

Decision by Portfolio Holder



Report reference: RAE-002-2022/23
Date of report: 12 September 2022

**Epping Forest
District Council**

Portfolio: Reviews & Efficiency – Councillor L Burrows

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Democratic Services: J Leither

**Subject: Grant Aid Scheme –
Allocation of Budget and Applications for Determination – 12 September 2022**

Decision:

1. That funding from the Grant Aid Scheme (one-off grants) for 2022/23 totalling £7,920.00 be awarded to; Epping Primary School PTA, Epping Sports Club, Chabad Lubavitch of Epping, Nazeing Common Cricket Club, and Ongar Town Festival Steering Group under the terms of the Grant Aid scheme, for the reasons stated and subject to any conditions set out in Column 2 of Appendix 1 attached.
2. That the applications from Epping Forest Sunflower Group, Christian Drama Resource Centre, and Kids Active Theatre Company Limited be refused 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 L Burrows	Date: 29 th September 2022
<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
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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 Community and Partnership Services Portfolio.

Background Report:

N/A

Resource Implications:

£40,000 set aside for grants to voluntary organisations in 2022/23.

The one-off grants now put forward for approval amount to £37,148.65 (See Appendix 5 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 as an Appendix to the report.

APPENDIX 1

GRANT AID APPROVALS – 2022/23

Column 1 Group	Column 2 Nature of Application	Column 3 Amount Approved £	Column 4 Comments
Chabad Lubavitch of Epping	Organise 6-month weekly coffee morning meetings for people who are vulnerable and isolated due to their limited social network and reduced mobility.	£1,920.00	
Epping Primary School PTA	Installing an all-weather rubber activity trail	£2,000.00	
Epping Sports Club	Installing a cricket safety net	£1,000.00	
Nazeing Common Cricket Club	Integrated door entry system for the new pavilion	£1,000.00	
Ongar Town Festival Steering Group	Funding for the infrastructure of the 2023 Ongar Town Festival	£2,000.00	

APPENDIX 2

APPLICATIONS DEFERRED

Column 1 Group	Column 2 Nature of Application	Column 3 Comments

APPENDIX 3

APPLICATIONS REFUSED

Column 1 Group	Column 2 Nature of Application	Column 3 Comments
Christian Drama Resource Centre	Purchase of a database and IT equipment	Cllr Les Burrows refused the application due to the lack of information in their application form.
Kids Active Theatre Company	Secure a location to host a theatre production and to open a workshop for young people in the district.	Cllr Les Burrows refused the application due to KATC being a private organisation
Epping Forest Sunflower Group	Purchase equipment for a documentary film and Arts & Craft project	Cllr Les Burrows refused the application due to the project not being sustainable in the long term.

THREE_YEAR SLA APPLICATIONS APPROVALS

Column 1 Group	Column 2 Nature of Application	Column 3 Amount approved £	Column 3 Comments
Redbridge Samaritans	3 Year Service Level Agreement	£5,000 per year	For 3 years 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23
Loughton Voluntary Care	3 Year Service Level Agreement	£5,000 per year	For 3 years 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23
Epping Forest Foodbank	3 Year Service Level Agreement	£5,000 per year	For 3 years 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23
Waltham Abbey Youth 2000	3 Year Service Level Agreement	£2,000 per year	For 3 years 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23
Ongar & Villages Voluntary Care	3 Year Service Level Agreement	£1,600 per year	For 3 years 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25

APPENDIX 5

GRANT AID SCHEME 2022/23 – STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION

Total Budget for Grants to Voluntary Organisations = £40,000.00

One-Off Major Grants	Grant Approved	
SLA Approved Funding - WAY2000 - Approved May 2020	£2,000	
SLA Approved Funding - Loughton Voluntary Care	£5,000	
SLA Approved Funding - Redbridge Samaritans	£5,000	
SLA Approved Funding - Epping Forest Foodbank	£5,000	
SLA Approved Funding – Ongar and Villages Voluntary Care	£1,600	
Debden Sports Club	£3,445	
Hanover Elders Community Forum	£2,183.65	
Lambourne End Centre	£5,000	
Epping Primary School PTA	£2,000	
Epping Sports Club	£1,000	
Chabad Lubavitch of Epping	£1,920	
Nazeing Common Cricket Club	£1,000	
Ongar Town Festival Steering Group	£2,000	
Total Expenditure as at 12.09.22		£37,148.65
Amounts remaining in budget prior to the approvals recommended in this decision sheet		£40,000.00
Amount recommended for approval as per this decision sheet	£7,920.00	
Amount remaining if applications approved as per Appendix 1		£2,851.35