

Decision by Portfolio Holder



Report reference: LCS-011-2017/18
Date of report: 31-January-2018

**Epping Forest
District Council**

Portfolio: Leisure and Community Services
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Subject: Grant Aid Scheme – Allocation of Budget and Applications for Determination – January 2018

Decision:

1. That funding from the Grant Aid Scheme (one-off grants) for 2017/18 totalling £14308 be awarded to; Theydon Bois Lawn Tennis Club, Ongar In Bloom, Epping Bowls Club, Open Door, Youth Employment Strategy, Epping Forest Sportability and Loughton Community Responders under the terms of the Grant Aid scheme, for the reasons stated and subject to any conditions set out in Column 4 of Appendix 1 attached.
2. That the applications from Accuro be deferred for the reasons set out in Column 3 of Appendix 2, and
3. Action For Family Carers be refused for the reasons set out in Column 3 of Appendix 3.

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I have read and approve/ do not approve (delete as appropriate) the above decision:	
Comments/further action required:	
Signed: Councillor H Kane	Date: 5 th February 2018
<i>Non-pecuniary interest declared by Portfolio Holder/ conflict of non-pecuniary interest declared by any other consulted Cabinet Member:</i> None	<i>Dispensation granted by Standards Committee:</i> Yes/No or n/a N/A
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Portfolio Holder:**

Reason for decision:

Through the Grant Aid Scheme consideration is given to applications received in respect of one-off grants from voluntary and community groups. The approval of such grants ensures the provision of much valued projects and services within the district.

Options considered and rejected:

Options considered in terms of grant applications were for approval (and, if so, the amounts concerned), deferral or refusal. There were no other options for consideration and the only transfer of funds, which is possible, is from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Budget within the Leisure and Community Services Portfolio.

Background Report:

N/A

Resource Implications:

£83,450 set aside for grants to voluntary organisations in 2017/18.

The one-off grants now put forward for approval amount to £14308. The total amount previously spent on one-off grants for 2017/18 being £69142. The total funds of £83450 for grants to voluntary organisations is now spent for 2017/18. (See Appendix 4 attached)

Legal and Governance Implications:

None specific.

Safer, Cleaner and Greener Implications:

There are no specific implications in terms of Crime and Disorder or Environmental issues within the District.

Consultation Undertaken:

Discussions have taken place with applicant groups, Ward Councillors and Officers.

Background Papers:

The Grant Aid application forms for the grant together with supporting information.

Impact Assessments:**Risk Management:**

No formal assessments carried out.

Key Decision Reference (Y/N): N**Equality Analysis:**

The Equality Act 2010 requires that the Public Sector Equality Duty is actively applied in decision-making. This means that the equality information provided to accompany this report is essential reading for all members involved in the consideration of this report. The equality information is provided at Appendix 5 to the report.

GRANT AID APPROVALS – 2017/18

APPENDIX 1

Column 1 Group	Column 2 Nature of Application	Column 3 Amount Approved £	Column 4 Comments
Theydon Bois Lawn Tennis Club	Funding towards the cost of artificial grass resurfacing	£5000	The group has an increasingly high membership for all ages and approximately 30 volunteers supporting the club. Additional to the club sessions they provide outreach sessions to local schools and are looking to refurbish their courts.
Ongar In Bloom	Funding towards the cost of plants and watering equipment	£1090	The group was established to enhance the town of Ongar and to counter negative attitudes. They are working hard to involve the local community, including the local primary school and businesses. The funding will allow them to continue improving their work. A condition of their grant will be to establish an appropriate Safeguarding policy.
Epping Bowls Club	Funding towards the cost of new mower and petrol	£3000	This small group is looking to attract new members and the current equipment fails regularly. They plan to recruit and attract new, local members and will do this by offering taster sessions for schools and new members.
Open Door	Funding towards hall hire and printing costs	£1200	This is a newly established group who will offer support to adults with mental health issues via a friendship group. It will support them in the stressful areas they face such as form filling, managing finances and so forth.
Youth Employment Strategy	Funding towards website and social media development	£930	This group acts as a resource for young people by providing advice and assistance to help them develop their skills and capacities. The development of a website will allow the young people to access support online and will open the resource to additional young people.

Epping Forest Sportability	Funding towards sporting equipment	£735	The group provides a weekly sports club for children with mild to moderate disabilities, in a safe, friendly atmosphere. Old equipment needs replacing and the group supports a wide range of children and young people
Loughton Community Responders	Funding towards the cost of first aid equipment and defibrillator	£2353	This group respond to 999 calls and offer cover to the local district residents. They are all volunteers and are trained by East of England Ambulance Service Trust. They have to provide their own vehicles, equipment and uniform in order to provide this valuable support.

APPLICATIONS DEFERRED

APPENDIX 2

Column 1 Group	Column 2 Nature of Application	Column 3 Comments
Accuro (Care Services)	Social & sports activity provision for young people. Funding to go towards equipment & publicity costs	Awaiting further information

APPLICATIONS REFUSED

APPENDIX 3

Column 1 Group	Column 2 Nature of Application	Column 3 Comments
Action For Family Carers	Funding requested towards an educational/social trip for their young carers.	The group have advised officers that they are unable to achieve match funding for this project.

GRANT AID SCHEME 2017/18 – STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION

Total Budget for Grants to Voluntary Organisations = £83,450

One-Off Major Grants	Grant Approved	
WAY 2000	5,000	
Chigwell Tennis Club	5,000	
Epping Forest Citizens Advice	193	
Epping Foresters Cricket Club	5,000	
Gardens of Hanbury Petenque Club	1,574	
GROW Community Garden	1,700	
Hastingwood Village Hall	3,700	
3rd Ongar Scouts	5,000	
Roydon Tennis Club	800	
The Roydon Society	1,500	
Waltham Abbey Woodcraft Folk	200	
Hertfordshire Boat Rescue	830	
Playground at Theydon Association (PAT)	5000	
Fyfield Bridge Club	1200	
Ongar & Villages Voluntary Care	1770	
Loughton Voluntary Care	1540	
Fyfield Village Hall	2500	
Loughton Broadway Town Partnership (BTCP)	£1500	
Loughton High Road Town Centre Partnership (LTCP)	£1000	
Ongar Town Football Club	£235	
Larsen Bowling Club	£625	
Roydon Playing Fields Management Association	£1500	
Nazeing Parochial Church Council	£2500	
Samaritans – Redbridge Branch	£1500	
Grant A Smile	£580	
1 st Theydon Garnon Scouts	£5000	
Spark	£2000	
1 st Moreton & Fyfield Scouts	£3000	
Revitalise Respite Holidays	£2195	
Epping Forest Community Transport	£5000	
Total Expenditure as at 30/10/17		
Amount remaining in budget prior to the approvals recommended in this decision sheet		£69142
Theydon Bois Lawn Tennis Club	£5000	
Ongar In Bloom	1090	
Epping Bowls Club	£3000	
Open Door	£1200	
Youth Employment Strategy	£930	
Epping Sportability	£735	
Loughton Community Responders	2353	
Amount recommended for approval as per this decision sheet		£14308
Amount remaining if applications approved as per Appendix 1		0