

To: The Villages Local Partnership

On: 10 June 2021

Report by:

The Villages Local Partnership Lead Officer, Renfrewshire Council

Heading:

The Villages Local Partnership Grants - Officer recommendation

1. Summary

- 1.1 As in previous years the applications for funding significantly exceed the budget available. In the funding round for 2020/21, the Villages Local Partnership approach to awarding funding was to identify three categories of awards and use these to determine whether awards should be made and the level of award made.
- 1.2 At the request of the Chair, officers have applied the rationale from the 2020/21 grant round to the 2021/22 applications in order to provide a basis for discussion at the meeting on 10 June 2021.
- 1.3 The total available budget for grant awards for the Villages Local Partnership in 2021/22 is £55,894.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Villages Local Partnership Members are asked to:
 - Consider the proposed allocation categories detailed at Section 3 as a basis for discussion at the meeting
 - Note the “Issues for consideration” at section 3.6 – 3.8 when proposing adjustments to the proposed funding allocation
 - Agree the funding awards to be made for 2021/22.

3. Background

- 3.1 At the request of the Chair, officers have applied the rationale from the 2020/21 grant round to the 2021/22 applications in order to provide a basis for discussion at the meeting on 10th June 2021.

- 3.2 In the funding round for 2020/21, the Villages Local Partnership approach to awarding funding was to identify three categories of awards, and make awards in line with these categories. These were as follows:
1. Projects meeting the Local Priorities agreed by the Villages Local Partnership
 2. Projects with partial or no reference to the agreed Local Priorities
 3. Projects that would be eligible for funding under the Green Spaces, Parks and Play Areas and Villages Investment Fund and to be referred to these funds for consideration
- 3.3 In the 2020/21 grant allocations, the projects identified within category 1, projects meeting Local Priorities, were allocated 70% of funding they requested. To assist the Local Partnership, the value of a 70% award has been reflected in the table below as a guide.
- 3.4 The tables below provide a suggested allocation of projects to the categories of awards, using the 2020/21 awards as reference. While many of the same organisations have applied for funding for 2021/22, it should be noted that the content and nature of some of these projects has changed and as such, members should still give full consideration to individual projects.
- 3.5 For projects referred to the Green Spaces, Parks and Play Areas and Villages Investment Fund, it should be noted that there is no guarantee of an award, and the processes and guidance for this fund would still need to be met by the applicant. Some projects may also have already had awards made from these funds since the initial application to the Villages Local Partnership was submitted.

Issues for consideration

- 3.6 If the Villages Local Partnership choose to fund only the projects meeting local priorities (category 1) then an additional award distribution above 70% could be made to these projects to distribute the additional £10,000 remaining in the fund amongst these projects on an equal basis.
- 3.7 The Villages Local Partnership may choose to directly fund additional projects from categories 2 or 3 and include them within category 1 for partial funding – in this case it may be that the Partnership may want to consider projects from category 3 in the first instance - as these have more direct relevance in relation to agreed partnership priorities and would not set a precedence of funding projects with no direct relevance to the Local Partnership priorities.
- 3.8 Should the Villages Local Partnership select additional projects for funding in excess of approximately £10,000 without removing projects from category 1 then the distribution to all projects in category 1 would be less than 70% - to meet the funding available.

Proposed allocation split

Category 1

Projects meeting Local Priorities (Previously Partially Funded by Partnership)

FR number	Organisation	Project	Amount requested	70% award
FR1043	I Am Me Scotland	Keep Safe	£ 744.00	£ 520.80
FR1052	The Boys Brigade, Paisley & District Battalion	Admin, events & running costs	£ 600.00	£ 420.00
FR1061	Lochwinnoch Arts Festival	Arts Festival	£ 7,800.00	£ 5,460.00
FR1062	Brookfield Bowling Club	Survival	£ 1,250.00	£ 875.00
FR1067	The Kilbarchan Singers	Royal Conservatoire Students	£ 3,010.00	£ 2,107.00
FR1078	The Renfrewshire Toy Bank	Birthday's, Christmas, Halloween & Easter appeals	£ 1,400.00	£ 980.00
FR1086	Bridge of Weir Community Council	Festive Lights Enhancement and Festive Lights Switch On.	£ 3,886.20	£ 2,720.34
FR1107	Local Energy Action Plan (LEAP)	Lochwinnoch Food Committee	£ 4,725.00	£ 3,307.50
FR1118	Renfrewshire Model Railway Club	Replacement windows and re- rendering exterior of club hall.	£ 6,970.00	£ 4,879.00
FR1131	Houston Community Council	Christmas Lights Switch-on 2021, carol singing by local school and firework display	£ 2,550.00	£ 1,785.00
FR1139	Johnstone Dementia Friendly Group	Community Group	£ 5,600.00	£ 3,920.00
FR1145	Lochwinnoch Christmas Lights Society	Lochwinnoch Christmas Lights Display	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,050.00
FR1147	Lochwinnoch Toddlers Group	Rental Costs	£ 1,900.00	£ 1,330.00
FR1148	1st Bridge of Weir Scout group	Essential Exterior Repairs to Scout Building	£ 10,000.00	£ 7,000.00
FR1155	Shopmobility Paisley and District	Advancing Social Enterprising	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,050.00
FR1175	Lochwinnoch Choral Society	Singing in the community - an engagement plan	£ 1,140.00	£ 798.00
FR1177	Lochwinnoch Chatterbox Trust	Chatterbox Community Newsletter	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,050.00
FR1186	Lamont Farm Project	Lamont Farm Project	£ 4,000.00	£ 2,800.00
FR1095	Fèis Phàislig	Fèis Phàislig 2021/22	£ 2,800.00	£ 1,960.00
Totals			£62,875.20	£44,012.64

Category 2

Projects with partial or no reference to Local Priorities (Previously no award made by Partnership)

FR number	Organisation	Project	Amount requested
FR1135	Howwood Primary School	Increasing Physical and Mental Wellbeing in our pupils	£ 5,000.00
FR1143	Wallace Parent Council	Wallace Wellbeing Warriors	£ 9,836.85
FR1066	Ferguslie Cricket Club	Ground/facility improvements	£ 1,077.00
FR1084	Rainbow Turtle	Fair Trade Education	£ 500.00
FR1096	BSSC Gym	Gym	£ 2,000.00
FR1097	BSSC Social Club	Social Club Improvements	£ 750.00
FR1066	Meikleriggs Cricket Foundation	Cricket after Covid	£ 750.00
FR1132	Phoenix Flyers Dog Agility Club	Shelter	£ 430.00
FR1134	Loud n Proud	Creative Technologies and Media	£ 1,000.00
FR1182	Stronger Communities Glenburn	Family Food and Activity	£ 2,000.00
FR1191	Stronger Communities Glenburn	SCG CHRISTMAS TOY BANK AND FOOD PROVISION	£ 1,800.00
FR1197	Pachedu	Different pasts, shared future	£ 750.00
Totals			£25,893

Category 3

Projects previously referred to the Green Spaces, Parks and Play Areas and Villages Investment Fund for consideration with no award made by Partnership

FR number	Organisation	Project	Amount requested
FR1047	Lochwinnoch Community Development Trust	Lochwinnoch Park renovations	£ 10,000.00
FR1060	Lochwinnoch Sustainable Community Garden Group	Sustainable Community Garden	£ 1,950.00
FR1107	Friends of Howwood Park	Howwood Park maintenance & event essentials	£ 2,110.00
FR1116	Houston Community Council	Outdoor Gym for use of Houston residents	£ 9,836.00
FR1130	Houston Community Council	2021/2022 Flower Planting and Environment Enhancing Programme	£ 4,050.00
FR1170	Elderslie Community Council	Green Elderslie	£ 800.00
FR1171	Elderslie Community Council	Picnic in the park	£ 1,329.00
FR1172	Elderslie Community Council	Village signs	£ 1,600.00
FR1176	Kilbarchan Improvements Projects	Revitalisation of facilities for the community	£ 6,150.00
FR1199	Howwood Community Council	Bench seating for various sites around Howwood Village	£ 2,100.00
Totals			£39,925

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