

## RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No 15

meeting date: 20 MARCH 2018  
title: VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION GRANT APPLICATIONS 2018/19  
submitted by: DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES  
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### 1. PURPOSE

1.1 To approve the allocation of voluntary organisation grants for 2018/19.

### 2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The Council has a number of grant schemes in operation including recreation grants, culture grants and sports grants which are administered by Community Committee. The voluntary organisation grant scheme is administered by this Committee.

2.2 A member working group considers the applications received and makes recommendations to this Committee regarding the allocation of funds to voluntary organisations on an annual basis.

2.3 The working group traditionally 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.

3.2 The scheme will not normally fund the following:

- 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 can 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 all applicants must provide a copy of the organisation's latest audited accounts. Capital projects are limited to 50% of the approved costs to a maximum of £5,000.

4. 2018/19 GRANTS

4.1 21 applications requesting total support of £157,491 have been received. A summary of all applications is set out in Annex 1.

4.2 The voluntary organisation grant budget for 2018/19 is £109,130.

5. VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION GRANTS WORKING GROUP

5.1 The working group were unable to meet on 8 March due to adverse weather conditions. The meeting will be rearranged and the recommendations presented to your meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

5.2 Approve the allocation of grants as recommended by the working group and presented by the Director of Resources at your meeting.

ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

BACKGROUND WORKING PAPERS

None

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<b>Organisation Name</b>	<b>Brief description of Organisation</b>	<b>Grant Requested for 2018/19</b>	<b>Purpose of Grant request</b>
Carers Link Lancashire	Provides help, support and training to those who care for people who are ill, disabled or elderly	£2,000	To assist the organisation in providing registered carers with support, but will also assist them to identify hidden carers and provide outreach and support services and awareness training for professionals across the Ribble Valley
Chipping Baby & Toddler Group	A small volunteer group of parents and villagers who provide a warm and welcoming environment for local families with children under school age	£500	To assist with the improvement of the facilities. Replacement of some broken table and the purchase of some sports equipment for the children
Chipping Parish Council	Chipping Area Internet is a group of volunteers acting on behalf of Chipping and its adjacent Parishes to bring fast fibre broadband to the area	£8,285	To assist with the cost of civil works to install the cables across two roads which will enable connectivity for two schools and potentially four hundred and fifty properties
Chipping Show	To promote agriculture, horticulture and tourism	£500	To assist with the cost of putting on the show and to help keep it going
Citizens Advice Bureau Ribble Valley	The service is independent and provides free, confidential and impartial advice to everybody	£76,517	To cover the core running costs of the organisation such as staff salaries, rent, insurance, information subscriptions and volunteer expenses
Clitheroe Community Bonfire and Firework Display	To safely plan and stage the Clitheroe Community Bonfire and Fireworks display each November and ensure all proceeds are donated to local charities	£1,000	To assist towards the cost of the firework display which is about £5,000
Friends of St Pauls, Low Moor	To provide a venue for local groups and encourage the goodwill and involvement of the local and wider community	£689	To assist with the purchase of some office equipment and secure storage equipment for the use of the friends and other groups using the facilities
Goosnargh & Longridge Agricultural Show	To bring together the people of the Ribble Valley and surrounding areas to provide a great family day out for all ages	£500	To support the show day activities for schools, young people, young farmers, young W.I, junior craft etc

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Hodder Valley Agricultural & Horticultural Society	To improve the standard of animal husbandry and horticultural practices and to foster and encourage interest amongst young people in agriculture and the countryside	£750	To assist the financing of the show and sponsorship of agricultural and horticultural classes
Home Start Pendle and Ribble Valley	Charity which supports vulnerable families with at least one child under 13	£5,000	To support the infrastructure of the organisation and allow it to continue in the area. It will also enable recruitment, training and supervision of volunteers
Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition	Annual competition to encourage a high standard of care and maintenance in Lancashire villages and hamlets	£500	To assist in financing the competition. 2018 is its jubilee year and the organisers would like to publish a booklet promoting the competition and also replace some of the older trophies
Little Green Bus	The Charity's main activity is the provision of community transport services for mainly elderly and vulnerable people	£10,000	To support the community car scheme which provides door to door transport to and from vital medical appointments. This scheme costs almost £25,000 per year
Longridge Field Day Events	A longstanding voluntary committee that organises an annual spectacular event for the community of Longridge and surrounding villages	£500	To provide the required level of professional services to ensure the event is run safely. To renew the current signage and bunting damaged in the storms at last year's event
Reachout.work	A new organisation set up to help young people aged 11 – 16 who are experiencing mental health related difficulties and struggling in school	£5,000	To help pay for resources and social skills days out. It could help pay for special sessions to be held to support additional staff training. The project needs a continuation of funding to keep running and cover core costs
Ribble FM	A community radio station which aims to bring together the community of the Ribble Valley by sharing local news, views and stories	£10,000	To help sustain the radio station. The station has to obtain 50% of its income from grants and donations in order to fulfil the terms of its OFCOM licence
Ribble Valley Crossroads Care	Charity which provides Carer Support Workers to care for people in their own homes to give their carers a break	£15,000	To assist with the high travel costs the charity incurs as its staff have to travel around the Ribble Valley to reach clients

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Ribble Valley Shop-mobility and Information Centre	To provide an equipment loan service to people with mobility problems to access shops, health and leisure in Ribble Valley.	£7,500	To assist with general running costs and the cost of widening doorways at their new premises
Ribble Valley Talking Newspaper	Since 1978 Ribble Valley talking newspaper has provided a recorded version of the Clitheroe Advertiser and Times for visually impaired residents	£500	To assist with the general running costs of the service
Royal Lancashire Agricultural Society	One of the country's oldest agricultural shows. After a chequered history over the past eight years the show has returned to its previous home at Salesbury Hall	£2,000	To assist in creating a "Children's Zone" at the show for free of charge activities whilst attending the show. This zone is next to the animal showing marquees/shows to further promote agriculture to the next generation
The Foundation for Ribble Valley Families	To improve the social and emotional wellbeing of vulnerable families in the Ribble Valley	£10,000	The grant will enable the organisation to extend their therapeutic service to even more families. Each package of support costs £500, this would enable support for a further twenty families through the Family Hub
Whalley Pickwick Night Committee	To facilitate, promote and hold a themed community event annually to celebrate the start of the Christmas period	£750	To enable infrastructure costs that allow a safe event to be planned, including road closures, safe power provision, staging for entertainment and promoting the event

**Total requested      £157,491**