

OFFICER DECISION RECORD 2 FORM

This form should be used to record Officer Decisions which have a financial impact (income/expenditure) between £25k - £100k.

ODR Reference Number: CR/448/03/21

APPLICATIONS FOR:

DONCASTER COMMUNITY FUND – WARD MEMBER BUDGET

BOX 1.

DIRECTORATE: Corporate Resources DATE: 12/02/2021

Contact Name: Andrew Sercombe, Governance Manager

Tel. No.: 01302 734354

Subject Matter: Approval of Funding from the Doncaster Community Fund – Ward Member Budget No 56, 57, 58 & 45

BOX 2

DECISION TAKEN:

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

- a. **68th Doncaster (Hatfield) Scout Group**
Reference No: 56/DCF/MWB/Hat
Supported by: Councillor Curran
Cost £500.00
- b. **Friends of Sandall Park**
Reference No: 57/DCF/MWB/WH&In
Supported by: Councillor Wray
Cost £198.00
- c. **The Cantley Park Community Group**
Reference No: 45/DCF/MWB/Bess
Supported by: Councillor Gethin & Councillor Khan
Cost £1,500.00 (£750.00 x 2 Councillors)
- d. **St Pauls Community Church**
Reference No: 58/DCF/MWB/WH&Int
Supported by: Councillor Wray
Cost £958.00

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 up to £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.

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. 68th Doncaster (Hatfield) Scout Group**
Reference No: 56/DCF/MWB/Hat
Supported by: Councillor Linda Curran
Cost £500

To fund activities during this period of reduced income. To buy materials, badges and pay for 3rd party ZOOM sessions to entertain and educate Beavers Cubs and Scouts and to pay annual membership fees to the UK Scout Association.

- b. Friends of Sandall Park**
Reference No: 57/DCF/MWB/WH&In
Supported by: Councillor Paul Wray
Cost £198

To install a permanent composite plaque of rainbow design around the base of the existing Caring Hands Memorial. The composite plaque will be a permanent and pleasing feature of the symbol of hope that encouraged people to stay strong.

- c. The Cantley Park Community Group**
Reference No: 45/DCF/MWB/Bess
Supported by: Councillor Gethin & Councillor Khan
Cost £1,500.00 (£750.00 x 2 Councillors)

Provision of fishing events for families giving the community the chance to experience fishing as a family, funds will purchase prizes for the 4 fishing matches taking place in May to September 2021.

- d. St Pauls Community Church**
Reference No: 58/DCF/MWB/WH&Int
Supported by: Councillor Wray
Cost £958.00

Provide basic stationery packs for children who are home schooled. Working alongside the two local Primary schools in Wheatley to identify children who will have limited finances to provide or replace needed stationary to complete their daily learning. To provide a tablet to any child who cannot access home learning due to not having an electronic device.

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: 12/02/21

Signature of FOI Lead Officer for service area where ODR originates

BOX 6
AUTHORISATION:

Name:
Scott Fawcus
Assistant Director Legal and Democratic Services

Signature:  **Date: 12/2/21**

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

Yes/No

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IN FULL UNLESS IT CONTAINS EXEMPT OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

Once completed a PDF copy of this form along with any relevant background papers should be forwarded to Governance Services at Democratic.Services@doncaster.gov.uk who will arrange publication.

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