



INFORMATION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	FINANCE AND DEMOCRACY COMMITTEE	28 SEPTEMBER 2020	9
COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND			

PUBLIC ITEM

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

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

The Community Projects Fund (CPF) was previously financed from legacy funding earmarked for this purpose by the former Local Strategic Partnership (LSP). This legacy fund ended in 2016/17. For 2017/18 funding in the sum of £25k was approved as a revenue growth item for that year only. Similarly For 2018/19 funding in the sum of £20k was approved as a revenue growth item for that year only. In November 2018 this committee recommended that a revenue budget growth item be presented as part of the budget-setting consideration for 2019/20 in the sum of £20k per annum for each year from 2019/20 onwards. Council approved the revenue growth items at its budget-setting Council meeting in March 2019.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Director of Resources

WHY IS THIS INFORMATION BEING GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE?

In addition to the recommendation for ongoing funding, the Committee, at its November 2018 meeting, also resolved to receive an annual report. Below is the report for the period 2019/20.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact Tracy Manning, tracy.manning@fylde.gov.uk

INFORMATION NOTE

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND 2019/20

1. In 2019/20 the Council approved a revenue growth item for £20,000 to be allocated to the Community Projects Fund.
2. The Community Projects Fund is actually two funds, the larger fund for bids from £300-£2000, with bidding split over three rounds. Of the £20,000, £16,500 was allocated to the larger fund, with £5,500 (approximately) being allocated for each bidding round.
3. The successful bids for each round are set out below;

Round 1		
	No approved bids (only one received)	
Round 2		
	Friends of St Annes Station, LSA Civic Society – for replica foundation stone	£1200
	Friends of Strike Lane School – for purchase of ipads	£1000
	Freckleton Bowling Club - An ex-demonstrator lawn mower	£1500
	Kirkham Junior Football Club - Football equipment for pitches	£1875
	Church Road Methodist Church - Wesley's Café Project - Kitchen equipment and tables	£1300
	Staining in Bloom - Planting and self-watering pots	£1500
	Social Angels (Just Good Friends) - Laptop, printer and table tennis table	£950
Round 3		
	Friends of Lytham Hall - Personal safety & maintenance equipment, safety signage	£1950
	Laugh, Live, Love CIC - Kitchen equipment for luncheon club, large print board games for Poppies group, protective equipment for volunteers	£1950
	Weeton in Bloom - Equipment (pending at year end)	£1500
Total allocated		£14725

(The underspend on this part of the grant was used for the smaller discretionary bids. There was also a £259 return of monies from a community group whose project did not proceed)

4. The smaller fund, for bids from £1-£300, was allocated £3,500 and is open to receive bids throughout the year. The bids received were as follows;

Successful bids	Amount allocated
Weeton In Bloom for planters and plants	£300
Friends of Fairhaven Lake for purchasing one daylight projector	£300
Staining in Bloom for plants for new planters	£300
St Annes Carnival for purchase of 40 traffic cones	£300
St Annes Music Festival for purchase of gazebo	£253.99
Lytham YMCA Youth Football Club/Community Drop-In Football Session for pop up nets, training balls and coloured bibs	£300
Freckleton Singers for sheet music	£300
Friends of St Anne's & Squires Gate Stations for battery and harness & remote cable attachment for strimmer	£288
Fylde Rugby Club for celebration on Remembrance Sunday for Centenary year	£300
Kirkham Christmas Lights for 5 Christmas motifs for lampposts	£300
Kirkham and Wesham Amateur Swimming Club for swimming equipment	£300
Kirkham Singers for marketing material and contribution towards portable keyboard	£300
St. Anne's In Bloom for polytunnel	£295
Washington Group for promotional materials for International Women's Day	£300
Connect More Art and Peer Support Group for art materials	£290
Ansdell Business Development Partnership for Christmas lights	£300
Lytham Heritage Group for prizes for art competition	£300
Friends of Strike Lane School for school books	£300
Total	£5326.99

5. 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

Contact Jo Collins, joanne.collins@fylde.gov.uk