

SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL

Report

Subject : Grant Holder Feedback Report – 3 Year Grant Giving
Committee : Events, Markets and Grants Subcommittee
Date : 30 Jan 2023
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1. Report Summary:

- 1.1. In the previous Events Grants and Markets Subcommittee meeting, the Sub Committee asked the Communities Manager gather feedback from three-year grant holders and provide some context on the impacts of three year grant giving by the Council via the Medium Community Development Grants scheme.

2. Background:

- 2.1. The annual budget for Community Development Grants is £25,000 for 2022/23.
- 2.2. The current Salisbury City Council (SCC) Grants Policy was reviewed in early 2022 and a revised policy was approved by the Events, Markets and Grants Subcommittee on the 25 Jul 2022.
- 2.3. In 2022/23 there are 7 Medium Grants Held over 3 years as follows:
 - 2.3.1. Family Counselling Trust -£300 per year – Year 3 of 3
 - 2.3.2. Care Home Volunteers – £3000 per year - Year 2 of 3
 - 2.3.3. Well-City – £300 Per Year - Year 2 of 3
 - 2.3.4. Underground Studios CIC – £3000 per year - Year 2 of 3
 - 2.3.5. City Gate Church - £1500 per year - Year 2 of 3
 - 2.3.6. Pantry Partnership - £1500 per year – Year 1 of 3
 - 2.3.7. Silver Salisbury - £3000 per year – Year 1 of 3
- 2.4. Total allocated to these multiple year grants in 2022/23 = £18,000
- 2.5. Total Allocated to these multiple year Grants in 2023/24 = £15,000
- 2.6. At the start of 22/23, £13,500 of SCC Grant Funding was available for award. In this year all but one of the applications received have been granted in full or in part. One grant was refused on grounds of significant funding from the central national charity.

3. Contextual Funding Information:

- 3.1. There is only one other source of multiple year, small to medium scale, open community funding available covering Salisbury. This is the Wiltshire Community Foundation fund offering up to £5000 per year for up to 3 years.
- 3.2. All other similar funding has a specific remit such as: respite care provision, climate and environmental issues or formal education support.
- 3.3. Other large scale multiple year funding, e.g., National Lottery Reaching Communities, Heritage Lottery Funding, Comic Relief, require secured match funding.
- 3.4. Area Board funding is only provided for 12 months at a time.

4. Grant Holder Feedback:

- 4.1. **Alzheimer's Support – Previous Grant Holder – Julian Roberts – Trusts and Foundations Fundraiser** - *“It is a matter of financial security, knowing that (subject to an annual review of progress), the (part) funding for a particular project is guaranteed for that period. In the current financial situation, this is more important than ever. Broadly, it's an issue of the Council agreeing (or not) to a partnership with the charity concerned, in turn based on the alignment of the particular priorities/services of the Council and the charity respectively. This ensues that community organisations are working to serve the Council's priorities. In our case, three-year funding would also enable us to support salary costs, which few other funds are willing to support, providing security to employees and improving our ability to recruit to key roles.”*
- 4.2. **RISE 61 – Current Grant Holder - Robin Imeson – Director** - *“RISE 61 note that their current three-year grant formed part of the match funding listed which enabled them to secure £323,678 of National Lottery Funding to help sustain and develop its youth hubs project over the next five years. These include Rise:61's Bike Hub, which has been running since 2017, and the Creative Hub and Active Hub that were launched in 2021 and the continuation of free after school provision. Match funding is a requirement”*
- 4.3. **Silver Salisbury – Current Grant Holder - Irene Kohler** – *“Having three years of funding for our project means we could plan a project that develops over three years. In community development work, where developing relationships over time is key, this is essential if we want outcomes that are based on community voice rather than external project aims imposed by us.”*
- 4.4. **Well-City – Current Grant Holder** - *The partnership or organisations note that their three-year National Lottery Grant requires them to find certain levels of match funding. Their plans to apply to the City Council for a three-year grant were included in their match funding plans for their large-scale bid and formed part of presenting a stable and sustainable plan for their project over three years. They want on to secure a lottery grant for £260k. The SCC Grant has also enabled them to respond to feedback from local people and adapt their plan to local needs while still delivering on their original commitment to the National Lottery.*
- 4.5. **Care Home Volunteers – Current Grant Holder** – *“This grant has enabled us to employ a coordinator for three-year period rather than on short term contracts”.*
- 4.6. **Underground Studios – Current Grant Holder – Alex Mobaraki** – *“Our Current grant has enabled us to continue to deliver of activity for the benefit of young people despite significant financial challenges brought about by unexpected and rising energy costs.”*

5. Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Sub Committee:

- 5.1. Notes this report and considers any further action required by the Communities Manager.

6. Wards Affected: All Wards

7. Background papers:

- 7.1. Doc 89280 –Grants Budget Overview – Jan 2023

8. Implications:

- 8.1. **Financial:** Within agreed budget
- 8.2. **Legal:** None in relation to this report.
- 8.3. **Personnel:** None in relation to this report
- 8.4. **Environmental Impact:** None in relation to this report
- 8.5. **Equalities Impact Statement:** None in relation to this report