

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY AREA COMMITTEE FOR THE HARROGATE DISTRICT
GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE

5 OCTOBER 2010

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To invite the Sub-Committee to determine/make recommendations in respect of the applications for financial assistance.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Committee has a budget for 2010/11 which is split between an allocation for each County Councillor. The amounts uncommitted are set out in the Budget Monitoring Statement which appears as an earlier item on today's agenda.

1.2 The funding guidelines, previously adopted by the Area Committee, are attached as Appendix A.

1.3 The Sub-Committee has the authority to approve applications for financial assistance to be funded from the allocation for each County Councillor, where the local Member's recommendation is identical to the views of the Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee does not have delegated powers:-

- To refuse applications;
- To give conditional approval for applications;
- To determine applications where the local Member's recommendation is either unknown or differs to the views of the Sub-Committee.

3.0 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM ALLOCATIONS FOR COUNTY COUNCILLORS

3.1

Applicant:	Darley Playing Fields Association
Project:	To refurbish the shower area in the pavilion.
Application at:	Appendix B
County Councillor John Fort BEM recommends:	That a grant of £750 be made.

3.2

Applicant:	Birtswith Tennis Club
Project:	Towards resurfacing the path and practice area.
Application at:	Appendix C

3.3

County Councillor Heather Garnett recommends:	That a grant of £500 be made.
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Applicant:	Boroughbridge Allotment Society
Project:	To provide allotments for the people of Boroughbridge.
Application at:	Appendix D
County Councillor John Watson OBE recommends:	That a grant of £500 be made.

3.4

Applicant:	Bishop Monkton Tennis Club
Project:	Towards building two tennis courts and a Multi Use Games Area.
Application at:	Appendix E
County Councillor Heather Garnett recommends:	That a grant of £500 be made.

3.5

Applicant:	All Saints Church, Kirkby Overblow
Project:	Towards the restoration and alteration of the church for community use.
Application at:	Appendix F
County Councillor Cliff Trotter recommends:	That a grant of £500 be made.

3.6

Applicant:	Woodfield and Dene Park Community Centre
Project:	Towards resurfacing the car park.
Application at:	Appendix G
County Councillor Andrew Goss recommends:	That a grant of £500 be made.
County Councillor Geoff Webber recommends:	That a grant of £500 be made.

3.7

Applicant:	Starbeck in Bloom
Project:	Towards the annual fruit, flower and vegetable show.
Application at:	Appendix H
County Councillor John Fox recommends:	That a grant of £270 be made.

3.8

Applicant:	Wellspring Therapy and Training
Project:	Towards training a person to train adults in youth mental health first aid.
Application at:	Appendix I
County Councillor M-A de Coursey-Bayley recommends:	That a grant of £1,000 be made.

3.9

Applicant:	Starbeck Gala and Christmas Lights
Project:	To purchase new LCD lights and roping.
Application at:	Appendix J
County Councillor M-A de Coursey-Bayley recommends:	That a grant of £1,000 be made.

3.10

Applicant:	Orb Community Enterprise
Project:	To install central heating in the main Art and Drama area.
Application at:	Appendix K
County Councillor John Fox recommends:	That a grant of £500 be made.

3.11

Applicant:	Harlow Hill Squash & Sports Club
Project:	To repair a squash court floor.
Application at:	Appendix L
County Councillor Jim Clark recommends:	That a grant of £1,145 be made.

3.12

Applicant:	Bilton in Ainsty Cricket Club
Project:	To carry out work to the pavilion.
Application at:	Appendix M
County Councillor John Savage recommends:	A recommendation will be reported orally at the meeting.

3.13

Applicant:	Scotton Scorchers Junior Football Club
Project:	Towards building a pavilion at Percy Field, Scotton.
Application at:	Appendix N
County Councillor John Watson OBE recommends:	That a grant of £500 be made.

3.14

Applicant:	Pannal Village Society
Project:	To install replica stocks on Pannal Village Green.
Application at:	Appendix O
County Councillor Cliff Trotter recommends:	That a grant of £450 be made.

3.15

Applicant:	Pannal Village Society
Project:	Towards a new notice board.
Application at:	Appendix P
County Councillor Cliff Trotter recommends:	That a grant of £200 be made.

3.16

Applicant:	Ripon YMCA
Project:	To replace equipment at the parent and toddler playgroup.
Application at:	Appendix Q
County Councillor Bernard Bateman MBE recommends:	That a grant of £300 be made.

3.17

Applicant:	Almscliffe Tennis and Bowling Club
Project:	Towards building and outfitting a new sports pavilion.
Application at:	Appendix R
County Councillor Cliff Trotter recommends:	That a grant of £500 be made.

3.18

Applicant:	Knareborough Community Centre
Project:	To run two trips; one to Eureka for the children that attend the holiday playschemes and the second to Castle Howard for the 50+ social group.
Application at:	Appendix S
County Councillor John Batt recommends:	That a grant of £400 be made.

3.19

Applicant:	Essential Needs
Project:	Towards a new computer and other office equipment.
Application at:	Appendix T
County Councillor Keith Barnes recommends:	A recommendation will be reported orally at the meeting.

4.0 INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTED

4.1 The Sub-Committee's instructions are requested as to the decision/recommendation in respect of each of the applications above.

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Background Documents: None.

APPENDIX A

COUNTY AREA COMMITTEE FOR THE HARROGATE DISTRICT

AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET – FUNDING GUIDELINES

Grants are available from the County Area Committee for the Harrogate District to support projects which benefit one or more local communities within the Harrogate District area. All kinds of projects qualify, subject to the criteria described below. Grants approved for projects which benefit a single Parish are typically in the region of £500. Larger grants will be considered where a project assists a wider geographic area. Examples of the kinds of grants which the Committee has recently approved are:- purchase of a dishwasher for a Luncheon Club, erection of a bronze statue, restoration of a Museum Trust property, refurbishment of a Village Hall, tree planting, and a contribution towards a Social Group's speaker costs.

A decision on whether a grant will be awarded will be based on the views of the local County Councillor for the Electoral Division benefiting from the project. There is one County Councillor for each Electoral Division with the exception of Knaresborough and Harrogate Central which each have two County Councillors. The local County Councillor is best placed to know about the needs of the Electoral Division and the number of bids which are likely to be coming forward in any particular year. Each County Councillor has been allocated £4,050 for 2009/2010 to support local projects, to be used in the most effective way possible.

Before applying for a grant, potential applicants should explain their project to their local County Councillor. County Councillors' contact details can be found on the County Council's website (www.northyorks.gov.uk; click on "Council and Democracy"; click on "Councillors"; then click on "About your Councillor"). In relevant circumstances, County Councillors may have to advise that all funding for that year has already been earmarked for other projects/priorities.

Where the local County Councillor supports a project, an application should then be submitted which must be on the official Application for Funding form. For advice concerning completion of the form, please contact democratic.services@northyorks.gov.uk or telephone 01609 532057 and ask for Louise Barker.

Applications will be considered by the Grants Sub-Committee to which the Committee has delegated authority to make grant decisions.

Applicants of projects which benefit a wider geographic area need to speak to only one County Councillor who is supportive of that project and then submit a completed application form. The application will be considered initially by the Grants Sub-Committee, together with the views of the one County Councillor to whom the applicant has spoken. If there is a short-fall between the amount of grant sought by the applicant, and the amount of grant recommended by that one County Councillor, and if the Sub-Committee is also supportive of the project, the Sub-Committee will automatically arrange for the application to be circulated to all County Councillors on the Committee to seek additional contributions. Any such additional contributions will be formally approved at the subsequent meeting of the Committee.

Where a grant is approved, payment will be made by BACS. In addition, the applicant may be sent either a small plaque or sticker to display which says "Supported by North Yorkshire County Council Area Committee Grants" if there is a suitable place where a plaque or sticker can be displayed.

Enquiries will be made, during the summer following the end of the financial year during which a grant has been approved, to check that the project has been completed or is progressing. The County Council will seek to recover grants paid for projects which have not progressed.

The Committee has adopted the following criteria for awarding grants:-

- Applicants must be non-profit making or non-commercial organisations.
- Applications seeking funding for recurring revenue costs will not be approved.
- Applicants are expected to fund part of the costs for a project from their own or other sources.
- Where applications involve project works which require other permissions such as planning or building consent approvals, it is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that such consents have been granted prior to the commencement of any works.
- Grants awarded must be publicly acknowledged where possible.
- Applicants should have an approved Constitution and must have their own bank account. They must make a copy of the Constitution, or the Minutes of a recent Annual General Meeting, available to the County Council, if requested to do so, to assist consideration of their application.
- It must be assumed that any application approved does not imply any further grant support by the Area Committee for such purpose in any other financial year.
- Each application must be accompanied by the applicant's most recent balance sheet or income and expenditure accounts. The Grants Sub-Committee may subject these to audit.
- Each application must be accompanied by a written quotation. Where it is not possible to obtain a quotation, a full written explanation must be provided to advise how the estimated costs have been arrived at.
- Festivals and events – grants will only be awarded to a specific part or aspect of a festival or event which benefits the local community. Grants will not be awarded towards administrative costs or to subsidise ticket sales.
- Retrospective funding will only be provided in exceptional circumstances and a full written explanation must be provided.
- Grants will not be made to individuals.
- Grants will not be available to repair/maintain/improve/equip buildings whose sole purpose is religious worship. However, grants may be awarded for projects relating to community facilities which are in or adjacent to buildings of religious worship.
- Grants will not be available for projects which are considered to relate to the County Council's (including the LEA's) normal expenditure.

Office Notes: The County Council's Corporate Policy Committee, on 17 April 2001, approved the following:-

- An Area Committee may, at any point in time, use its budget to fund any activity/purpose:- (i) upon which the County Council is legally entitled to incur expenditure; and (ii) does not conflict with any aspect of current County Council policy.

- Subject to the above, the size (£) of an individual funding decision by an Area Committee shall be limited as follows:- (i) no single allocation to a project or purpose may exceed £20k or 20% of the annual area budget made available by the Council, whichever is the greater; and (ii) no Area Committee will be allowed to exceed their budget allocation for a given year.
- Each Area Committee decision must be informed by an officer report circulated as part of the Agenda which will act as the “audit trail” for the funding decision.