

REPORT TO BUCHAN AREA COMMITTEE – 27th September 2022

AREA COMMITTEE GRANT SCHEME 2022/2023 – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING – Maud Village Trust

1. Executive Summary/Recommendations

1.1 This report requests Members' consideration of an application from Maud Village Trust for community project funding from the Area Committee Grant Scheme. The Committee is being asked to consider five separate applications as part of today's agenda.

1.2 Recommendation

The Committee is recommended to consider the application from Maud Village Trust who are seeking funding towards removing and the refit of a kitchen, the purchase of a cooker and extractor hood and electrical works to allow them to deliver a variety of cooking workshops; in determining the application, the Committee is asked to note the recommendation of Buchan Development Partnership (BDP) to award £3,686 to Maud Village Trust

2. Decision Making Route

2.1 At the Buchan Area Committee on 19th April 2022 (Item 11) Councillors agreed to make available £61,500 of the Area Committee Budget to an Area Committee Grant Scheme, similar to that run in previous years. It was further agreed that the grant scheme would be publicised and developed in tandem with BDP.

2.2 On 28th June 2022 (Item 9) the Buchan Area Committee considered 11 applications for funding from the scheme. Nine of the 11 applications were awarded grant funding totalling £35,551, leaving a balance of £25,949. The other two applications were deferred for further information and remain outstanding at this time.

2.3 A further 5 applications have now been received. Should Committee approve all 5 applications, as recommended by BDP, the remaining balance will reduce to £11,555.

2.4 The communities have prioritised their projects and it is suggested that they are all worthy of support. The recommended projects allow for a balanced geographical spread, are deliverable and reflect value for money.

3. Discussion

- 3.1 This report deals specifically with the application from Maud Village Trust who has requested funding towards removing and the refit of a kitchen (in an expanded space within the resource building itself), the purchase of a cooker and extractor hood and electrical works to allow them to deliver a variety of cooking workshops to increase families basic cooking skills on a budget. Local awareness indicates there are waiting lists for these courses. Challenges posed by the soaring cost of living will push families in to fuel and food poverty so more people will turn to foodbanks. These courses will learn people how to create nutritious meals on a budget for themselves.
- 3.2 Detail of the application received, total cost and recommended award are included within the appendix attached to this report. The application has been assessed by BDP and meets the criteria.
- 3.3 Any award is based on the agreed limit of £10,000 or 80% of the project costs. Councillors do have the discretion, should they agree that a project is of exceptional merit, to allocate funds accordingly. Where an award has been given, but falls short of the amount requested, BDP will work with these groups to help them identify the gap funding required.
- 3.4 The fund attempts to achieve a good spread of schemes, with broad community benefit across the Buchan area and to focus on local priorities. As in previous years the projects that have been recommended will help deliver towards the Council's priorities and the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP). Where possible the grant will also help groups attract match-funding.
- 3.5 The help and support of Buchan Development Partnership has been fundamental in the development of this application.
- 3.6 A condition of the award is that each group must take photos and a video throughout their project, which will be shown at a virtual 'Celebration of Awards' in the Spring of 2023.

4. Council Priorities, Implications and Risk

- 4.1 Collectively, the applications help deliver our Council Priorities –

Our People – Education, Health & Wellbeing

Our Environment – Infrastructure, Resilient Communities

Our Economy – Economy & Enterprise, Estate Modernisation

Further information can be found –

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

- 4.2 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendation(s) is(are) agreed.

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

- 4.3 An Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) was carried out and, at initial screening, no negative impact has been identified. 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, as the positive impacts relate to projects outwith the Council's control, but which are in pursuit of the Council's priorities relating to community benefits.
- 4.4 There are no staffing implications arising from this report. The management of this budget will be undertaken within existing area management resources.
- 4.5 The proposals outlined in this report are in line with the allocation of financial resources approved as part of the Councils Revenue Budget.
- 4.6 The following Risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level: Budget Pressures - ACORP001; Working with other organisations - ACORP005 [Corporate Risk Register](#).
- 4.7 No risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Strategic Level [Directorate Risk Registers](#)

5. Scheme of Governance

- 5.1 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report and their comments are incorporated within the report and are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.

- 5.2 The Committee can 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 authorisation of expenditure from the Area Committee Budget.

Ritchie Johnson
Director of Business Services

Report by Theresa Wood, Area Committee Officer
Date : 16th September 2022

List of Appendices –
Appendix 1 – Summary of Application from Maud Village Trust



Group Name	Maud Village Trust	Charity No.	SC 034067																					
Description of Organisation	<p>Maud Village Trust is a charity established in 2003 with the primary aim to purchase and develop the Old Mart site for the economic and social benefit of the people of Maud and the surrounding area. It is one of the most successful examples of a community, NHS health and social care partnership in Aberdeenshire. A number of established community initiatives are based at the site. The charity has 5 experienced directors and 18 full time and part time employees.</p> <p>In addition to providing health services, the charity operates a gym, café and service centre with units hosting organisations including Buchan Dial a Bus. The centre is also the venue for a Conversation Café and other activities that will support Mental Health and Wellbeing.</p>																							
Current Free Reserves	2 months	Annual Income																						
Total Project Cost	£4423	Amount Requested	£3686																					
Minimum for Impact	£3686																							
Previous Applications	2020 – £4291 to develop area to allow installation of a vehicle charging point as part of the Be-Link'd Transport project.																							
Purpose of Grant	<p>MVT wants to deliver a variety of cooking workshops to increase families basic cooking on a budget skills including: One-off cooking Workshop, Cooking on a Budget Workshop, Confidence to Cook (6-week block).</p> <p>MVT plans to run 1 x one off workshop per month for 6 people and 1 to 2 sessions of Confidence to Cook sessions per year.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Item</th> <th>Total Cost</th> <th>Amount Requested from BAC Grant</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Remove and refit kitchen</td> <td>£1900</td> <td>£1900</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Range Cooker</td> <td>£1359</td> <td>£1359</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Extractor Hood</td> <td>£199</td> <td>£199</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Electrical Refit</td> <td>£228</td> <td>£228</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reuse Kitchen units</td> <td>£737</td> <td>£0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£4423</td> <td>£3686</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Item	Total Cost	Amount Requested from BAC Grant	Remove and refit kitchen	£1900	£1900	Range Cooker	£1359	£1359	Extractor Hood	£199	£199	Electrical Refit	£228	£228	Reuse Kitchen units	£737	£0	Total	£4423	£3686
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Need/Support for Project and Grant	<p>NHS Senior Community Coordinator, CHIO NHS, New Pitsligo Hub indicate there are waiting lists for these courses. Challenges posed by the soaring cost of living will push families in to fuel and food poverty so more people will turn to foodbanks. These courses will learn people how to create nutritious meals on a budget.</p>																							

Impact/Outcomes	The project will deliver positive benefits to people of all ages by providing them with essential skills for life and increasing the employability of those on the Confidence to Cook class who do REHIS certification as part of the course. The Community workshops provide opportunities for socialising and improved mental health and wellbeing.
Recommendation	£3686
Conditions	None