

HEDGE END, WEST END AND BOTLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

Monday, 28 January 2019

COMMUNITY GRANTS REPORT

Report of the Assistant Local Area Manager

Recommendation

It is recommended that grants be approved as contained in Appendix 1 to this report

Summary

The Grants Panel recommends that grants be allocated to local organisations operating in the Hedge End, West End and Botley local area for 2018/19.

Statutory Powers

S.1 Localism Act 2011

Strategic Implications

1. This report supports a range of Corporate Plan objectives as well as local priorities: Enabling Health and Wellbeing, Tackling Deprivation, Excellent Environment and Reinvigorating Town and Local Centres.

Introduction

2. Members will recall that this Committee has devolved responsibility for provision of revenue grants to local organisations. This year 34 different grant applications were received. The total requested was £13,943 which substantially exceeded the allocated budget of £6,980, however this committee has sufficient funding in the arts revenue budget to cover the approved total of £9,822.
3. This Committee's Grants Panel comprising Councillors Garton, Jurd, Gomer and Trace reviewed the applications.

The Panel's decisions

4. The Grants Panel gave careful consideration to all of the applications to ensure a broad distribution of funding was spread throughout the three local parished areas.
5. The Panel also considered the objectives of the organisations, the numbers attending; the likely impact and benefit for HEWEB residents; whether they were from the Hedge End, West End and Botley (HEWEB) area; the total costs of the project and whether funding was or could be sought from elsewhere. The panel also made a recommendation for applicants to put forward a business case for future applications.
6. A substantial number of applications were made by Wildern School (D.@rt Centre/Leisure Centre) and it was agreed that the activities provided on the campus catered for residents within all 3 parished areas.
7. It is therefore recommended that grants be approved as contained in Appendix 1 to this report.

Financial Implications

8. There are no ongoing revenue implications associated with this report as this Committee's revenue budgets are sufficient to fund the Panel's recommendations.

Risk Assessment

9. The recommendations made by the Grants Panel do not hold significant risks. All grant applications are subject to the completion of a detailed application form and submission of financial details.

Equality and Diversity Implications

10. The Equality Act is relevant to the decision in this report as the decision does relate to eliminating discrimination, advancing equality of opportunity, or fostering good relations between different people. Any impacts of the grants are expected to be wholly positive. Groups benefiting include: older people, young people and children, people with disabilities. An Equality Impact Assessment has not been carried out.

Conclusion

11. The recommendations made in this report complement the Council's corporate priorities as well as this Committee's local priorities. Subject to the approval of this Committee, a grants presentation will take place before the local area committee meeting on 4 March 2019 to recognise and celebrate the breadth of community work being undertaken in the local area.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - SECTION 100D

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