

Part I

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WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
GRANTS BOARD – 4 FEBRUARY 2020
REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES

2019/20 SMALL COMMUNITY GRANTS – ROUND TWO

1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 Fourteen applications have been received for the second and final round of Small Community Grants (Appendix 1) for 2019/20 financial year with a request total of £24,282.
- 1.2 Small community grants are limited to a maximum of £2,000 per application, however the Board is able to increase this should they deem it appropriate on any given application.
- 1.3 There is £44,000 in total available during the financial year 2019/20 to be awarded through the small community grants.
- 1.4 There are two funding rounds for the small community grants. This is the second round of small community grants.
- 1.5 After the first round a total £18,766.90 was granted to community organisations. This leaves £25,233.10 left to be distributed.

2 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 Members of the Grants Board are asked to consider the second round of applications for the Small Community Grants (Part II) and make a recommendation to Cabinet in accordance with the council's priorities and criteria.

3 Explanation

- 3.1 There are fourteen applications totalling £24,282 for community grants to be reviewed:

Organisations	Amount seeking
Activating ADHD	£ 1,966.00
Welwyn Garden City Army Cadet Force (ACF)	£ 500.00

Crusaders Skater Hockey Club	£ 2,000.00
Cuffley Hall	£ 1,000.00
Friends of St Mary's	£ 2,000.00
Lemsford Football Club	£ 1,000.00
Music24	£2,000.00
Old Hatfield Ladies Running Club	£ 2,000.00
Peartree Wellbeing Project	£ 1,969.00
SPACE	£ 2,000.00
Welwyn Warriors Lacrosse Team	£ 2,000.00
Welwyn Harmony Chorus	£1,947.00
Welwyn Hatfield Women's Refuge & Support Service	£ 1,900.00
Welwyn Wheelers	£2,000.00
TOTAL	£24,282.00

- 3.2 Please see Appendix A for the details regarding each of the small community grant applications.
- 3.3 Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council looks to support projects which help achieve at least one of the following priority areas,
- Maintain a safe and healthy community;
 - Protect and enhance the environment;
 - Meet the borough's housing needs;
 - Help build a strong local economy;
 - Engage with our communities and provide value for money.
- 3.4 The application must come from an organisation that is incorporated or an unincorporated charity or a voluntary/community/not-for-profit group.

- 3.5 At least 50 per cent of the organisation's members/clients/users must live or work in the borough of Welwyn Hatfield (or their target market for this project meets this criteria). The organisation must be able to provide monitoring information on its membership/users.
- 3.6 The organisation must be committed to Equal Opportunities and have an Equalities Policy in place (where applicable). However, organisations may target some or all of its activities at specific groups, where the intention is to address discrimination or disadvantage
- 3.7 The organisation must be sustainable and able to show budgetary information. They also must be able to provide recent audited/independently examined accounts or projected income/expenditure figures (in the case of organisations that are less than a year old) to demonstrate its need for financial assistance.
- 3.8 The project/event for which funding is requested must be planned for the future, as funding will not be given for events/projects that have already taken place at the time when the application form is received by Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council.
- 3.9 Detail costs for the project will be required and it should be noted the council will not normally totally fund a project as applicants are expected to raise some of the costs themselves.
- 3.10 The full criteria for which the council reviews grant applications is set out in the Community Grant Policy (<http://www.welhat.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=795>).

Implications

4 Legal Implication(s)

- 4.1 There are no legal implications connected with this report.

5 Financial Implication(s)

- 5.1 The 2019/20 total budget for small Community Grants is £44,000.
- 5.2 After the first round of Small Community Grants £18,766.90 was awarded from the community grants budget.
- 5.3 As such there is a total of £25,233.10 left available to distribute.
- 5.4 In total £24,282.00 has been applied for in this round of funding from fourteen applications.

6 Risk Management Implications

- 6.1 There is a risk related to providing grants to voluntary organisations in that there is the possibility that the organisation could go into administration and as such the funding would be lost. There is also the possibility that organisations do not spend the grant provided on the agreed projects or costs as per their applications.

6.2 The risks are mitigated as much as possible through the application process, where information is provided about the organisation, its governance and financial structures and the reason it has applied for funding.

6.3 Risk Score Likelihood Low; Impact Low to Medium. Overall risk score Low

7 Security & Terrorism Implication(s)

7.1 In complying with the Prevent duty Local Authorities need to ensure that publicly owned resources do not provide a platform for extremists and are not used to disseminate extremist views.

8 Procurement Implication(s)

8.1 There are no procurement implications

9 Climate Change Implication(s)

9.1 There are no climate change implications

10 Human Resources Implication(s)

10.1 There are none arising from this report.

11 Health and Wellbeing Implication(s)

11.1 Providing grants to community organisations for the benefit of Welwyn Hatfield residents assists the council in meeting its objectives to improve the health and wellbeing of the borough.

12 Communication and Engagement Implication(s)

12.1 There is responsibility placed on all recipients of council community grants to ensure that the council is mentioned within all associated publicity and promotion. Part of the organisation's feedback also includes evidence of this.

12.2 The council's communications department are given all associated details to ensure that publicity is given to successful grant applicants.

13 Link to Corporate Priorities

13.1 Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council Grants Board looks to support projects which help achieve Council's Corporate Priorities. Applications for community grants need to contribute to at least one of the following:

1. Our Community
2. Our Environment
3. Our Housing
4. Our Economy
5. Engage with our communities and provide value for money.

14 Equality and Diversity

- 14.1 An EqIA was not completed because this report does not propose changes to existing service-related policies or the development of new service-related policies.
- 14.2 Those organisations applying for a council grant are required to produce evidence of their commitment to equality and diversity.

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Appendices to be listed

Appendix 1 – list of the applications received