

OFFICER DECISION RECORD 2 FORM

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ODR Reference Number: CR/389/07/20

APPLICATIONS FOR:

DONCASTER COMMUNITY FUND – WARD MEMBER BUDGET

BOX 1.

DIRECTORATE: Corporate Resources DATE: 29.06.20

Contact Name: Andrew Sercombe, Governance Manager

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Subject Matter: Approval of Funding from the Doncaster Community Fund – Ward Member Budget No 58, 65, 66, 69, 70 & 71

BOX 2

DECISION TAKEN:

To approve the following application for grant funding from the Doncaster Community Fund – Ward Member Budget

- a. **Rossington SMILE**
Reference No: 58/DCF/WBCV19/R&B
Supported by: Councillor Blake, Councillor Cooke, Councillor Cooper
Cost £500.00 (£166.66 x 3 Councillors)
- b. **Wheatley Park Baptist Church Parent and Toddler Group**
Reference No: 65/DCF/WBCV19/WH&Int
Supported by: Councillor Kidd
Cost £1200.00
- c. **Friends of the Craggs and Shed Heads. The Craggs**
Reference No: 66/DCF/WBCV19/Con
Supported by: Councillor Pearson
Cost £1500.00
- d. **Intake Monday Club**
Reference No: 69/DCF/WBCV19/WH&Int
Supported by: Councillor Kidd
Cost £590.45
- e. **Little Fishes Parent and Toddler Group- St Paul's Church**
Reference No: 70/DCF/WBCV19/WH&Int
Supported by: Councillor Kidd
Cost £225.00
- f. **Mexborough Youth Club**
Reference No: 71/DCF/WBCV19/Mex
Supported by: Councillor Gibbons
Cost £500.00

BOX 3**REASON FOR DECISION AND ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED:****Doncaster Community Fund Ward Member Budget 2020/21
Approval of Applications**

Further to the establishment of a ward Members Budget of upto £3k per Councillor (ODR No: CR/352/04/20,) a number of applications have been received and assessed in line with the application criteria and supported by the relevant ward Councillor (s).

Legal Considerations:

Section 236 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 provides that an authority may make arrangements for individual Members to exercise functions of the authority in relation to the electoral division or ward for which the Member is elected.

In implementing the scheme and agreeing grant applications the Council must ensure this is in accordance with its Financial Procedure Rules. Any parties accepting the grant must formally agree to the terms and conditions of the grant funding. Appropriate monitoring of activities and expenses will be undertaken where necessary to ensure compliance.

Financial Considerations

The Doncaster Community Fund Elected Members Ward Budget is included as part of the £280k Locality Budgets contained within the 2020/21 Revenue Budget. Within this allocation each elected Member is allocated up to £3k (£165k in total across all 55 elected Members) to support local groups and organisations to undertake activities and initiatives to support communities and individuals affected by the COVID 19 pandemic.

A central record of grants allocated will be maintained by the Corporate Governance Team within Legal and Democratic Services – this will reconcile to the grant payments made and record the outcomes achieved through the use of the grant funding.

This is an allocation of existing 2020/21 revenue budget and so is contained within the Council's current budget envelope.

The individual applications below, detail the extent to which the initiative will seek to make a positive impact in the community and ensure the most vulnerable people within Doncaster Communities are supported in a safe and responsible way during the Covid 19 pandemic.

- a. **Rossington SMILE**
Reference No: 58/DCF/WBCV19/R&B
Supported by: Councillor Blake, Councillor Cooke, Councillor Cooper
Cost £500.00 (£166.66 x 3 Councillors)

The money is to be used for the residents of Rossington who attend Rossington Smile. It will purchase new interactive games, for everyone, i.e. DVD interactive games such as who wants to be a millionaire, deal or no deal, blockbusters etc, helping with social isolation through the COVID-19 crisis.

- b. **Wheatley Park Baptist Church Parent and Toddler Group**
Reference No: 65/DCF/WBCV19/WH&Int
Supported by: Councillor Kidd

Cost £1200.00

This funding will enable the re-opening of the Parent and Toddler Group sessions, offering a stimulating and educationally appropriate learning environment for pre-school children and a valuable opportunity for parents and carers to form mutually supportive relationships. The group would be open to families who will benefit from the familiarity and social aspect of getting back to a group environment with social distancing measures in place.

- c. Friends of the Craggs and Shed Heads. The Craggs**
Reference No: 66/DCF/WBCV19/Con
Supported by: Councillor Pearson
Cost £1500.00

The money will be used as part of a plan, with partners, to encourage community participation in walking, cycling as part of their exercise programme. New signage and distance markers will be bought to enable the community safely access the Craggs and measure their walks. We will be ready to take advantage of the increased appetite for exercise both during and post CO19 thereby increasing the communities well being.

- d. Intake Monday Club**
Reference No: 69/DCF/WBCV19/WH&Int
Supported by: Councillor Kidd
Cost £590.45

To provide adult activity packs consisting of adult colouring books, crossword puzzles, word searches and colouring pencils, for members of the Intake Monday Club and Intake Wednesday Bingo Session, packs will also be available to other local residents. Weekly bingo sessions to restart outside maintaining social distancing.

- e. Little Fishes Parent and Toddler Group- St Paul's Church**
Reference No: 70/DCF/WBCV19/WH&Int
Supported by: Councillor Kidd
Cost £225.00

Funding will purchase more craft and story resources to toddler group regular attendees and new families who make contact for support, as they will be unable to use the building for longer than originally thought. Helping those in isolation, and the groups wellbeing. It will also cover postage costs for those unable to be delivered due to travel restrictions.

- f. Mexborough Youth Club**
Reference No: 71/DCF/WBCV19/Mex
Supported by: Councillor Gibbons
Cost £500.00

Funding will help the group to purchase new Taekwondo training equipment, which will be distributed to its members for use during online lessons encouraging parents/family members to assist and engage.

BOX 4
BACKGROUND PAPERS
None.

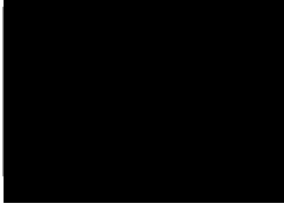
BOX 5**INFORMATION NOT FOR PUBLICATION:**

This decision may be published on the Council's website. The individual grant application forms are not available for publication as they contain personal and financial information in respect of the applicant.

Name: Sarah Corbett_ **Signature:** via email. **Date:** 29/06/20

Signature of FOI Lead Officer for service area where ODR originates

BOX 6**AUTHORISATION:**

Name: Scott Fawcus **Signature:**  **Date:** 29 June 2020

Scott Fawcus

Assistant Director Legal and Democratic Services

Does this decision require authorisation by the Chief Financial Officer or other Officer?

~~YES~~/No

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