

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No.

meeting date: 11 MARCH 2014
title: RECREATION/CULTURE, SPORTS, & ARTS GRANTS
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To present the recommendations of the working group in relation to the allocation of grants under Recreation/Culture, Individual Sporting Excellence, and Individual Arts Excellence.

1.2 Relevance to the Council Aims / Ambitions

- **Principal Aim** – To be a well-managed council, providing efficient and responsive services, based on identified customer needs.
- **Council Ambitions** – To make people's lives safer and healthier and, more specifically, to increase opportunities for people to access cultural activities and improve outcomes for children and young people.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 The purpose of Recreation/Culture grants is to provide voluntary organisations with support for events/projects that enhance recreation and cultural provision.

2.2 The Council's Sporting Excellence Grants seek to assist many talented sportsmen and women in their chosen sport, helping towards the expenses associated with competition, training and equipment.

2.3 Arts Excellence awards are the same as above, and are awarded to people within the performing arts.

3 ISSUES

3.1 The overall number of Recreation grant applications has remained static, compared with the previous year, as have the Sporting Excellence applications. However, there has been a decrease in the number of Arts Excellence applications.

3.2 The working group and officers also think it is an appropriate time to re-assess the criteria for the various grants. It is suggested that the established working group be asked to carry out this task, along with the newly appointed Head of Cultural & Leisure Services.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

Approval of this report may have the following implications:

- **Resources** – The following sums are available for distribution:

Recreation / Culture Grants £29,490

There is also a balance of £18,143 built up from previous years.

Sporting Excellence £3,530

There is also a balance of £2,910 built up from previous years.

Arts Excellence £4,060

- Technical, Environmental and Legal - none
- Political - none
- **Reputation** – the grants programme is well received within the community, and gives the Council a platform to demonstrate its support for the voluntary sector and young people.

5 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

- 1 Endorses the recommendations of the Working Group outlined in appendices 1, 2 & 3.
- 2 Agrees that the Working Group is asked to revise the criteria for the grants in time for 2015/16.

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RECREATION / CULTURE GRANT PROPOSALS 2014/15

ORGANISATION	PROJECT	COST	GRANT REQUEST	PREVIOUS GRANTS	PROPOSAL
Ribble Valley Jazz & Blues	Annual Festival held on May Bank Holiday weekend. Improve on-line marketing and promotions, develop email database etc and support costs of innovations to the 2014 festival programme	£6,250	£1,750	2011 - £500 2012 - £600 2013 - £1000	£1000
Valley Gigs	Full day of Street Entertainment on the Saturday of the RV Jazz & Blues Festival	£2,100	£700	Several years 2013 - £700	£700
Ribchester Roman Museum	Costs of display case, publicity literature, display panels, and additional security to house the Ribchester Parade Helmet on loan from the British Museum from 1 July – 31 October 2014	£73,000	£anything	Non in recent years	£5000
Read Parish Council	Replacement of 2 spring toys and resurfacing of surrounding area on the parish playground	£2,862	£1,430		£1000
Art in the Garden	To open Spring Bank House (previously opened under the National Garden Scheme) to the public to showcase around 25 high quality artists exhibiting in the garden.	£3,530	£1,785	None	£200 towards publicity

Mellor Junior Football Club	Replace cabin/changing rooms To complete replacement of perimeter fencing To replace septic tank	£32,000 £6,000 £2,000	£5,000		£2500 for fencing
Ribble Valley Choir	Choral event in December 2014	£420	£250	2010,11 & 12 - £200 2013 - £250	£200
Ribchester Festival of Music and Art	International Festival in 22 nd year held in June. A showcase of musical talent.	£12,400	£2,500	2010 - £2,300 2011 - £4,000 2012 - £2,300 2013 - £2,500	£200
Longridge Golf Club	Continuation of Coaching programme	£7,320	£2,000	2013 - £935 (for youth element)	£400 for youth element
Chatburn Parish Council	Replacement of swings frame on parish play area	£4,128	£2,000	2003 - £1,750 2008 - £1,500	£1000
Longridge Brass Band	Refurb of 2 'b flat' tubas	£4,068	£1,868	2008 - £1,500 2009 - £700 2010 - £1,000 2011 - £600	£800
Ribchester Tennis Club	Resurface 2 full size tennis courts	£18,000	£9,000	1999	£1000
Longridge Sports & Arts Community Development Group	Upgrade of main changing room showers	£3,000	£3,000	2013 - £7,500	NONE

Sabden Football Club	Upgrade of Changing facilities Fabric of building – roof etc Construction of footpath & hard standing	£2,900 £6,860	£8,800		£1500 for the building
Thornley Community Space	To refurbish and convert a former school to a mixed use community hub.	£67,660	£10,000	None	£3000 subject to acceptable business plan
				TOTAL	£18,500

SPORTING EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2014/15

NAME	AGE	SPORT	STANDARD	SCORE	GRANT
Connor Byrne	17	Climbing	Connor has represented Great Britain in the youth age group and was invited onto the Senior team this year. He has a European ranking of 10 th in youth A and won the Summer Youth Open National Event as well as the British Lead Climbing Championship.	26	£400
William Murray	16	Swimming	William has represented England (achieving Silver) and qualified for the British Open Swimming Championships	24	£300
Emma Fox	14	Swimming	Emma has qualified for County, Regional and National competitions.	22	£300
Oliver Murray	15	Modern Pentathlon	Oliver is current National Pentathlon champion for his age group in the UK and finished 9 th in the Fencing Welsh Open.	20	£300
Alice Fox	13	Swimming	Alice has achieved 6 county qualifying times and her first regional qualifying time.	18	£250
Charlie Dewhurst	14	Cricket / Football	Charlie is currently captain of Lancashire Cricket Board Under 13's. He also captained Ribble Valley District team to victory in the Lancashire Cup. Signed with Preston North End FC on an unpaid contract.	16	£250
Joshua Stamford	11	Cricket	Joshua represented Lancashire U11 squad	15	£250
Joshua Leatherd	14	Athletics	Joshua won silver medals in 100m and 200m at Lancashire Championships and has represented Lancashire in the Northern U15/U17 Inter-County championships.	14	£250

Eleanor Graham	14	Cricket	Eleanor represents Lancashire in the U15 girls performance team. She also plays for Clitheroe Ladies.	14	£250
Eleanor Bolton	14	Athletics	Eleanor is part of the Lancashire County and Lancashire County Schools Cross Country team.	13	£200
Saphina Stamford	15	Cricket / Netball	Saphina plays cricket for the Lancashire U15 team.	11	£150
Harry Lang	14	Cricket	Harry plays cricket for the Lancashire U14 team.	11	£150
				TOTAL	£3050

ARTS EXCELLENCE GRANTS 2014/15

NAME	AGE	STANDARD	GRANT
Elizabeth Burgess	15	Elizabeth performs in the Junior section of the Royal Northern College of Music. She is also a member of the Halle Youth Choir	£400
Oliver Kirk	15	Oliver has been accepted for an audition to the Royal Ballet and is a Premier Championship dancer in solo and pairs	£400
Emily Billington	16	Emily achieved 2 nd place in National Cheer Dance Competition	£400
Claudia Nurse	16	Claudia plays flute and piccolo in the Lancashire Youth Concert Band	£250
Daniel Kirk	11	Daniel regularly competes	£100
		TOTAL	£1550