

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No.

meeting date: 13 MARCH 2011
title: RECREATION/CULTURE/SPORTS & ARTS GRANTS
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To present the recommendations of the working group in relation to the allocation of grants under Individual Sporting Excellence, Individual Arts Excellence and Recreation/Culture.

1.2 Relevance to the Council Aims / Ambitions

- **Principal Aim** – To be a well-managed council, providing efficient and responsive services, based on identified customer needs.
- **Council Ambitions** – To make people's lives safer and healthier and, more specifically, to increase opportunities for people to access cultural activities and improve outcomes for children and young people.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Council's Sporting Excellence Grants seek to assist many talented sportsmen and women in their chosen sport, helping towards the expenses associated with competition, training and equipment.

2.2 Arts Excellence awards are the same as above, and are awarded to people within the performing arts.

2.3 The purpose of Recreation/Culture grants is to provide voluntary organisations with support for events/projects that enhance recreation and cultural provision.

3 ISSUES

The number of applications across all three categories was down on last year. This is due, in part, to a lack of publicity because of the initial uncertainty on the Council's financial position. This is particularly the case for Arts Excellence and Sports grant applications. To help resolve this we have carried out some additional publicity to help generate applications. This does mean, however, that we are unable to present any recommendations with this report, so this will be presented at Committee for approval.

3.1 There were two applications that the Working Group considered to be too large scale for support through this fund, so should be considered through the LSP's village amenities fund.

3.2 In light of other, similar funding streams, it may be an opportune time to review the criteria of the Recreation/Culture Grants, alongside other to ensure criteria is more consistent and/or complementary.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

Approval of this report may have the following implications:

- **Resources** – The following sums are available for distribution:

Recreation / Culture Grants	£28,000
Sporting Excellence	£3,360
Arts Excellence	£3,840

- Technical, Environmental and Legal - none
- Political - none
- **Reputation** – the grants programme is well received within the community, and gives the Council a platform to demonstrate its support for the voluntary sector and young people.

5 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

5.1 Notes the contents of the report, and

5.2 Endorses the recommendations of the Working Group outlined in appendices 1 and 2.

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RECREATIONAL / CULTURAL GRANTS 2012/13

APPLICANT	PROJECT	COST	GRANT
Stage Two Downham	CCTV kit to enhance communication between sound and lighting team	£120	£100
Mellor Bowling Club	Purchase of electric mat winding machine	£6,500	£3,250
Valley Gigs	Entertainment and Activities to coincide with the Torchlight on 25 August 2012	£2100	£700
Ribble Valley Netball Club	Activity Days – fun playdays and developmental sessions	£780	£400
Chatburn Jubilee	3 day event including music, sports, religious services and big picnic	£2060	£300 guarantee against loss
Ribble Valley Boxing Club	Purchase of safety mats and small basic equipment (Large equipment excluded)	£2180	£2180
Ribble Valley Choir	Cost of choral event in December 2012	£450	£200
Longridge Brass Band	Purchase of euphonium	£4,645	£1000
Clitheroe Youth Forum	Entrance fees / equipment / mini bus for Street Games 2012	£610	£200 for entrance fees only
Clitheroe Concerts Society	Concert programme for 2012 season	£6000	£350
Ribchester Festival of Music & Art	Festival costs	£39,000	£2300 guarantee against loss
Longridge Cricket Club	New changing rooms, toilets, storeroom and kitchen Drainage to play area and surfacing of car park	£160,000	Refer to PRG – village amenity project
Chipping PC	Development of playing field as a recreational area	£150,000	Refer to PRG – village amenity project