

Report to:	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
Decision number:	PH12/2020
Relevant Officer:	Lorraine Hurst, Head of Democratic Governance
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Simon Blackburn, Leader of the Council
Date of Decision:	18 February 2020

WARD GRANTS

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider applications under the Ward Grants Scheme.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To authorise the requests, as submitted.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 The requests are in accordance with the Ward Grant initiative.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

Not to approve the applications but this is not recommended as the requests are in accordance with the Ward Grant initiative.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is: "Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience".

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The Council's delegated budgets scheme allocates budgets of £15,000 to each Ward covered for the financial year 2019/2020. The funding for this scheme can be spent on supplementing funding public services, for the benefit of the local community.

5.2 Councillors Galley and T Williams of Anchorsholme Ward have requested £644 as funding for a replacement defibrillator for Anchorsholme Library.

5.3 Councillors Cain and Hobson of Bloomfield Ward have requested £1,490 as funding to the Alley Gates Team for the purchase and installation of an alley gate to the side of 159 Park Road, to include £300 advertising costs.

5.4 Councillors Burdess and Hutton of Clifton Ward have requested:
(i)£1,500 as part funding to Blackpool Coastal Housing for the purchase and installation of a memorial stone at Langdale Green for people to remember loved ones.
(ii)£1,000 as part funding to Redeeming Our Communities towards the purchase of a second hand van to be used for community gardening at Mereside.
(iii)£1,000 as funding to Blackpool Boys and Girls Club to provide young people with good food and to teach them how to cook in a healthy way.

5.5 Councillors Brookes and Critchley of Hawes Side Ward have requested:
(i)£2,523.40 as funding to the Parks Department for the purchase and planting of a permanent Christmas Tree at Crossland Road Park.
(ii)£2,000 as funding to Redeeming Our Communities to support the gardening and maintenance projects within Hawes Side Ward.

5.6 Councillor Hunter of Highfield Ward has requested £154.50 for the purchase of a TV Licence for the Molyneux Drive Community Centre. This application is submitted as a solo application due to Cllr Mrs Henderson MBE being unable to provide a signature due to her current illness.

5.7 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.8 List of Appendices:

None.

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 None.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 In the course of considering these specific ward funding recommendations, the Council has explored any possible unintended adverse impacts on people because of shared characteristics protected by the Equality Act. The Council believes none of these proposed funding recommendations will have indirectly discriminatory effects. Finally, the Council has reflected on the overall aggregated expenditure for this financial year's ward budget allocations and has taken appropriate steps to ensure schemes continue to reflect the wider communities of Blackpool.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 The requests can be met through existing budgets, with no recurring costs being incurred.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 None.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 Ward funding application forms.

14.0 Key decision information:

14.1 Is this a key decision? No

14.2 If so, Forward Plan reference number:

14.3 If a key decision, is the decision required in less than five days? N/A

14.4 If **yes**, please describe the reason for urgency:

15.0 Call-in information:

15.1 Are there any grounds for urgency, which would cause this decision to be exempt from the call-in process?

No

15.2 If **yes**, please give reason:

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16.0 Scrutiny Committee Chairman (where appropriate):

Date informed:

Date approved:

17.0 Declarations of interest (if applicable):

17.1 None.

18.0 Executive decision:

18.1 The Leader of the Council agreed the recommendation as outlined above namely:

To authorise the requests, as submitted.

18.2 Date of Decision:

18 February 2020

19.0 Reason(s) for decision:

The requests are in accordance with the Ward Grant initiative.

19.1 Date Decision published:

18 February 2020

20.0 Executive Members in attendance:

20.1

21.0 Call-in:

21.1

22.0 Notes:

22.1