

TEESDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Report To: GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE
4 August 2008**

From: Lead Member for Resources: Councillor GK Robinson

Ward Member: All

Subject: GRANTS APPLICATIONS 2008/09

1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 This report provides details of grant applications received for the current financial year. Members are requested to consider each application in relation to the suggested criteria.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1 It is recommended that

2.1.1 The applications for grants contained in Appendix B are considered.

3.0 LINK TO CORPORATE KEY PRIORITIES/AMBITIONS

3.1 Priority: All priorities

3.2 Ambition: Potentially any ambitions

3.3 Outcome: Community groups, not for profit organisations and individuals receive financial assistance in contributing towards the Council's priorities

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 Grants, contributions and donations are reviewed annually as a part of the budget setting process. It was determined during the budget setting process for 2007/08 that this review should be undertaken by a Grants Sub-Committee, which was then established.

4.2 A total budget of £8,000 was allocated in respect of arts grants for each of the financial years 2007/08 and 2008/09. In 2007/08, £6,537 of applications were supported by the Grants Sub-Committee and approved by Council, leaving a balance of £1,463.10 that has been carried forward to the general grants contingency.

4.3 At the last meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee on 16 May 2008, 4 applications for arts grants were approved, 2 each for 2 organisations – Artworks and Highlights Promotions Ltd. These applications can however be met from Arts Council funding, and the original budget of £8,000 therefore remains uncommitted.

4.3 Although non-arts grants are considered and agreed annually (Appendix A contains details of grants approved for 2008/09), a contingency of £1,294 was approved through the budget for 2008/09. At the meetings of the Grants Sub-Committee on 17 March 2008 and 16 May 2008, the following applications were supported:

Organisation	Purpose	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
		£	£
Community Energy Solutions North East (CES)	Funding to transfer Middleton residents to biomass sites	500.00	250.00
Teesdale & Weardale Search & Rescue Team	Funding gap following the withdrawal of discretionary rate relief	295.68	295.68
North Pennines LEADER+	Partner contribution to LEADER+ programme	1,350.00	1,350.00
Lynesack & Softley Parish Council	Litter picking around the recreation area, common and highways	1,040.00	520.00
Total			2,415.68

4.4 With the balance carried forward from arts grants, and the deduction of the allocated amounts above, the contingency balance available for allocation is now £341.42.

5.0 APPLICATIONS

5.1 Three new applications received in respect of 2008/09 are attached at Appendix B. The total value of these applications is £2,400 (£1,500 general grants and £900 arts).

5.2 Members are requested to consider each of the applications in relation to the following criteria:

- Links to the corporate priorities – are there any, does the project partially meet a priority, does it clearly deliver one
- Evidence of need – is there any, how strong is it
- Other funding – what percentage of the project costs are requested, have other organisations been approached
- Sustainability – will funding be required in future years, will it reduce, will self financing be achieved

- Value for money – what evidence is there that value for money is being achieved, how strong is this evidence
- Quality of life impact – will the project improve the quality of life for a single ward or group or more than one, how many
- Risk – what is the impact on the project if the grant requested is not approved or is reduced
- Equality and diversity – is the project/activity available to all irrespective of race, sex, marital status, disability, religion, age, sexual orientation or political belief.

The scoring methodology developed during the budget process is attached at Appendix C.

6.0 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 Financial Implications:

The budget detailed in paragraph 4 has been approved and any grants supported within the balance available will not therefore have financial implications.

6.2 Risk:

Risk	Category	Implications
Grants are allocated to projects that are not consistent with the Councils priorities	Reputational, Financial	Priorities may not be achieved, value for money is not achieved, projects that are consistent with priorities may not proceed due to lack of funding

6.3 Equality and Diversity: Considered as part of the approval criteria.

6.4 Human Resources: None

6.5 Community Safety: None

6.6 Legal Issues: None

Background papers:

1. None

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