

REPORT TO FORMARTINE AREA COMMITTEE – 18 JANUARY, 2022

AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2021- 2022 – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

1 Reason for Report / Summary

- 1.1 This report outlines an application for funding which has been received for consideration by Members and requests the determination of the award of grant.

2 Recommendation:

- 2.1 **It is recommended that Members consider and determine the application for funding.**

3 Purpose and Decision-Making Route

- 3.1 At the meeting of Council on 17 March, 2021, (Item 5,) the Area Committee budget was set at £80,800 for 2021 - 2022. At its meeting on 27 April, 2021, (Item 9), this Committee agreed the broad allocation of the budget.
- 3.2 The balance of funding available for community projects is currently **£3,223.34**, and the balance available for Town Centre Regeneration Projects is **£4,000** as detailed in **Appendix 1**.

This means that there are not enough funds to meet the undernoted request in full, were the Committee minded to approve the application.

- 3.3 The scheme allows, in exceptional circumstances, for the consideration of community project grants of up to £10,000 with a maximum of 2 such applications approved in any one financial year, one such application has already been approved for 2021/22.
- 3.4 The budget for the Improving the Amenity of Towns and Villages (**£19,000**), has already been allocated.

4. Discussion

The Committee is asked to consider the following application(s) for funding which has/have been received.

Methlick Cricket Club

- 4.1 An application has been received from the Methlick Cricket Club, requesting funding towards the replacement of their score hut.

- 4.2 The group are seeking a contribution of **£3836.25**, which is 75% of the total project cost of **£5,115**. The maximum amount available to disburse is £3224.43.
- 4.3 There have been no previous applications for funding by this group.
- 4.4 A copy of the application form and accompanying information has been circulated to Members.

Council Priorities, Implications, and Risk

- 5.1 This report details applications which help deliver Council Priorities:
- Our People – Education; Health & Wellbeing
 - Our Environment – Infrastructure; Resilient Communities
 - Our Economy – Economy & Enterprise; Estate Modernisation

Further information can be found here:

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/council-plan/delivering-our-priorities-across-services/>

- 5.2 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the grant awards are approved.

Subject	Yes	No	N/A
Financial	X		
Staffing		X	
Equalities and Fairer Duties Scotland		X	
Town Centre First		X	
Sustainability		X	
Children and Young People's Rights and Wellbeing		X	

- 5.3 The screening section as part of Stage One of the Integrated Impact Assessment process has not identified the requirement for any further detailed assessments to be undertaken. The assessment clarifies that there are no impacts arising from the application of an established grant scheme and criteria, and the outcome of the grant award is not in the Council, or any of its Community Planning Partners, remit.
- 5.4 There are no particular staffing implications arising from this report. The management of this budget will be undertaken within existing area management resources. The proposals outlined in this report are in line with the allocation of financial resources as contained in the 2021/22 Revenue Budget for Area Managers.

- 5.5 The following risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level:
Budget Pressures (Risk ACORP001); and
Working with other organisations (Risk ACORP005).
[\(Corporate Risk Register\)](#).

No risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Strategic Level
[\(Directorate Risk Registers\)](#).

6 Scheme of Governance

- 6.1 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report and are satisfied that the report complies with the [Scheme of Governance](#) and relevant legislation.
- 6.2 The Committee is able to consider and take a decision on this item in terms of Section B.6.3 of the [List of Committee Powers in Part 2A](#) of the Scheme of Governance as it relates to the expenditure of the Area Committee Budget.

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22 December, 2021

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- Appendix 1 –** Allocations to date
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APPENDIX 1

2021-2022 Allocations	Budget £	Projects £	Available £
Improving the Amenity of Towns and Villages	19,000		
Village Amenity Improvement Scheme (including additional funds due to cancelled Bloom and Blossom Schemes)		15,000	
Town & Village Enhancement Grant Scheme		4,000	
	19,000	19,000	0
Community Projects	41,800		
		38,576.66	3223.34
Town Centre Regeneration Projects	20,000		
	0	16,000	4,000

APPENDIX 2

COMMUNITY PROJECT AWARDS TO DATE

Organisation	Project	Date of Award	Amount
Methlick Community Council	Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA)	8 June, 2021	£10,000
Ellon Gordon Cricket Club	Mower and Store Upgrades	29 June, 2021	£5,800
Ythan Cycle Club	Ellon Wheel Park Feasibility Study	29 June, 2021	£5,000
Balmedie Leisure Centre Association	Accessible, inclusive Outdoor Play Area.	31 August, 2021	£5,000
Ellon Rotary Club	Picnic and Activity Area, Ellon Resources Centre	31 August, 2021	£1,000
EPIC (Ellon Parks Improvement Committee) WITHDRAWN	Accessible Swing Set and Surfacing, Auchterellon Play Park	31 August, 2021	Up to £6,987
TurriffLocalCharity (TLC)	Additional Display Equipment for their charity shop	31 August, 2021	£317.20
Newburgh Public Hall Trustees	PV panels and batteries	21 September, 2021	£2,925
EPIC (Ellon Parks Improvement Committee) Revised application	Accessible Swing Set and Surfacing, Auchterellon Play Park	12 October, 2021	£6,637.77
Tarves Primary School	Purchase and installation of Eglu	12 October, 2021	£933.25
Ellon and District Men's Shed	Extension and improvement of workspaces	16 November, 2021	£963.44
TOTAL ALLOCATIONS			£38,576.66

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TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION PROJECT AWARDS TO DATE

Organisation	Project	Date of Award	Amount
Ellon, c/o Formartine Area Manager	Town Centre feasibility study and plan	16 November, 2021	£10,000
Turriff, c/o Formartine Area Manager	Town Centre feasibility study and plan	16 November, 2021	£6,000
TOTAL ALLOCATIONS			£16,000