

Report title: BDC Community Grants Scheme Report

Period: April 2017 – March 2018

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Summary

This report provides details of Community Grant Fund applications made to the Blaby District Council Community Grants Scheme and decisions made under Terms of Reference Section 4: -

The Grants Panel applied the principles recommended in determining the awards under Terms of Reference Section 3.

Measures

The Community Grant Fund aims to encourage projects or activities that benefit communities in Blaby District. The impact of the Grants Panel's decisions will be measured through the Grant Fund awards supporting the priorities and objectives of the Council set out in the Blaby Plan.

Financial Impact

The total budgets for the year were as follows: -

Capital - £54,500 + £6,040 carry forward from 16/17 = £60,540 (£15,135 per quarter)

Revenue - £10,000 + £4,400 carry forward from 16/17 = £14,400 (£3,600 per quarter)

Everyone Active contribution - £2,000 (£500 per quarter)

Westleigh Partnerships contribution - £5,000 (from qtr. 2 only £1,666 per quarter)

Youth Grants - £5,000

Capital - £60,540

Organisation	Project	Location	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Decision	Amount Awarded	Quarter
Winstanley College	A recycling scheme within the school to encourage students to become actively involved in recycling from a young age, to increase their awareness of the	Braunstone Town	£1,144	£573	Approved	£573	June 2017

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	environment and to promote this into adulthood.						
Whetstone Juniors FC	Security lighting for car park and club house.	Whetstone	£6,960	£3,480	Partly approved as the panel felt the grant only partially met the expected criteria.	£1,740	June 2017
Blaby Methodist Church	50 comfortable, lightweight chairs for the main hall.	Blaby	£1,524	£762	Approved	£762	June 2017
Bosom Babies	Expansion of breastfeeding support service	Blaby District	£3,260	£1,000	Partly approved as only £677 remaining in Staying Healthy fund	£677	June 2017
Thistly Meadow	Supporting the school in improving their outdoor space.	Blaby	£4,375	£2,188	Approved	£2,188	June 2017
Whetstone Drama Group	Purchase of a storage container for the purpose of storing props and stage furniture.	Whetstone	£1,524	£762	Approved	£762	June 2017
Vipers Rugby	Extending and refurbishing the facilities gym and fitness suite.	Whetstone	£6,454	£3,200	The club is clearly sustainable in its own right and as well as having secure income through memberships there are also good plans in place to enhance income through room hire/events in the	£0	June 2017

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					future.		
Blaby & District Social Centre	Third party contribution to meet the requirement of the land fill tax grant of £21,480 from the Mick George Community Fund for the replacement of the building housing the drama groups store and workshop.	Blaby	£21,480	£2,399	Approved	£2,399	Sept 2017
Cosby PCC	Replacement of large, old radiators with new more efficient ones with out-put control together with the appropriate new pipe work.	Cosby	£2,580	£1,290	Approved	£1,290	Sept 2017
Meadows Sports	Installation of compound fence Installation of additional security measures Consumables for fence installation Base improvements for grass pitches to maintain standards Site painting to remove damage and vandalism.	Countesthorpe	£8,750	£3,000	A lot of community funding has already been dedicated to this project and some of the funding being requested is a duplication of previous funding we have awarded (security measures.) The panel feel that this method of repeat funding is not sustainable and does not fit the purpose of the community grants scheme. The panel would like	£0	Sept 2017

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					Meadows Sports to consider other measures that could be put into place to deal with the repeat vandalism.		
Old Newtonians	To dig out muddy areas of car park around the clubhouse, remove waste materials and replace with a hard surface. Creation of two disabled parking spaces. Level and fill uneven surfaces and pot holes in remaining car park. Extend and screen off patio/viewing area to provide more outdoor leisure space in front of club house, improve safety and prevent vehicle damage to surface.	LFE	£7,655	£3,000	Approved	£3,000	Sept 2017
Reality Youth	To replace three old Realcare babies which are used as part of our popular sex and relationships course virtual parenting experience.	Blaby District	£2,082	£1,041	Approved	£1,041	Sept 2017
The Aisle	To help with start up equipment. A laptop.	Blaby District	£3,105	£500	The project appears to be very expensive for a one off event and there is no evidence of any other funding secured. Blaby District Council	£0	Sept 2017

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					Community Grants scheme is designed for the benefit of Blaby District residents only and it is not clear how many residents will benefit. The outcomes of the event are not clear in terms of community benefit.		
Sapcote Parish Council	Refurbishment of rural footpath along highway verge.	Sapcote/Stoney Stanton	£24,200	£3,000	Approved	£3,000	Sept 2017
Enderby Village Institute	Renovation of the ladies toilets including new cubicles, toilets, tiling, flooring and sanitary wear.	Enderby	£5,000	£2,500	Approved	£2,500	Sept 2017
Sapcote Community Library	Replacing existing single glazed floor to ceiling three pane windows with double glazed units with panelled lower sections Insulating the loft above the main library area which is uninsulated at present. Replacing the existing fluorescent lighting fixtures in the main room and workroom with LED lighting.	Sapcote	£6,979	£3,000	Approved	£3,000	Sept 2017

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Whetstone URC	Replacement windows and door in the Church Hall.	Whetstone	£7,321	£3,000	Approved	£3,000	Dec 2017
Enderby Bowls Club	Lifting and relaying of slabs around the bowling green.	Enderby	£5,850	£2,925	Approved	£2,925	Dec 2017
Kirby Muxloe Local History Group	Purchase of display boards for KMLHG exhibitions.	Blaby District	£988	£489	Approved	£489	Dec 2017
Our Space	Purchase kitchen equipment, cutlery and crockery.	Braunstone Town/Thorpe Astley	£2,620	£1,150	Approved (remainder via Revenue)	£400	Dec 2017
Cosby Methodist Church	Refurbishment of toilets (Inc. disabled facility) in church hall.	Cosby	£2,400	£1,200	Approved	£1,200	Dec 2017
Narborough & Littlethorpe Community Library	Replacement windows.	Narborough & Littlethorpe	£1,795	£898	Approved	£898	Dec 2017
Agewise	Purchase of a laptop and tablets.	Blaby District	£500	£500	It was not clear what the project was beyond the purchase of equipment	£0	Dec 2017
PCC of Countesthorpe Parish	New kitchen equipment	Countesthorpe	£9,689	£3,000	Approved	£3,000	March 2018
The Rainbow Shop	Refurbishment of shop	Countesthorpe	£9,940	£2,500	Approved	£2,500	March 2018
Enderby Cricket Club	Refurbishment of toilet/kitchen	Enderby	£8,750	£3,000	Approved	£3,000	March 2018
FLIKS	New sound equipment	LFE	£1,047.60	£500	Approved	£500	March

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							2018
Blaby & Glen Parva Community Service	Refurbishment of kitchen	Blaby	£5,741	£2,871	Approved	£2,871	March 2018
Countesthorpe Cricket Club	To enable the Club to refurbish and resurface its existing two lane practice net facility	Countesthorpe	£10,500	£3,000	Approved	£3,000	March 2018
Glenfield Parish Council	Refurbishment of sports hall floor	Glenfield	£5,349	£2,675	Approved	£3,000	March 2018
Leicestershire & Rutland County FA	Relocation of spectator access	Countesthorpe	£10,320.40	£3,000	Approved	£3,000	March 2018
Glenfield Methodist Church	Maintenance of church rooms	Glenfield	£6,569.88	£3,000	Approved	£3,000	March 2018
Enderby Lawn Tennis Club	Equipment and coaching sessions for young people from local school	Enderby	£565	£565	Partly approved remaining funding from youth grant fund	£500	March 2018
			£197,017	£65,968		£56,280	

Revenue - £14,400

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Punjabi Cultural Society	Towards coach hire costs for a seaside trip for elderly residents.	Braunstone Town	£650	£650	Approved Part payment made as they have received the same funding several times – discussions to be had regarding	£350	June 2017

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					sustainability.		
Namaste	Towards a yoga and exercise tutor and social outings.	Braunstone Town	£2,800	£650	Approved	£650	June 2017
Agewise	Towards getting set up on social media, promotion and marketing.	Blaby District	£825	£750	Approved	£750	June 2017
CC Buzz	Towards costumes for a theatre production.	Countesthorpe	£730	£500	Approved	£500	June 2017
South Leics. Badminton Club	Towards an additional session of coaching specifically targeting younger participants.	Enderby	£491	£491	Approved	£490	June 2017
SWAGAT	Help isolation and promote positive mental health to support vulnerable people to feel safe and be involved in their communities.	Braunstone Town	£3,00	£500	Approved	£500	Sept 2017
Arts for Health	To deliver 15 weeks of tutor led music workshops at a local venue accessible to all current group members and other mental health service users across Blaby District.	Blaby District	£1,005	£750	Approved	£750	Sept 2017
The Carers Centre	A First Aid Course for Carers	Blaby District	£497	£497	Approved (underspend of funding was returned)	£366	Sept 2017

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Blaby Mind Matters	Mental health and wellbeing support group start up costs.	Blaby District	£1,033	£750	Approved	£750	Dec 2017
Croft Happy Circle	A celebration party for the 60 th Anniversary of the formation of Croft Happy Circle.	Blaby District	£700	£500	Partly approved as we would not normally fund social occasions, however this is a 60 th Anniversary	£150	Dec 2017
Our Space	Training for three management committee members to do food hygiene courses.	Braunstone Town/Thorpe Astley	£2,620	£1,150	Approved (remainder via Capital)	£600	Dec 2017
Kirby Muxloe Local History Group	Publication of local history book.	Blaby District	£750	£500	The panel felt that this would not be beneficial to the wider community	£0	Dec 2017
Punjabi Cultural Society	Contribution towards Vishaki Festival Event.	Braunstone Town	£1,500	£750	The panel have contributed to this event before but felt that they could not continue to contribute on an annual basis	£0	Dec 2017
The Aisle	Contribution towards hampers for vulnerable, isolated people in care homes.	Blaby District	£1,649	£500	The panel felt that this was targeted at the wrong demographic as very often people in care homes are not vulnerable or isolated. The costs for the project were too high	£0	Dec 2017
Thurlaston Carnival	Climbing wall for Carnival	Thurlaston	£496	£496	Approved	£496	March 2018
			£17,509	£9,934		£6,602	

Westleigh Partnerships - £5,000

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LFE Community Library	Upgrade to two computers.	LFE	£1,524	£572	Approved (funding from Westleigh Partnerships)	£572	Sept 2017
Whetstone PCC	Under counter freezer. In the café, we serve items such as chicken nuggets, pizza, and ice cream. We have been borrowing another group's freezer but it isn't large enough. Xbox 1 Fifa 17 bundle. We currently have a second hand xbox 360 and we would like to upgrade. Docking station to play music.	Whetstone	£500	£500	Approved (funding from Westleigh Partnerships)	£500	Sept 2017
Whetstone Drama Group	Purchase projectors, screens and stands.	Whetstone	£3,736	£1,869	Partly approved as panel felt that projectors was a non essential for the group	£682	Dec 2017
Enderby Danemill Primary School	Forest School set up in grounds of school.	Enderby	£1,000	£1,000	Partly approved (remaining funding from Youth Council)	£500	Dec 2017
Countesthorpe College	An after school drone project.	Blaby District	£700	£500	Partly approved (remaining funding from Youth Council)	£450	Dec 2017

Littlethorpe Community Association	Purchase new shed	Littlethorpe	£1,500	£750	Approved	£750	March 2018
Whetstone Good Neighbour Scheme	Production of leaflets/newsletter to publicise the service	Whetstone	£428	£428	Approved	£428	March 2018
Blaby & Whetstone Youth Club	Sporting equipment for the young adults with learning disabilities who attend the sessions	Whetstone	£803	£803	Approved	£803	March 2018
			£10,191	£6,422		£4,685	

Youth Grant - £5,000

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3 rd Braunstone Brownies	PGL trip for the Brownie unit	Braunstone Town	£2,340	£1,000	Panel members felt that it was not targeting enough young people	£475	April 2017
Junior Dodgeball	To establish a dodgeball scheme for girls	Enderby	£643	£643	Approved	£643	June 2017
Countesthorpe College	An after school drone project.	Countesthorpe	£900	£900	Partly approved (remainder funded through Westleigh Partnerships)	£450	Dec 2017
Enderby Danemill Primary School	Forest School set up in grounds of school.	Enderby	£1,000	£1,000	Partly approved (remainder funded through Westleigh Partnerships)	£500	Dec 2017

Enderby Tennis Club	Equipment and coach for sessions for young people from local school	Enderby	£565	£565	Partly approved (remainder through Capital)	£65	March 2018
			£5,448	£4,108		£2,133	

Everyone Active - £2,000

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Live for Life Leicester	10 sessions of dance, Pilates, yoga for elderly people.	Blaby District	£500	£300	Approved	£300
Enderby Lawn Tennis Club	Replacing tennis nets	Enderby	£480	£480	Approved	£480
Countesthorpe Cricket Club	Purchase kit for ladies, learning disability groups and juniors	Countesthorpe	£456	£456	Approved	£456
Narborough & District Bowling & Social Club	A CD player and microphone set	Narborough	£299.99	£279	Approved	£279
			£1,735	£1,515		£1,515