

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL DECISION
REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No 8

meeting date: 24 MARCH 2015
title: VOLUNTARY GRANT APPLICATIONS 2015/16
submitted by: DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES
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1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To consider the allocation of voluntary organisation grants for 2015/16 as proposed by a working group of this committee.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Council has a number of grant schemes in operation such as recreation grants, culture grants and sports grants, administered by Community Committee. The voluntary organisations grant scheme is administered by this Committee.
- 2.2 A member working group considers the applications received and make recommendations to this Committee regarding the allocation of funds to voluntary organisations on an annual basis.
- 2.3 The working group consists of 3 conservative members and 1 liberal democrat member of this committee.

3. APPLICATION PROCESS

- 3.1 Applicants must clearly demonstrate that the purpose of the grant sought is to provide services or facilities that will meet the needs of communities in the Ribble Valley or directly benefit our residents. The scheme will not normally fund the following:
- 3.2 Capital projects on which work has already started or in aid of expenditure already committed or paid.
- Commercial organisations / businesses
 - Any activity designed to promote political party politics or influence government policies
 - Applications from the County Council or other government agencies
 - Applications from religious organisations unless there is a clear broad community benefit.
 - Schemes that can be funded by the Councils' other grant aid schemes.
- 3.3 Applicants will normally only be accepted from parish/town councils and properly constituted organisations operating on a non-profit making basis. A valid constitution or memorandum of articles or association, which clearly indicates the voluntary or charitable status of the organisation, should accompany all applications.
- 3.4 Applications for grants over £10,000 are required to supply a 3–year financial plan and for grants' over £1,000 a copy of the organisations' latest audited accounts. Capital projects are limited to 50% of the approved costs to a maximum of £5,000.

4. ALLOCATION OF 2015/16 GRANTS

- 4.1 A meeting was held on 9 March 2015 for members of the working group to consider the applications received for the forthcoming financial year. Councillors S Hirst, T Hill, R Thompson and A Knox attended the meeting.
- 4.2 The budget available for voluntary organisation grants for 2015/16 is £103,850.
- 4.3 The Council received 24 applications requesting support of £164,423. Annex 1 shows a summary of the applications received from each of the voluntary organisations.
- 4.4 The applications as submitted exceeded the funding available by £60,573. After careful consideration of all grant applications received, the working group recommends the grant allocations as shown in Annex 2.
- 4.5 If Committee approve these recommendations, the Voluntary Grants allocations compare with the budget as follows:

	£
Voluntary Grants budget available	103,850
Recommended allocations	103,850
Amount remaining	0

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 Approve the allocation of grants as proposed by the voluntary grant sub-group as set out in the Annex 2, totalling £103,850.

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

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Background papers:

Voluntary Organisation application forms and supporting documentation – 2015/16

VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION GRANT APPLICATIONS 2015/16

Organisation	Grant Requested 2015/16
Shopmobility and Information Centre	£7,000
Hodder Valley Agricultural & Horticultural Society Limited	£500
Carers Link - Hyndburn & Ribble Valley	£3,000
Home-Start Pendle & Ribble Valley	£5,000
Ribble Valley Citizens Advice Bureau	£77,000
Crossroad Care - Ribble Valley	£15,000
Little Green Bus	£5,000
Goosnargh and Longridge Agricultural Society	£250
Chipping Show Limited	£250
Rotary Club of Clitheroe – Clitheroe Community Bonfire and Fireworks	£1,000
Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue	£3,100
Hyndburn and Ribble Valley CVS	£6,558
Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition	£500
Relate Lancashire	£7,967
Revitalise	£1,038
Gisburn Forest Labyrinth	£950
Clitheroe United Reformed Church	£5,000
Ribble Valley Village Hall Association	£1,000
Ribble Valley Dementia Alliance	£990
Lancashire Wildlife Trust	£800
Gisburn Festival Hall	£2,570
Ribble Rivers Trust	£18,700
Longridge Field Day Events	£500
Whalley Pickwick Festival	£750
Total Grants requested	£164,423
Total Available Funding	£103,850

RECOMMENDED ALLOCATION OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION GRANTS 2014/15

Organisation	Recommended Grant 2015/16 £
Shopmobility and Information Centre	£5,300
Hodder Valley Agricultural & Horticultural Society Limited	£250
Carers Link - Hyndburn & Ribble Valley	£2,000
Home-Start Pendle & Ribble Valley	£3,000
Ribble Valley Citizens Advice Bureau	£60,000
Crossroad Care - Ribble Valley	£15,000
Little Green Bus	£5,000
Goosnargh and Longridge Agricultural Society	£250
Chipping Show Limited	£250
Rotary Club of Clitheroe – Clitheroe Community Bonfire and Fireworks	£500
Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue	£2,000
Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition	£500
Ribble Valley Dementia Alliance	£990
Lancashire Wildlife Trust	£800
Gisburn Festival Hall	£1,760
Ribble Rivers Trust (allocation to cover 2 year project)	£5,000
Longridge Field Day Events	£500
Whalley Pickwick Festival	£750
Total Grants	£103,850