

INFORMATION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE	FINANCE AND DEMOCRACY COMMITTEE	23 JUNE 2022	14
COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

The Fylde Community Projects Funds awards grants between £300 to £2000 for groups which are based in Fylde or work exclusively with people who live in the Borough. The fund supports projects which promote or enhance the environment, encourage cohesive communities, or promote the economy.

£20k per annum is provided each year for this fund as a part of the annual budget setting process. Each year a summary report is made to this committee outlining the awards made in the previous financial year. This report outlines awards made during 2021/22.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Deputy Chief Executive, Tracy Manning

WHY IS THIS INFORMATION BEING GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE?

The Committee, at its November 2018 meeting, resolved to receive an annual report in awards made from the fund.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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INFORMATION NOTE

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND 2021/22

1. In 2021/22 the council allocated £20k to the Community Projects Fund.
2. The Community Projects Fund comprises two amounts, a larger fund for bids from £300-£2000, with bidding usually split over three rounds and a smaller fund with bids up to £300.
3. Bids from the larger fund are usually awarded following a meeting of a Panel comprising the Mayor of Fylde with police and community representatives together with the Deputy Chief Executive. The smaller fund is determined through electronic discussion and agreement. However, during the coronavirus pandemic all bids received were reviewed electronically which had the advantage of a freer flowing process for applications, and as a result has continued.
4. Of the £20,000, £11,302 was allocated to the larger fund against a projected budget of £16,500 and £3,254 was allocated to the smaller fund against a projected budget of £3,500. However, there is flexibility across both funds to ensure that as many organisations as possible are offered support and if the smaller fund proves to be more popular again in the current financial year, there may be an adjustment of the allocation across both funds with a lesser amount allocated to the larger fund, and an increased amount to the smaller fund. All applications must provide an equal amount of match funding in cash or in-kind.
5. There will be a publicity campaigns to promote the fund during the year including more generic promotions and also others focusing on successful applicants to generate interest from other community organisations. The Community Development Officer will also promote the fund to organisations within the community.
6. The successful bids for the larger fund in 2021/22 are shown below:

Name of Group	Project	Amount
Mythop Road Allotment	Wooden bridge across Donkey Dyke	1,000.00
St Annes Parish Church	Floodlighting for church	1,328.00
Laugh Live Love	New mini bus	2,000.00
AFC Fylde Community Foundation	Equipment for teams at Kirkham and Weeton	1,800.00
Friends of Fairhaven Lake	2 gazebos	534.97
Freckleton Platinum Jubilee Event	Fun day	640.00
Friends of Lytham Hall	Car park improvements	2,000.00
Park View	Repairs to decking	2,000.00
Total		£11,302.97

7. The successful bids for the smaller fund in 2021/22 are shown below:

Name of Group	Project	Amount
Well Church	Laptop	300.00
Friends of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee Garden	Production of interpretation signage	300.00
Streetwise	Go-pro camera	300.00

2nd Kirkham Scout Group	Equipment for wildlife group	286.87
Fairhaven Lawn Tennis Club	Windbreaks (Two x 18m x 2m) £60 – Printing and design of A5 advertising leaflet /	300.00
GFS Wrea Green	PPE and marketing, equipment for Covid safe sessions	300.00
Friends of Newton Community Park	Planters for sensory garden	300.00
Connect Community Choir	Equipment for the choir, song sheets and binders	288.00
Staining Toddler Group	Toys, first aid kit, insurance and refreshments	290.00
Friends of St Annes Station	Nursery bed, raised planter	290.00
Rossall Road Street Party for the Queen's Jubilee	Jubilee party	300.00
Total		£3,254.87

8. For the larger fund, monitoring forms are sent out after 6 months asking for feedback on how the money was spent and what difference it has made. For the vast majority of the projects, it is too early to have heard back from the groups, however historically many of the comments received is that the funding makes a big difference to the community groups in achieving delivery of their projects.

FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM

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