

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cabinet

9 December 2019

Report of the Director of Finance & Corporate Services

H. Jenkins

Matter for: Decision

Wards Affected: All Wards

Report Title - Third Sector Grant Funding – Award of Grants for financial year 2020/21

Purpose of Report

1. To present Members with the outcome of the third sector grant applications for 2020/21 and to seek approval on the award of grants to those organisations recommended for funding in Appendix 1.

Executive Summary

2. Assessments were undertaken for a total of 28 applications received this year as set out in appendix 1 and 2.
3. The applications were assessed by the Third Sector Grants Group, whose membership is made up of Directorate representatives already involved in the grant funding process and are responsible for the administration of the Scheme.
4. Organisations reapplying for funding also completed a monitoring form as part of their application in order to assess they can continue to deliver quality provision in line with their current grant agreements.
5. Appendix 2 contains those organisations not recommended for funding.
6. Appendix 3 contains the eight Strategic Partners awarded grant funding for a three year period: 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2022.

Background

7. The application process for 2020/21 grant funding opened on 12 August and closed on 4 October 2019.
8. Grants awarded under the Scheme have been for 12 months or for a maximum of three years.
9. The grants which have been provided for three years are to partners the Council has identified as Strategic Partners. There are eight Strategic Partners and new three year grants were approved by Cabinet in December 2018 for these organisations covering the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2022.

Monitoring Arrangements

10. The eight Strategic Partners listed in appendix 3 are required to complete a monitoring form by end of April 2020 for the first year; in year two, two six monthly monitoring forms no later than 31 October 2020 and 30 April 2021 and the same for year three (no later than 31 October 2021 / 30 April 2022).
11. These organisations also completed monitoring forms at the end of their 3 year funding period last year to evidence they can continue to deliver quality services in line with their grant agreement. The Third Sector Grants Group have monitored the end of year returns and were satisfied with performance to date and recommend the recipients continue to receive their funding.
12. All other 2019/20 grant recipients are required to submit evidence of outcomes and performance achieved by end of January 2020, with the exception of those organisations reapplying this year for funding (as mentioned in paragraph 4 above).

Assessment of Grant Applications for 2020/21

13. The Group used the relevant assessment criteria, to ensure consistency and equity in the assessment of the applications received.
14. Those applications that are recommended for approval in appendix 1 have satisfied some or all of the criteria contained within Principle 1 of the revised Scheme and have also demonstrated their commitment to a number of the eight areas listed below (a to h).

15. Organisations bidding for core funding are also expected to demonstrate their commitment to helping the Council implement its Corporate Plan in the following eight areas:
- a. Promote the take up of the Council's on-line services through the Switch brand and help people to access those on-line services (digital assist support);
 - b. Encourage participation in Council and local community-run events to support well-being;
 - c. Leverage in additional funding;
 - d. Promote the Council's Community Directory (Dewis Cymru) so that there is a good understanding of all the services that are available within the local area and how to access them;
 - e. Encourage the identification and development of local early intervention and prevention services and facilitate access to those services;
 - f. Support, inform and promote the Council's priorities;
 - g. Contribute to engagement and communications campaigns to improve understanding within communities of the Council's priorities and services;
 - h. Where appropriate, provide a physical space that can facilitate co-location of workers from across the public service to provide more integrated services that respond to the needs of local people and communities.

Financial Appraisal

16. One of the principles of the Third Sector Grant Funding Scheme is that the amount of funds available will vary in line with the Local Government Settlement for the preceding financial year. In 2019/20 the final settlement for Neath Port Talbot Council showed a year on year increase of +0.7%. It is therefore proposed in this report that the Third Sector Grant Budget for 2020/21 be increased by 0.7% and the same increase is provided to the grant payable to our Third Sector Strategic Partners

Table 1

Budget	2020/21
Base Year Budget including one-off grants	£513,630
Additional Budget Allocation for 2020/21 – NPT Actual Settlement increase @ +0.7% (for 2019/20)	£3,595
Total available 2020/21	£517,225

Table 2 below illustrates the funds available together with the proposed distribution:

Table 2

Budget Summary	2019/20	2020/21
Community Safety	£ 11,500	£ 11,500
Miscellaneous	£ 2,500	£ 2,500
Total One-off Grants	£ 14,000	£ 14,000
Amount Available for Third Sector Grant Scheme	£ 399,630	£ 499,630
Additional Provision	£ 100,000	£ 3,595
Total available in year	£ 499,630	£ 503,225
Add amount carried forward	£ 17,067	£ 12,838
Amount Available December	£ 516,697	£ 516,063
Total recommended for approval:-		
Appendix 1 – years 1 & 2 for Strategic Partners	£ 333,695	£ 336,030
Appendix 2 – New Applications	£ 170,164	£ 148,180
Total for Approval	£ 503,859	£ 484,210
Balance remaining	£ 12,838	£ 31,853

17. All grants payable are subject to successful delivery of outcomes as set out in the application forms / final grant offer letters and agreed by the Council with each applicant.

Integrated Impact Assessment

18. An Equality Impact Assessment was completed as part of the initial development of the Grant Scheme in 2016 and a further Integrated Impact Assessment was completed as part of the changes to the Scheme in 2018.
19. All applications have been considered in alignment with the revised Scheme and therefore no further assessment is required.

Valleys Communities Impact:

20. Some of the applications will be delivering projects to support valley communities.

Workforce Impact

21. There is no workforce impact.

Legal Impact

22. All successful grant recipients will be required to sign a Grant Agreement.

Risk Management

23. The successful grant recipients will assist the Council to provide important services within the County Borough or specific areas.

Consultation

24. There is no requirement for external consultation on this item.

Recommendations

25. It is recommended that Members confirm the 2020/21 Budget for Third Sector Grants.
26. Approve the award of Grants to the Third Sector organisations as set out in Appendix 1 of this report.
27. Confirm that grants not be awarded for the applications set out in Appendix 2 of this report.
28. Confirm the amount of grant payable to each Strategic Partner as set out in Appendix 3

Reason for Proposed Decision

29. To approve grants to third sector organisations in line with the Council's Scheme.

Implementation of Decision

30. The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

Appendices

31. Appendix 1 – Third Sector Applications 2020/21 – Applications recommended for approval
32. Appendix 2 - Third Sector Applications 2020/21 - Applications not recommended for approval
33. Appendix 3 – Grant proposed to Third Sector Strategic Partners for 3 years

List of Background Papers

34. The Neath Port Talbot Third Sector Grant Funding Scheme.

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Third Sector Applications 2020/21 – Applications recommended for approval

(* table also shows current 1 year recipients)

Ref	Organisation	Type of service provided	*Current one year grant awarded 2019/20	Amount applied for 2020/21	Amount of grant proposed	Overview of outcomes to be delivered
1.	Age Connects Neath Port Talbot (Age Concern)	Support	*£10,000	£28,500	£10,000	Developing and sustaining the three Community Outreach Hubs (Neath, Port Talbot and Pontardawe). These 'Hubs' will provide a holistic early intervention programme and direct services to improve older people's health and reduce dependency, whilst also lessening demand for expensive / intensive care services.
2.	Bulldogs	Support	N/A	£36,000	£18,000	The funding will be match funded focussed around the Bulldogs 5 Pillar programme. The 5 Pillars 2019 will be made up of: 1) Personal Development 2) Open Access 3) Education/Employment 4) Fitness/Boxing 5) Support Partners. Using Fitness/Boxing as the hook to engage individuals and to encourage

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						through mentoring. Well-being will be at the core of the Pillars.
3.	Care and Repair Western Bay	Support	*£4,980	£10,000	£4,980	To support the Agency's core service which provides a casework service to older people to facilitate independent living and to help older people stay at home.
4.	Cruse Bereavement Care (Morgannwg)	Support	*£2,500	£5,000	£2,500	To provide a local person-centred bereavement support to the residents of Neath Port Talbot with a special emphasis on the carers group and to support the running of peer led friendship groups.
5.	Gwynfi Miners Community Hall	Support	*£4,980	£10,000	£5,000	Will provide a meeting place for groups to meet, classes and activities for people to remain active and work with other agencies to meet the needs of the community which will help to reduce the demand on public services.

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6.	Melin Community Trust	Resource Centre	*£24,000	£40,000	£24,000	To support the core running costs of the organisation, including supporting people through the 'Get NPT On-line' initiative. <u>Agree in principle</u> - subject to satisfactory information on governance arrangements due in January 2020.
7.	Me Myself I, MMI Trading with Care	Support	*£5,000	£13,123	£5,000	To support the community hub in the Briton Ferry area.
8.	Neuadd Cwmllynfell Hall	Centre	*£12,500	£12,500	£12,200	To contribute towards the running of the hall and provision of a wide range of social, recreational and educational activities for local people of all ages.
9.	NPT CVS Older People Officer	Support	*£33,000 (year 1 funding)	Approved last year to award funding for 2 year period	£34,000 (year 2 funding)	Development Officer at Neath Port Talbot CVS to work with Older People's organisations across Neath Port Talbot to ensure views of older people are represented.

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10.	NPT Community Transport	Support	*£15,000	£34,400	£10,000	Community transport is a vital link in serving some of the most vulnerable in our communities to access health facilities, shops and social activities. Funding will allow the organisation to continue operating, to develop new business and allow the manager to concentrate on the recruitment of new volunteer drivers.
11.	NPT Mind & Ystrad Mind	Support	N/A	£31,585	£20,000	<p>Early intervention, preventative service, supporting older people (50+) at risk of developing emotional or mental health problems.</p> <p>Also to provide one to one support and other services to address the increasing demand for mental health services across the borough.</p> <p>Further discussions with both organisations to agree the final distribution of the total funds of £20,000 between them.</p>
12.				£21,757		

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13.	NPT Stroke Club	Support	*£500	£5,075	£500	To provide stroke survivors and their families with support, signposting and information on stroke and other services they can utilise to improve their living conditions and wellbeing. Members being able to access services and organisations in our locality to enrich their lives.
14.	Port Talbot Stoke Club	Support	*£500	£900	£500	To provide social contact for people that have suffered from a stroke who would otherwise be isolated – through meetings.
15.	Y Lolfa Community Library	Resource Centre	*£950	£2,302	£1,500	To continue to provide a volunteer run community library hub serving communities of Cwmgors, GCG, Tairgwaith and Lower Brynaman wards

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16.	BME Community Association	Support	*£28,254	See comment	£0	Due to delays in charitable commission registration no additional funds are required in 2020/21. However permission is sought to allow the BME Community Association to retain the £28,254 made available in 2019/20 to spend on activities in 2020/21.
	Total		*£142,164	£251,142	£148,180	

Third Sector New Applications 2020/21 - Applications not recommended for approval			
	Organisation	Amount Applied For 2020/21	Activity
1.	Amman Valley Trotting Club (AVTC)	£23,383	To employ a full-time events development officer who can supplement the work currently that is carried out by the senior volunteer officers on a part-time basis and play a crucial role in helping generate new income streams to restore and expand both on-site and off-site services.
2.	Barnardo's	£36,000	To appoint a volunteer co-ordinator.
3.	DANSA	£4,500	Funding required to upgrade hardware/software. Already in receipt of three year funding as a strategic partner and received £3,350 from BSSG regional grant for three computers and a printer in January 2019.
4.	Eli Project	£25,000	A newly commissioned charity in the UK that wishes to expand on the work already started with families with children with additional needs.
5.	F.A.N Community Alliance	£10,750	Funding would enable the organisation to utilise their unrestricted funds on projects and ideas as they are formed and developed, in conjunction with the community, without the need to hold back due to worries of being able to cover core costs or delay due to funding processes.
6.	HAFAL	£8,186	For an outreach link worker to work with people suffering from mental health problems in the Neath Port Talbot area (1 day a week). The service will provide support, advice, information, and signposting where relevant to adults with mental health problems who need support in the Neath Port Talbot area on an outreach basis.

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	Organisation	Amount Applied For 2020/21	Activity
7.	NPT Carers Service Ltd	£26,792	To give carers in Neath Port Talbot an opportunity to have a life alongside caring / a break from caring. Successful in gaining funding from Regional Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Grant Schemes (West Glamorgan Regional Partnership).
8.	Neath Port Talbot Child Contact Centre	£1,165	Contact matters - to provide a Supported Child Contact Service for Neath Port Talbot Children's Services and others who refer families to us, to facilitate child contact after family breakdown, where there is no viable alternative.
9.	Pontardawe Arts Club	£2,800	To fund a number of visiting artists each year, and by attending these demos and workshops will also allow members to enjoy and learn from the visiting artists. Also to purchase a Laptop to build and run a club website, showing our members art to the wider art community.
10.	7 day Sport Ltd	£12,342	To develop a sports journalism project for 100 volunteers to take part in, throughout 2020. This will be a fun and interesting opportunity for individuals to take part in and will be made up of a combination of office based volunteering and article writing that can be done from home. No evidence to support if the business is sustainable and as a new business no track record.
11.	Unwind	Not specified	To fund set up costs such as advertising, rent, staff wages, use of gyms. This is a new organisation and they did not specify an amount for funding and were unable to provide supporting information such as insurance and financial accounts.

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	Organisation	Amount Applied For 2020/21	Activity
12.	Ystalyfera Development Trust	£995	To deliver additional courses in Social Media, Tablets, internet safety and computer skills for job searches etc. Also to purchase a touch screen computer with a large display.

Appendix 3

Grant award 2020/21 to Third Sector Strategic Partners Organisation	2019/20 Year 1	2020/21 Year 2
1. Canolfan Maerdy	£26,000	£26,182
2. Citizens Advice Bureau	£80,000	£80,560
3. DANSA Transport	£32,000	£32,224
4. DOVE Workshops	£35,000	£35,245
5. Glynneath Training Centre	£42,000	£42,294
6. NPT CVS - Core Funding Contribution	£43,695	£44,000
7. NPT Shop Mobility	£45,000	£45,315
8. Ystalyfera Development Trust	£30,000	£30,210
Total	£333,695	£336,030