

SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL

Report

Subject : Grant Applications Report – Community Development Grants
Committee : Events, Markets and Grants Sub-Committee
Date : 08/07/2024
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1. Report Summary

- 1.1. This report asks for the committee to consider the three eligible medium grant applications received by the Communities Team in the last quarter and to vote on the awarding of each grant.

2. Background

- 2.1. The annual budget for Community Development Grants is £25,000 for 2024/25.
2.2. Salisbury City Council (SCC) has already committed £18000 of the 2024/25 budget to previous applications, including the last 2 remaining 3-year grant commitments.
2.3. This shows that there is £7000 remaining in the budget for allocation by the subcommittee
2.4. Granting in full all applications outlined in this report would bring grant spend in-year to £24,897.66, represent allocation of 99.6% of the remaining budget for 2024/25
2.5. All grants are subject to the terms and eligibility criteria of the Salisbury City Council Grants Policy, which includes reporting of impact via the monitoring process
2.6. Grants are eligible if they meet two of our seven Community Priorities
2.6.1. Bringing Communities Together
2.6.2. Improving Opportunities for Young People
2.6.3. Improving Access to Active Lifestyles
2.6.4. Improving Understanding of, or Celebrating, Marginalised Groups
2.6.5. Supporting People on Low Incomes
2.6.6. Improving People's Wellbeing
2.6.7. Creating a Greener City

3. Applications:

- 3.1. There are four applications as follows:

Name of Organisation	Funds applied for
Ukraine Community CIC	£3000
DIGS	£897.66
Salisbury & South Wilts District Scouts	£3000
SPIRE Inclusion	ineligible

3.2. Full details of all applications, including officer's comments and recommendations, can be found in Appendix 1 New Grant Applications for Review Summary – May 2024.

4. Application Summary:

4.1. Ukraine Community CIC

4.1.1. This application, from a new CIC in Salisbury, seeks part costs towards the creation of a Ukraine Community Hub, based at Stratford Road Social Club aiming to develop a location for education, cultural exchange, advocacy and advice and emotional support.

4.1.2. This application meets six of our 7 Community Priorities – See Summary Document, Background Paper 7.1

4.2. DIGS

4.2.1. This application, from a local community organisation currently seeking CIO status, seeks grant funding to cover the costs of administrative costs to support the communication and raised level of awareness of the work of DIGS.

4.2.2. It meets three community priorities - See Summary Document, Background Paper 7.1

4.3. Salisbury & South Wilts District Scouts.

4.3.1. This application, from the organisation delivering scouting opportunities at District Level seeks part costs for capital improvements to one of their main capital assets, Derek Marsh House, Salisbury

4.3.2. It meets 4 community priorities - See Summary Document, Background Paper 7.1

4.4. Spire Inclusion

4.4.1. We received a grant application from SPIRE Inclusion, a service for adults with learning disabilities, for £3000. While the work of the organisation speaks to a number of Community Priorities, this organisation is a Private Ltd Company and, with reference to the SCC grants policy, ineligible for a Community Development Grant.

4.4.2. Salisbury City Council's Grants Policy states that "Applications that are not usually eligible" includes "Organisations whose status enables them to operate at a profit"

4.4.3. The SCC Community Services Lead has offered the director of SPIRE inclusion a meeting to explore alternative sets ups which would enable grant application in the future, acknowledging that the work of Spire does speak to community priorities of the City Council.

5. Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Sub Committee award as follows, representing 45% of the funds available in 2024/25, leaving a further £ £12,000 available for the remainder of the year.

5.1. Ukraine Community CIC

5.1.1. To award the grant in full

5.2. DIGS

5.2.1. To award the grant in full

5.3. Salisbury & South Wiltshire District Scouts

5.3.1. To award the grant in full

5.4. Spire Inclusion Limited

5.4.1. To refuse the grant on the basis of the eligibility criteria of Salisbury City Council's Grants Policy.

6. Wards Affected:

6.1. Alzheimer's Support – All wards

6.2. Dance Six-0 – All Wards – focus on the Harnham school catchment areas

6.3. Salisbury Community Circus – All Wards

6.4. Wessex MS Therapy Centre – All Wards

7. Background papers:

7.1. New Applications for Review Summary – May 2024

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:** Equality and inclusion policies requested from all applicants.