



PART B:	RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL
REPORT TO:	POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
DATE:	17 MARCH 2022
REPORT OF THE:	SAFER, STRONGER COMMUNITIES' MANAGER BRIDGET SKAIFE
TITLE OF REPORT:	COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME CRITERIA AMENDMENT
WARDS AFFECTED:	ALL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to inform the members of Policy and Resources Committee of the proposed changes to the Community Grants Scheme criteria as a result of the council decision to allocate a further £150,000 to the Community Grant Scheme for 2022/23.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 It is recommended that:

Policy and Resources Committee approve the amendment to the Community Grant Scheme criteria to ensure the allocated funding is used within 2022/23 financial year, set out in Appendix 1.

3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 3.1 An additional £150,000 in funding has been allocated for Community Grants Scheme in the 2022/23 financial year. This funding is in addition to the already allocated £52,570 and if approved £10,124 carry over from 2021/22 which is £212,694 for 2022/23. Due to the increase in funding allocation and demand on staff resources the Grant Working Party has reviewed the funding criteria and proposed suggested amendments to the community Grant Scheme for 2022/23 to ensure that the funding is fully allocated upon closure of the financial year.

4.0 SIGNIFICANT RISKS

- 4.1 The significant increase in grant funding will have an impact on staffing resources, to promote, process and allocate the funding in 2022/23. To ensure this funding is allocated and spent in the financial year, amendments to the criteria have been discussed at the Grants Working Party setting our new funding allocations to mitigate the risk.

5.0 POLICY CONTEXT AND CONSULTATION

- 5.1 This report impacts upon Ryedale District Council's priority to build strong, inclusive and attractive communities. The Community Grants Scheme aims to build strong communities by contributing to community events, activities and facilities

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6.0 REPORT DETAILS

- 6.1 The Community Grant Scheme is open to any Ryedale community-based organisation or group, for projects that make a positive impact on the community owned or managed facilities and activities in Ryedale, such as village halls, play areas, sports facilities, village owned shops and activities that support the local community.
- 6.2 An additional £150,000 in funding has been allocated for Community Grants in the 2022/23 financial year. To ensure this funding is allocated by the end of the financial year, amendments to the criteria are required.
- 6.3 The current criteria allow an applicant to apply for up to £5,000 in total, however this is capped at 25% of the overall project cost (E.g., for project costs totalling £10,000 the maximum an applicant can apply for is £2,500). Project costs of up to £1,000 are eligible for 100% of project cost funding.
- 6.4 The proposed criteria are that an applicant can apply for up to £10,000 in total, however this would be capped at 50% of the overall project cost (E.g., for project costs totalling £10,000 the maximum an applicant can apply for is £5,000). Project costs of up to £2,500 would be eligible for 100% of project cost funding.
- 6.5 A promotional campaign is required to support the proposed amendments and to ensure the £150,000 is awarded by the end of the 2022/23 financial year. This will be coordinated in conjunction with the Communications Team and utilise various channels such as social media, local press, partnership networking and word of mouth.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The following implications have been identified:
- a) Financial – Council approved an additional £150,000 funding for Community Grant scheme plus the already allocated £52,570 and if approved £10,124k carry over from 2021/22 which is £212,694 to be spent in 2022/23 financial year.

- b) Legal – There are no additional legal issues on the Council from the recommendations.
- c) Other (Equalities, Staffing, Planning, Health & Safety, Environmental, Crime & Disorder) – N/A

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APPENDIX 1

RYEDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANTS

Criteria amendment

At the Grants Working Party on 28 February 2022 it was agreed that a proposal be circulated to members of the group in regards to potential amendments to the Ryedale District Council Community Grant Scheme Criteria. This is following the addition of £150,000 in grant funding for the 2022/23 financial year.

Current criteria

An applicant can apply for up to £5,000 in total, however this is capped at 25% of the overall project cost (E.g. for project costs totalling £10,000 the maximum an applicant can apply for is £2,500).

Project costs of up to £1,000 are eligible for 100% of project cost funding.

Proposed criteria

An applicant can apply for up to £10,000 in total, however this is capped at 50% of the overall project cost (E.g. for project costs totalling £10,000 the maximum an applicant can apply for is £5000).

Project costs of up to £2500 are eligible for 100% of project cost funding.*

**At GWP it was proposed that project costs of up to £5,000 should be matched with 100% funding, however this is not a proportionate amendment. If this was the case, an applicant with total project costs of £10,000 would only be able to apply for £5,000 (due to it being capped at 50%). This would be the same amount that an applicant with total project costs of £5,000 could apply for.*

Summary of changes

Current	Proposed
Up to £5000, but capped at 25% of overall project cost	Up to £10,000, but capped at 50% of overall project cost
Project costs of up to £1,000 are eligible for 100% of project cost funding	Project costs of up to £2500 are eligible for 100% of project cost funding