

Community Grant Assessment April 2023

Applicant: Little Owls Baby & Toddler Group
Amount applied for: £190
ASSESSMENT
Overview & what benefits to the community (Section B1.1 and B1.2)
The applicant explains that this funding is to pay for: 'Long term support with renting costs' This is a well established group the organiser has been running 9 years but going for longer.
Other funding from their own resources and alternative sources. (Section C1.3-1.4)
The applicant is asking for £190 which is Rent payable to the Old School paid on a termly basis of £5 per week. If agreed for a full school year that is 38 weeks.£5 x 38. Families are charged £2 per session, if we have a referral or a family cannot afford this then there is no charge. We do make a profit which is fed back to the Playgroup who then support our project, through buying resources.
Who and how many people benefit? (Section B1.9)
All families with young children (4 and under) across the Parish and further afield will be able to benefit from Little Owls keeping the fees affordable. We provide a warm and welcoming environment to everyone that attends. The parents have chance to enjoy a hot drink and a chat while the children learn how to socialise and play with each other. The children also receive several snacks and a drink. There are often crafting and other activities that young children before school may not otherwise get to experience. This is a vital group for the village many parents only attend one group so is critical for the children's socialisation skills and development. Also its a great support network for parents and gives them a chance to talk with people going through similar experiences.
Other resources (eg volunteering) (Section C1.4)
We have 2 key volunteers who give up 5 1/2 hours combined per week to run the group
Priorities as identified by the applicant, and those of the council (Section C1.1)
No priorities listed by the applicant.
Notes
This application is for a sum at the lower end of awards that are usually made to this funding stream.
Recommend £190.

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Applicant: Menheniot Parochial Church Council
Amount applied for: £3700
ASSESSMENT
Overview & what benefits to the community (Section B1.1 and B1.2)
The applicant explains that this funding is to pay for: 'Maintenance of the 3 village graveyards, incorporating the sustainable Living Churchyards scheme'
Other funding from their own resources and alternative sources. (Section C1.1-1.3)
The applicant is asking for £3700. (C1.1)
If the PC supports the full application, this will amount to 100% of the costs. Any shortfall in funding from the parish council will be managed by 'Continue to make up what we can and cut the grass less frequently to the detriment of the environment and of the whole Parish (the number of cuts has already been reduced from previous years to reduce costs). Although the Living Churchyard scheme may reduce grass cuts in certain areas, there are significant costs associated with it eg scything.'
The Church has received Community Grants in the past as contributions towards graveyard maintenance: Truro Diocese £2136 (2023); Parish Council £1200 (2022); £1200 (2021); £1000 (2020); £1900 (2019) for upkeep of graveyard. From other sources: May £200 1805 group - Laponetiere's tomb maintenance
Numbers benefitting (Section B1.7)
'Many families across the whole Parish or anyone who wishes to visit the graveyards. They will be visiting a well kept facility in which their loved ones are buried, rather than an unkempt one. With the involvement of 'Living Churchyards' the environment will also benefit. The flowers seeded may therefore also encourage extra visitors, as well as wildlife.'
Other resources (eg volunteering) (Section C1.4)
'Following wide distribution of leaflets, a small number of volunteers came forward to help eg by strimming small areas/scything long grass areas. As before, donations are made by regular churchgoers; these help but fall short of the amount required. Indeed, with only 28 regular givers, it is a challenge.'
Priorities as identified by the applicant, and those of the council (Section C1.1)
No priorities listed by the applicant.
Notes
The most recent set of accounts for year ending 31 December 2022 show that: the PCC had an income of £49, 625 set against expenses of £44,079, leaving a positive balance of £5,546. However, there are items ringfenced within that surplus of £600 (owed to the Diocese), £2800 (Baby Basics) and £3000 (St Marys) amounting to £6400. This means that the surplus is now reduced to a deficit of £854.
Councillors are reminded that under the terms of the Community Grants scheme, 'The council will not usually fund more than 10% of a project (£2,000 maximum), but will expect the applicant to have raised other substantial funding from their own efforts within the local community' and the budget for 2023/24 is £2,500.
Recommend