

SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL

Report

Subject : Community Development Grants
Committee : Events, Markets and Grants Sub-Committee
Date : 9 May 2023
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1. Report Summary

- 1.1. This report asks for the committee to consider the 4 medium grant applications received by the Communities Team in the last quarter and to vote on the awarding of each grant.
- 1.2. Grants should be considered in the context of the remaining grant budget as outlined below.

2. Background

- 2.1. The annual budget for Community Development Grants is £25,000 for 2023/24.
- 2.2. Salisbury City Council (SCC) has already committed £ 13,500 of the 2023/24 budget to previous applications and £11,500 remains. The Grants Budget Overview – May 2023 (Doc 90694) is published with this report.
- 2.3. The Committee should note that City Gate Church did not provide a satisfactory end of year report for their 2022/23 grant award and do not wish to pursue their three-year grant further. This has released £1,500 of committed funds into the Community Development Grant Budget for 2023/24.
- 2.4. The overview also shows that the currently held applications exceed the currently held Community Development Grants Budget of £13,500 by £500.
- 2.5. It is thereby not possible to grant all the held applications in full. Grant applicants have been informed of this position.

3. Applications:

- 3.1. The applications are as follows:

Name of Organisation	Grant Scheme	Funds applied for
Riverbourne Community Farm	Medium	£3,000
Community Transport	Medium	£3,000
Age UK	Medium	£3,000
Alzheimer's Support	Medium	£3,000

- 3.2. Full details of all applications, including officer's comments and recommendations, can be found in the New Grant Applications for Review Report – May 2023 (Doc 90697) which is published with this report.

4. Further information & recommendations:

All recommendations below are influenced by the limited remaining grant budget of £11,500.

4.1. Riverbourne Community Farm

- 4.1.1. Application to support the building of new toilet, shower and laundry facilities at the farm to support estimated 23,000 free visits to the farm per year including alternative curriculum and free education sessions for local schools.
- 4.1.2. £3,000 of the £15,500 cost of the project has been secured from Laverstock and Ford Council.
- 4.1.3. **Recommendation:** To award £1,000 and to encourage the applicant to apply to a number of other funds with information provided by the Communities Manager in support.

4.2. Community Transport South Wiltshire

- 4.2.1. Application in support of the salary costs for the administration of the Car Scheme, which serves 207 people in Salisbury City.
- 4.2.2. £3,000 of the £16,200 full salary costs.
- 4.2.3. **Recommendation:** That the grant is awarded at 50% (£1,500) as in previous applications, to support this ongoing service in the city which directly benefits residents who are socially isolated and on low and fixed incomes., and which enables access to a range of other voluntary and statutory services for those residents.

4.3. Age UK

- 4.3.1. Application in support of the expansion of the Information and Advice Service via volunteer recruitment, training and Salisbury focused awareness raising.
- 4.3.2. The £3,000 funds applied for, would be ringfenced for the Salisbury area activity within this service, which received 2500 contacts last year.
- 4.3.3. **Recommendation** – Not to award the grant as no evidence is given of other approaches to other sources of funding for this expansion of the service.

4.4. Alzheimer's Support

- 4.4.1. Application in support of the salary costs for the management of the new Dementia Day Centre Provision on Scots Lane, Salisbury, to include management of the day service, community use of the space, family and carer liaison and information hub staffing for Salisbury residents.
- 4.4.2. £3,000 towards the annual salary of the day centre manager - total cost £26,087. 50% of the salary costs for three years have been secured from the national lottery with the proviso of the applicant match funding for the rest of the salary over this three-year period.
- 4.4.3. **Recommendation:** To award the 1-year grant in full.

5. Wards Affected:

- 5.1. Read easy – All wards
- 5.2. Riverside Tennis Club – Salisbury St Pauls (Members from all wards)

6. Background papers:

- 6.1. Grants Budget Overview – May 2023 (Doc 90694).

6.2. Grant Applications For Review Summary – May 2023 (Doc 90697)

7. Implications:

7.1. **Financial:** Within agreed budget

7.2. **Legal:** None in relation to this report.

7.3. **Personnel:** None in relation to this report

7.4. **Environmental Impact:** None in relation to this report

7.5. **Equalities Impact Statement:** Equality and inclusion policies requested and received from all applicants.