

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No. 5

meeting date: 12 MARCH 2019
title: RECREATION/CULTURE, SPORTS AND ARTS GRANTS
submitted by: DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To present the recommendations of the working group in relation to the allocation of grants under Recreation/Culture, Individual Sporting Excellence, Individual Arts Excellence and Arts Development Grants.
- 1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities
- Community Objectives – To be well-managed Council providing efficient and responsive services based on identified customer need.
 - Corporate Priorities - To make people's lives safer and healthier and more specifically to increase peoples' opportunities to access cultural activities and improve outcomes for children and young people.
 - Other Considerations – None

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The purpose of Recreation and Culture Grants is to provide organisations with support for projects which enhance recreational and cultural provision.
- 2.2 The Council's Sporting Excellence grants seek to assist talented young sports people in their chosen sport, helping towards the expenses associated with competition, training and equipment.
- 2.3 Arts Excellence grants are similar to Sporting Excellence and are awarded to people in the performing arts.
- 2.4 Arts Development grants are aimed at helping arts organisations with activities which have a specific arts focus.

3 ISSUES

- 3.1 The number of grants awarded across all categories is healthy, with the level of achievement of the young people who applied for sport and art excellence grants being especially high.
- 3.2 It is encouraging to see the range of grants for different projects in the recreational and arts sectors with a good spread across the whole of the Borough.
- 3.3 Although the scale of grants is relatively low in monetary value, compared to say the lottery, they are none the less very well received by the individuals and organisations in receipt of them.

- 3.4 The ease of application and relative speed with which organisations receive an answer often helps where the Council funding is a part of a larger basket of funding being put together. This pump prime effect and the added boost they provide cannot be overestimated. These grants often provide the additionality required by organisations which help them to get funds from national schemes.
- 3.5 Committee set up a member working group to consider the applications and to make recommendations for awards.
- 3.6 That group was made up of Councillors Newmark, Hirst S Hind and Robinson and it met on 28 February 2019 to measure the applications received against the qualification criteria set by this committee under each heading.
- 3.7 The group was advised by your Sports Development Officer, Art Development Officer, Democratic Services Administration Officer and the Director of Community Services with much of the preparatory work having been completed by one of your Accounting Technicians and Head of Financial Services.
- 3.8 The group was impressed with the quality of many of the applications but recognised – as in previous years – the difficulty of allocating limited resources by assessing comparative values of (for the most part) applications that deserve more support than the Council can give.
- 3.9 Every application was discussed/debated (some more vigorously than others) and the conclusions reached at the end of the group’s deliberations form the recommended awards included in the appendices 1 – 4. It is worth noting that, although there was debate about the relative merits of some applications, the group was satisfied at the conclusion of the process with the overall balance of its recommendations.

4 FINANCE

- 4.1 Listed below are the sums available for distribution, categorised by grant:

Grant	OE Budget 2019/20 £	Reserves Balance £	TOTAL AVAILABLE BUDGET £
Recreation & Culture	31,140	3,650	34,790
Sporting Excellence	3,720	1,950	5,670
Arts Excellence	4,280	3,440	7,720
Arts Development	3,000	1200	4,200

- 4.2 Summarised below are the number of applications received for each grant category along with total value of the applications.

Grant	Number of Applications Received	Total Value of Applications £
Recreation & Culture	25	27,890
Sporting Excellence	18	5350
Arts Excellence	16	4850
Arts Development	6	4200

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications

- Resources – the following sums are available for distribution:
Recreation and Culture Grants £34,790
Sporting Excellence £5,670
Arts Excellence £7,720
Arts Development £4,200
The distribution recommended by the working group is within budget.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – A grant condition is that awards must be to residents and organisations which primarily benefit residents of the Ribble Valley.
- Political – none identified
- Reputation – the grant programme is well received in the communities of the Ribble Valley and gives the Council an opportunity to support a range of organisations and individuals who otherwise might not be able to access public funds.

5 **RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE**

Endorse the recommendation of the working group outlined in appendices 1 - 4 as attached to this report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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RECREATION / CULTURE GRANT PROPOSALS 2019/20

Appendix 1

ORGANISATION	PROJECT	COST	GRANT REQUEST	PREVIOUS GRANTS	PROPOSAL
Ribble Valley Vipers	To support the progress of growth in numbers of females over the age of 13 playing cricket	£3790	£1590	None	£1590
Clitheroe Cricket, Bowling and Tennis Club	Community outdoor seating	£23,288	£5000	2015 - £500 2016 - £2000 2017 - £1000 2018 – nil	Nil
Clitheroe Cricket Club	Purchase of outfield mower	£9000	£3500	2015 - £500 2016 - £2000 2017 - £1000 2018 - £840	Nil
Ribble Valley Gateway Trust (The Grand)	Love Clitheroe Events – 2 annual community events – Summer BBQ and Carols at the Castle	£11,790	£3000	Nil	£1500
Chatburn Parish Council	Double swing for playground	£2805	£1400	2013 - £4000 2015 - £1500	£700
RV Sport and Recreation Leisure Centre (Roefield)	Multi sports programme – transport element	£4900	£1400		Nil
Salesbury Cricket Club	Provision of female facilities and suitable entrance for those with mobility issues	£100,000	£7000	2012	£7000

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Rimington Recreation Association	Re-site and upgrade children's playground to a single site adjacent to the new pavilion	£38,200	£10,000	Many years ago	£2500
Longridge Cricket Club	Clubhouse refurbishment and revitalisation	£21,680	£6900		£2200
Ribchester Rovers Football Club	Set up of 3 youth pitches – nets, corner flags, benches etc	£12,144	£8500		£6500
Bolton-by-Bowland Cricket Club	Upgrading of pavilion (3 phases) Phase 1 – upgrading of toilets and refreshment preparation area	£13,000	£5000		£2500
RV Community Sports Trust	Pavilion and car park improvements at Highmoor Park, Clitheroe	£100,000	£5000		£2500
Queen Elizabeth 11 Playing Fields Charitable Trust	Reinstatement of public footpath – access to facility		£10,000		Nil
Clitheroe Football Club	Replacement stand	£40,000	£10,000		Nil
Clitheroe Town Council	Promotion of 1 summer band concert and Last Night of the Proms concert	£1500	£750	2017 - £400 And for many years before for a larger number of concerts 2018 - £400	£400

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Clitheroe Concerts Society	Provision of chamber concerts	£13,950	£500	Not for a while but in years past 2018 - £500	£500
St James' Church	Installation of purpose built toddler safe barrier and play equipment	£1536	£750		Nil
				TOTAL	£27,890

ARTS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS 2019/20

Appendix 2

ORGANISATION	PROJECT	COST	GRANT REQUEST	PROPOSAL
Spot On Lancashire in the Ribble Valley	Supporting five core volunteer venues of Tosside, Simonstone, Mellor Brook, Hurst Green, and Dunsop Bridge and libraries in Clitheroe and Longridge to host professional performing arts performances.	£17,670	£900	£700
Atlantic Contemporary Art	Providing access to a mobile art school to groups, individuals and businesses in the local area, an alternative for those without the time or transport to commit to full or part time courses.	£5,500	£2,500	£600
Ribble Valley Jazz and Blues	High profile event taking place 2 – 6 May 2019 in Clitheroe, and in Ribble Valley Villages including Mitton, Sawley, Downham, Worston, and Longridge town, presenting live music at indoor & outdoor, ticketed and free events featuring 400+ local regional and international musicians.	£69,110	£3,000	£1,000
Be My Band	Bringing together young people who have mutual interest in playing an instrument	£6,270	£3,000	Nil

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Muck or Nettles	A festival of light taking place on Saturday February 8 th 2020. Free community event including a day of activity for families within Clitheroe, lantern making workshops concluding with a spectacular lantern parade.	£10,403	£2,000	£800
Forestry Commission England	Creating a new outdoor performance stage / studio at the Gisburn Forest Hub. Commissioning experienced outdoor architect Lee Ivett (UCLAN). The structure will be used for future artistic and educational purposes.	£8,787	£2,000	£1100
			TOTAL	£4,200

NAME	AGE	SPORT	STANDARD	SCORE	Suggested AWARD (£)
Thea Cameron	18	Climbing	GB	30	600
Hattie Varley	13	Swimming	National (England)	25	500
Lucy Naylor	17	Cycling	GB	24	500
Oliver Murray	19	Modern Pentathlon	GB	24	500
Martha Smith	17	Swimming	National (Wales)	23	400
Olivia Kate Cordeau	12	Rhythmic Gymnastics	National/Regional	22	400
Finlay Royle	9	Slalom Skiing	National	21	300
Cara Milne-Redhead	17	Football	National (Scotland)	21	300
Lilly Ella-Mae Smith	11	Rhythmic Gymnastics	National	21	300
Alasdair Moir	17	Modern Pentathlon	National	21	300

NAME	AGE	SPORT	STANDARD	SCORE	Suggested AWARD (£)
Charlotte Williams	17	Athletics - Hammer	National	20	200
Olivia Maudsley	11	Netball	Regional +	20	200
Caitlin Wilson	11	Swimming	Regional	20	200
Charles Paige	17	Road Cycling	National	18	200
Lucy Taylor	9	Rhythmic Gymnastics	National/Regional	18	200
Eleanor Jorgenesen	16	Netball	Regional +	16	100
Louisa Rishton	10	Skiing	Regional/ National	15	100
Christopher Brand	16	Athletics - Sprinting	County/Regional	10	50
				TOTAL	£5350

ARTS EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2019

NAME	AGE	ART	GRANT
Suzanne Garth – Jones	19	Dance	£550
Robyn Fallon	17	Dance (Ballet)	£550
Oliver Fulwell	18	Trombone, Piano, Singing	£500
Emma West	16	Contemporary Dance	£450
Matthew Hurst	12	Baritone	£350
Olivia Hurst	14	Cornet	£350
Noah Garley	10	Freestyle Dance	£300
Millie Marsh	13	Harp	£300
Lottie Guifoyle	9	Dance	£300

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Leo Peat	13	Piano, Trombone	£250
Rebecca Taylor	14	Dance	£250
Olivia Dalzel Job	11	Singing	£200
Elijah Critchley	16	Drama	£200
Jacob Marsh	10	Drums	£150
Meeka Bradley	13	Guitar, Singing	£100
Mia Louise Martin	10	Gymnastics	£50
		TOTAL	£4850