residents aged 5-17 years and have not received funding from the Council before this application. They are encouraging young people to be active and are particularly targeting girls.
Grant A Smile	Funding towards an industrial cleaning machine and volunteer items	£2500	This community interest group supports local families during difficult times by providing cleaning and repairs. They are a new organisation that have worked hard to establish themselves.

Hertfordshire Boat Rescue	Funding towards a rescue sled	£700	This group supports over 3000 people per year. The rescue sled will enable them to enhance their rescue missions and allow them to provide a more effective service for local people. A condition of the grant is that they update their Safeguarding policy and procedure.
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APPLICATIONS DEFERRED

APPENDIX 2

Column 1 Group	Column 2 Nature of Application	Column 3 Comments
ABACEI – Afro-Brazilian Arts & Cultural Exchange Institute	Hall hire for educational and cultural programme in Epping Forest for children and young people from disadvantaged backgrounds	Awaiting further information

APPLICATIONS REFUSED

APPENDIX 3

Column 1 Group	Column 2 Nature of Application	Column 3 Comments
Loughton Youth Project	Consultation of young people in Loughton regarding types of activities young people wanted in the area.	The grant aid scheme does not pay for salaries and therefore did not meet the criteria for funding. The group are invited to re-apply for funding once the consultation has been completed and there is clear evidence of what activities are needed within Loughton

