

To: Renfrew & Gallowhill Local Area Committee

On: 20 February 2018

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

Heading: Application For Local Area Committee Grant Funding

1. Summary

1.1 The attached appendix details one application received for LAC grant funding.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the application for Local Area Committee grant funding, as detailed in the appendix to this report, be considered.

Implications of this report

1. Financial Implications

None.

2. HR and Organisational Development Implications

None.

3. Community /Council Planning Implications

All grant applications should meet at least one of the key themes contained in the Community Plan and help ensure that our Renfrewshire is a thriving, well, fair and safe place.

- 4. Legal Implications**
Compliance with the Council's Condition of Grants
 - 5. Property/Assets Implications**
None.
 - 6. Information Technology Implications**
None.
 - 7. Equality and Human Rights Implications**
 - (a) The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because all grant applicants must submit valid constitutions containing equality statements. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.
 - 8. Health and Safety Implications**
None.
 - 9. Procurement Implications**
None.
 - 10. Risk Implications**
None.
 - 11. Privacy Impact**
None.
 - 12. COSLA Policy Position**
None.
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List of Background Papers

None

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Ref. No.	Name of Organisation	Amount Requested	Number of Members/users	Purpose of Grant	LACs applied to	Comments
RENFREW LAC APPLICATIONS						
1	Arkleston Parent Council	£2,890	18 volunteers	Develop and regenerate the playground and outdoor space of Arkleston Primary School.	Renfrew & Gallowhill	
	Total	£2,890				

Grants Summary Sheet 2017-2018

Reference		FR1311	
Name of Organisation/Group	1.1	Arkleston Parent Council	
How many members?	1.11	Full Time	0
		Part Time	0
		Volunteer	18
		Member	4
Address/based	1.3		
What does your Organisation/Group do?	1.10	To help and support the children to have a memorable, fun and inclusive time at Arkleston Primary School. To provide additional equipment and goods that the school would otherwise not be able to fund and additionally organise social and community events for the benefit of the school, the children, and the local area.	
If your group covers more than one Local Area Committee (LAC) area, and you are applying to more than one LAC, please tell us which LACs you are applying to	1.13	Geographical Area: Renfrew & Gallowhill LAC Applying to: Renfrew & Gallowhill	
How much grant funding are you seeking?	2.10	£2,890.00	
What will this grant be used for? Please provide a breakdown of the costs to be incurred. (Please use a separate sheet if required)	2.3 2.9	To develop and regenerate the playground and outdoor space of Arkleston Primary School. To provide an interesting, fun, memorable and educational environment for the pupils to learn and play. Providing age appropriate equipment and outdoor spaces that will help the children of the school grow their imaginations and make the most of their time outside. This will in turn support the health and fitness of the children by encouraging them to become more active and involved in outdoor play. There have been several discussions at parent council meetings, with parents/carers of the pupils as well as with teaching staff. The head teacher has identified the outdoor space and improvement of the play areas as our primary focus as Renfrewshire Council has advised that there are no funds available for any refurbishment works. We have conducted some local research and discovered that the other schools within Renfrew have superior facilities for the children, and we want to provide the same experiences to the children of Arkleston. The main aim of this stage of Project Play and Learn is to enhance the existing areas already in place. Recently the school had to pay for the removal of several picnic benches and tables that had become a health and safety risk to the children. We plan to purchase new benches/tables to allow the children to eat outside. These must be fire retardant which adhere to current regulations and we are looking at any options which are made from recycled materials. The school actively encourages recycling and we want to provide recycling areas within the playground to further develop the	

		<p>children's' knowledge about sustainability and re-use in conjunction with the Eco Schools philosophy. There are some raised beds which have been neglected and are in urgent need of refurbishment. Using the help of some volunteers we plan to develop these into something more cheerful and an inviting place to sit or play. We want the children to know that we are listening to them and taking their opinions on board by providing them with a better outdoor space to help them thrive. The project will provide the children with a place to eat their lunch or snack outside. Raised beds will be more inviting with new plants, flowers and a herb garden. The children can then utilise these herbs during their cookery time. Natural materials such as tyres, tree stumps and logs installed within the play area, will provide the children with areas to climb and explore within a safe and controlled environment. Research has shown that if children are more engaged in outdoor play, they are more open to learning. Our aim is to provide a safer environment in which to play with colourful, interesting, age appropriate equipment.</p>		
What is your group's current bank balance?	1.14	2,875.90		
Are there any significant items of expenditure to be set against this bank balance?	1.14	Yes £200 donation to school for Christmas activities. Expenditure for Christmas Fayre on 24th November.		
Have you applied for funding from any other sources? (This includes other Council grant sources as well as external grant providers such as Lottery funding)	2.12	Source of Funding	Secured/Not Secured	Timescale for Decision if not Secured
		Flightpath Flightpath Parent Council	Not secured Not secured Secured	12 weeks Approx 12 weeks approx 00
Please briefly explain the benefit for the Local Area Committee Area if you are awarded this grant	2.6	<p>We want the children to know that we are listening to them and taking their opinions on board by providing them with a better outdoor space to help them thrive. The project will provide the children with a place to eat their lunch or snack outside. Raised beds will be more inviting with new plants, flowers and a herb garden. The children can then utilise these herbs during their cookery time. Natural materials such as tyres, tree stumps and logs installed within the play area, will provide the children with areas to climb and explore within a safe and controlled environment. Research has shown that if children are more engaged in outdoor play, they are more open to learning. Our aim is to provide a safer environment in which to play with colourful, interesting, age appropriate equipment.</p>		
Previous local grant award history – previous 24 months (for office use only)	2.13			
		None		
Any Additional Information/ Documents Provided with Grant Application	3.00			

Please provide a breakdown of the total costs of the project and the amount requested from this grant source.	2.11	Installation of natural materials Picnic Benches Buddy Bench x 1 Consultation, planning and advice from Grounds for Learning - Full day plus report	£2000 £2500 £480 £780	£2000 £1000 £480 £500
Appendix 4 Submitted (Out of School Care Providers Only)				
Lead Officer Recommendation <i>(for office use only)</i>				