

To: Renfrew Local Partnership

On: 11 November 2021

Report by:
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:
**Applications for Local Partnership Funding To Renfrew
Local Partnership 2021/22**

1. Summary

- 1.1 Applications for grant funding from the seven Local Partnership areas were invited to be submitted during March and April 2021, to be considered at the Local Partnership meetings due to be held in May and June 2021.
- 1.2 Following the allocation of Renfrew Local Partnership funding in May 2021, the total amount remaining available for allocation is £47,765.36.
- 1.3 The Youth Challenge Fund component of Renfrew Local Partnership Funding is £18,657. The outcome of allocation of this funding will be announced on 12 November 2021.
- 1.4 Two additional applications have been received following the May 2021 meeting. These are attached for consideration.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that members of Renfrew Local Partnership consider the applications for Local Partnership grant funding, as set out below in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2

3. Background

- 3.1 Applicants for funding in 2021/22 have been provided with guidance, as well as a description of the Local Priorities identified by the Renfrew Local Partnership. A copy of this guidance has been provided at Appendix 3.

- 3.2 Local Partnership members are asked to consider the applications for funding summarised at Appendix 1 and 2 of this report, and to assess these against the Local Priorities agreed by the Renfrew local priorities.
- 3.3 An initial assessment has been carried out by officers to support Local Partnership members in their decision-making. Where applications have made clear reference to the Local Priorities identified by the Local Partnership, this is identified in the first table at Appendix 1. Applications that make a partial or no reference to Renfrew Local Priorities are summarised in the second table – for example, the project may work with young people (and therefore meet the Local Priority around young people) but not deliver this directly in the Local Partnership area or make reference to how many young people from the area would be engaged in the project.
- 3.4 The priorities of the Renfrew Local Partnership are:

Bringing Renfrew Town Centre to life

The Local Partnership want to see more things to do in the town centre, particularly encouraging local events and seeing more happening in the evenings. They want to do this by making best use of community assets and spaces, including working with the town centre business community.

Moving around and connectivity

The Local Partnership want the economic investment in Renfrew to benefit the local community, particularly making it easier for people to get around the town, and to travel to and from Renfrew.

Making the most of public assets

The Local Partnership want to see the maximum use of public resources, such as parks and outdoor spaces, as well as maximising the use of buildings in the community.

Strengthening social connections

Improving social connections and tackling social isolation is a key theme for the Local Partnership, and the Partnership recognise this affects all ages, including younger and older people. Community events and activities are important, as will be a focus on improving health and well-being locally.

Key Theme: Maximising economic impact

The Local partnership want to see a focus on boosting the economic outcomes for people in Renfrew and how this can support their Local Priorities.

APPENDIX 1

GRANT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY REFERENCE TO PRIORITY THEME

Renfrew Grant application forms – amount available £47,765.36 (£12,805.36 from the General Fund and £34,960 from the Common Good Fund).

APPLICATIONS WITH DIRECT REFERENCE TO RENFREW LOCAL PRIORITIES WHERE PROJECT IS LOCATED IN OR SPECIFIC TO RENFREW

Ref No.	Name of project	Amount Requested	Name of organisation	Contribution to Renfrew priority
FR1202	Health and Wellbeing Both Mental and Physical For Over 50s	£1,500	Renfrew Over 50s Swimming Club	Strengthening Social Connections
FR1203	Pool hire of Victory Baths for Water polo training and development	£4,000	REN 96 Water Polo	Strengthening Social Connections

SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS

Reference: FR1202	Organisation Name: RENFREW OVER 50'S SWIMMING CLUB
Project Name: HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOTH MENTAL AND PHYSICAL FOR OVER 50'S	Amount applied for: £1500
Description of Project: <p>TO GIVE OUR MEMBERS AN EVENING OUT WITH THEIR FRIENDS WHERE THEY CAN GET ALL DRESSED UP AND HAVE SOMEWHERE NICE TO GO AFTER THE LONG TIME MOST OF THEM HAVE SPENT IN ISOLATION, I HOPE TO BOOK A NICE RESTAURANT AND PERHAPS A BUS TO TAKE THEM ALL, AS A LOT OF THEM ARE ONLY SEEING FAMILY AND ARE MISSING THEIR FRIENDS.</p> <p>AS WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO START OUR CLUB DUE TO COVID THIS IS SOMETHING A LOT OF THE MEMBERS WOULD REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO.</p> <p>WE ARE ABLE TO START AS A GROUP OR PART GROUP ON THE 20TH OF SEPTEMBER 21 WHEN WE WILL BE ALLOWED INTO THE BATHS FOR OUR CLUB TIME AND THEY WILL ALL START TO MEET UP BUT UNFORTUNATELY ONLY 26 WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE POOL AT A TIME, SO IT WOULD BE REALLY NICE TO BRING THEM ALL TOGETHER FOR A NICE EVENING.</p> <p>WE WILL ORGANISE A RESTAURANT THAT CAN TAKE AS MANY AS WE CAN, WORKING ON 52 BASIS, AS THIS WOULD BE A FULL BUS AND ORGANISE A BUS TO PICK THEM UP AND BRING THEM HOME. IT WOULD BE SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR A LOT OF THEM PERHAPS EVEN TAKE THEM AWAY FOR THE DAY AND BACK FOR THE MEAL.</p> <p>THE OUTCOME I VERY MUCH HOPE FOR WOULD BE TO PUT A LOT OF LONELY PEOPLE TOGETHER WITH THEIR FRIENDS AND GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT, LET THEM SHARE SOME TIME WITH THEIR FRIENDS AND CREATE A HAPPY MEMORY ISOLATION HAS HAD A TERRIBLE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL EFFECT ON A LOT OF OUR MEMBERS AS THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO DO VERY MUCH AS THE MOBILITY IN MOST OF THEM IS NOT VERY GOOD, AND HAS DETERIORATED A LOT DUE TO THE PANDEMIC.</p>	

Who benefits from the Project? CLUB MEMBERS, WHO ARE OVER 50.														
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About the organisation: Club established in 1991. Aim is to bring companionship to the elderly and a little bit of a														

social life somewhere to go and meet friends and to get them out of the house in a safe environment, and also to try and keep them as fit as possible. MOBILITY IS A BIG PROBLEM WITH OUR MEMBERS.

Grant funding award history:

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21			
2019/20	Local Partnership	£2,500	Bus trip, meal and sail on Loch Lomond
2018/19	Renfrew Local Area Committee	£2,600	4 x Dances 4 x Bus trips

Reference: FR1203	Organisation Name: REN96 WATER POLO
Project Name: Pool hire of Victory Baths for Water polo training and development	Amount applied for: £4,000
Description of Project: <p>Victory Baths has had Water Polo played in it since 1935 in various incarnations.</p> <p>In its current status the REN96 water polo require assistance in funding to retain the Sunday session which has become critical to all aspects of the development of the teams.</p> <p>This Sunday session allows the training of our under 19 team who are competing at the highest level in Scotland, representing in the national squads and about to embark on the NAGS (national age group championship of England) also known as the British Cup.</p> <p>Utilizing the shallow end of the pool allows for fantastic learning and development of our young 10 and under players. This provides a superb platform for young players to enter the sport.</p> <p>Having such a long history, with many teams being taught and trained at Victory baths we are able to offer some pool time on a Sunday to retired players aged 40 plus to train and play as masters. The initial thought was to help the older players back into the sport and training but resulted in a mentor ship between the junior and master teams.</p> <p>The grant will solely be used to cover the cost of pool hire.</p> <p>Although part of a larger swimming club, the water polo receives no financial assistance and so everything is self funded through players and coaches.</p> <p>The rising cost of pool hire and some players not returning post COVID has resulted in a cash flow shortfall which will result in the Victory baths Sunday session being cut.</p>	
Who benefits from the Project? <p>Steven Burgoyne and Craig Hutchison both former players of Renfrew and Scotland, could see the potential of working with a swim team to develop a water polo section and create not only a team but a pathway for young people to develop new skills in a team sport environment.</p> <p>Both living in Renfrew and having trained in the Victory baths since 1980 it was their</p>	

mutual desire to start a team and give back what they learned as players.

Maintaining the Sunday session at Victory Baths will help all groups of players as follows:

Under 19s: Train to elite level looking to win Scottish Cup / Scottish league / British Cup and place players in national and GB squads.

Under 10s: Working with Victory baths swimming lessons, Renfrew baths Swim club and REN96 swim team we look to recruit new players at an early age and develop their skills into the next junior team.

Masters: Regular training and will allow for increasing fitness as they prepare for the Scottish masters cup and Barcelona masters cup in September 2022

Renfrew Local Priorities:

- ☐ **Key theme: Maximising economic impact**
- ☐ **Bringing Renfrew town centre to life**
- ☐ **Moving around and connectivity**
- ☐ **Making the most of public assets**
- ☒ **Strengthening social connections**
- ☐ **Partial fit with priorities**
- ☐ **Does not fit with priorities**

Notes:

Breakdown of costs

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
Pool Hire Victory Baths	£6200	£4000
Strathclyde University Pool Hire	£7766	0

Team kit / balls / caps / scoreboard / goals and pool markers	£2189	0
Registration to Scottish Swimming, Scottish water polo, competition fees and officials expenses to games	£4500	0

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About the organisation:

The swim club established in 1996 with the Water polo section being started in 2018. Our sporting aim is to create and prepare teams to compete in the highest levels of Scotland and UK. Place players in both Scottish and GB squads.

Our community aim is to provide a positive teamwork based atmosphere to encourage the enjoyment and development of individuals within a team sport.

Grant funding award history: No applications in the last three years

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21			
2019/20			
2018/19			

