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HINCKLEY AREA COMMITTEE 27th June 2017
SLT 29th June 2017

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL HINCKLEY WARDS

HINCKLEY COMMUNITY INITIATIVE FUND

Report of Director of (Environment and Planning)

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To request that Hinckley Area Committee support the allocation of grant funding through the Hinckley Community Initiative Fund 2017/18.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That Hinckley Area Committee supports the funding allocation of £10,000 from the Hinckley Community Initiative Fund 2017/18, as detailed in section 3.2.

3. BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT

3.1 It was agreed by Hinckley Area Committee that a further £10,000 was to be made available to offer 50% towards capital projects for community groups in Hinckley for the financial year 2017/18, this grant fund follows on from a previous fund of £20,000 allocated in 2014/15.

3.2 Applications for 2017/18:

The table in Appendix 1 of this report provides an objective scoring summary from the assessments made of the applications by scoring panel.

This panel consisted of Ian Pinfold – Green Space Manager and Paul Scragg – Senior Green Space Officer.

The maximum amount of funding available to each Project is £10,000. The grant will fund a maximum of 50% of the project costs. Each applicant must seek support from their Ward Councillor. Only capital items are funded, the lowest submitted quote has been used to calculate the maximum eligible grant, unless a good reason has been provided for using a higher quote.

6 applications have been received requesting a total of £13,735.

Based on the information in Appendix 1 the assessment panel recommends funding the following schemes totalling £10,000. These schemes scored 61 or higher against the scoring criteria for the scheme.

1. Tennis for all – Hinckley Town Tennis Club (De Montfort)
Outline: Funding towards new tennis equipment to allow the club to provide free weekly coaching and training for beginners of all ages during the summer months. (£320)
2. St Mary's Church Carpet and flooring – St Mary's Church PCC (Castle)
Outline: Replacement of existing carpet and new flooring in communal areas of church. (7,994)
3. Re-carpet Main Bar area – Wykin Social Club (Trinity)
Outline: Re-carpeting the main bar area of the club (£1,686)

3.3 That Hinckley Area Committee consider recommending to SLT that a further £439 be allocated to the scheme to re-carpet the Main Bar area at Wykin Park, this will allow the full 50% funding for this scheme. **(This scheme scored lowest out of the top 3 schemes recommended for funding)**

3.4 The following schemes applying for a total of £3,296, met the criteria of the scheme, however they scored under 61 against the coring criteria for the scheme. The Panel therefore recommends rejecting these schemes due to oversubscription of the fund.

1. Replacement Windows – St Francis Community Centre (De Montfort)
Outline: The replacement of the glass in the centre windows to improve security, and energy efficiency. (£776)
2. Companion IT skills project – Emmaus Leicestershire and Rutland (De Montfort)
Outline: The purchase of computers to assist the users of the centre with IT skills. (£520)
3. Sport Equipment – ACCEPT mental health charity
Outline: The purchase of equipment to enable members of the charity to take part in outward bounds activities. (£2,000).

4. EXEMPTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ACCESS TO INFORMATION PROCEDURE RULES

4.1 This report will be taken in open session.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS [CS]

5.1 For 2017/18, within the existing capital programme there is £10,000 set aside for the schemes outlined in 3.2.

5.2 Approving the scheme outlined in 3.3 will create an overspend of £439.

5.3 Currently no budget has been allocated for the additional schemes totalling £3,296 outlined within 3.4. Therefore, if these schemes are to be supported, a supplementary growth bid will required.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS [AB]

6.1 The Council has a wide power within section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000. This is known as the 'well being power' and seeks to promote or improve the economic, social, and environmental well being of the Council's area. The statutory power includes providing financial assistance to achieve this purpose.

6.2 In addition to the 'well being power' the Council is also able to utilise the General Power of Competence under the Localism Act 2011. This represents a more recent statutory power and further strengthens the ability of the Council to provide financial assistance as set out within this report.

7. CORPORATE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The Hinckley Community Initiative fund supports community groups in Hinckley to achieve the following aims and objectives of the Corporate Performance Plan:

- Creating a vibrant place to work and live
- Empowering Communities
- Providing value for money and pro-active services

8. CONSULTATION

8.1 Hinckley Area Committee is consulted as part of the decision to agree grant applications.

9. RISK IMPLICATIONS

9.1 It is the Council's policy to proactively identify and manage significant risks which may prevent delivery of business objectives.

9.2 It is not possible to eliminate or manage all risks all of the time and risks will remain which have not been identified. However, it is the officer's opinion based on the information available, that the significant risks associated with this decision / project have been identified, assessed and that controls are in place to manage them effectively.

9.3 The following significant risks associated with this report / decisions were identified from this assessment:

Management of significant (Net Red) Risks		
Risk Description	Mitigating actions	Owner
The projects rely on third party delivery and there is therefore a risk that some of the projects may not be delivered	Only projects that are likely to be completed in the following 12 months are recommended for funding	Paul Scragg
Certain projects have conditions attached.	Applicants are required to meet condition, before final grant is awarded.	Paul Scragg
Misuse of funds	Funding for projects is only released once scheme is completed and evidence of completion and payment of	Paul Scragg

	the works is received.	
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10. KNOWING YOUR COMMUNITY – EQUALITY AND RURAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 All grants are awarded to Community Groups within Hinckley, and Ward Councillor support is sought for each application.

10.2 Equalities issues are considered as part of the assessment process.

11. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

11.1 By submitting this report, the report author has taken the following into account:

- Community Safety implications
- Environmental implications
- ICT implications
- Asset Management implications
- Procurement implications
- Human Resources implications
- Planning implications
- Data Protection implications
- Voluntary Sector

Background papers: Appendix 1 attached

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Appendix 1

Name of Scheme	Organisation	Ward	Max Eligible Grant	Total Scheme Cost	Amount of Grant Applied for	Assessed by	Met Essential Criteria Y/N	Assessor 1 Score	Assessor 2 Score	Average Score
17//HINK/01	Wykin Social Club	Hinckley Trinity	£ 2,125.00	£4,250	£2,125	IP/PS	Y	62	60	61
17/HINK/02	Companion IT Skills Project	Hinckley De Montford Ward	£ 1,599.72	£3,199	£1,000	PS/IP	Y	60	58	59
17/HINK/03	Tennis For All	Hinckley De Montford Ward	£ 320.00	£640	£320	IP/PS	Y	66	64	65
17/HINK/04	ACCEPT Adventure	All Wards	£ 2,000.70	£4,001	£2,001	IP/PS	Y	61	57	59
17/HINK/05	Replacement of Exterior Windows	Hinckley De Montford Ward	£ 776.00	£ 1,552	£1,552.00	PS/IP	Y	62	58	60
17/HINK/06	Carpet & Flooring Replacement	Hinckley Castle Ward	£ 7,994.50	£15,989	£9,000.00	PS/IP	Y	62	61	61.5