

Decision by Portfolio Holder



Report reference: LCS-003-2018/19

Date of report: 08-August-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 – July 2018**

Decision:

1. That funding from the Grant Aid Scheme (one-off grants) for 2018/19 totalling £8900 be awarded to; ABACEI – Afro-Brazilian Arts & Cultural Exchange Institute, Alfie James Production Limited, GROW Community Garden, High Beech Cricket Club, Ongar & Villages Voluntary Care and Waltham Abbey Woodcraft Folk 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 The Bridge Club XL Youth and Waltham Abbey Community Association be deferred for the reasons set out in Column 3 of Appendix 2.

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: 8th August 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: 9th August 2018

Expiry of Call-in period: 15th August 2018

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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.

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Portfolio Holder:**

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:

The Council's Grant Aid Scheme provides funding for local community and voluntary groups for the benefit of local residents.

The outcomes of the Grant Aid Allocations are noted in Appendix 1 (Grant Approvals) and will define what the funding is for, how much and any comments or conditions. Appendix 2 (Applications Deferred) lists any groups who have not had a decision confirmed and the reason for its deferral. Appendix 3 (Applications Refused) lists any groups that have been refused funding and the reason for this decision.

Appendix 4 – Statement of Expenditure following approval of Portfolio Holder Decision

Appendix 5 – Equality Impact Assessment

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 £8900. The total amount previously spent on one-off grants for 2018/19 being £19060. (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.

Column 1 Group	Column 2 Nature of Application	Column 3 Amount Approved £	Column 4 Comments
ABACEI – Afro-Brazilian Arts & Cultural Exchange Institute	Funding towards hall hire for educational and cultural programme.	£900	The group are established outside of the district and now want to run activities in North Weald to encourage disadvantaged young people to participate in an educational and cultural programme.
Alfie James Productions Limited	Funding towards hall hire and marketing costs	£1500	The group are developing and will deliver a theatre project aimed at tackling social isolation. This project is aimed at the 50+ residents of the district. Condition of this grant is for the group to become an ambassador for a service delivered by the Councils Museum Heritage and Culture department.
GROW Community Garden	Funding towards plants and equipment	£3000	The group wish to plant a sensory garden for the community garden. Condition of this grant is that the group engage more children and young people in the project via local school visits for example.
High Beach Cricket Club	Funding towards a replacement lawn mower	£700	The clubs lawn mower was stolen and the group have sourced funding to replace it via a number of different sources, thus asking for a relatively small contribution from EFDC. The group allow their facility to be accessed and used by the local primary school and another organisation.
Ongar & Villages Voluntary Care	Funding towards transport costs and afternoon tea	£2500	The group organises volunteers to transport vulnerable residents to medical appointments, stay with them and return them. They provide a valuable service to a rural community. The afternoon teas events are aimed at reaching isolated older residents.
Waltham Abbey Woodcraft Folk	Funding towards an educational trip for young people	£300	The group has organised a trip for their young people to look at the area environment and the impact of pollution.

APPLICATIONS DEFERRED**APPENDIX 2**

Column 1 Group	Column 2 Nature of Application	Column 3 Comments
The Bridge Club XL Youth	Purchase of youth club equipment	Waiting for further information
Waltham Abbey Community Association	Re-decoration of hall	A previous application for decoration was refused last year due to local Councillors expressing concerns about the condition of the building and future development of the site. Awaiting further information from Essex County Council on the progress of the re-development of this site.

APPLICATIONS REFUSED**APPENDIX 3**

Column 1 Group	Column 2 Nature of Application	Column 3 Comments
N/A		

