



REPORT FOR DECISION

Item No:- FC22/093

Committee:-	Finance and Governance Committee
Date:-	26 th April 2023
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Report Title:-	Town Lottery Awards
Wards Affected:-	All

1. Purpose of Report

To consider applications for lottery awards from the Town Lottery Fund

2. Recommendations

The Committee's preference for making an award (s) is requested.

3. Information

- 3.1. The policy and constitution of the Town Lottery sets out that awards for grants are for three broad headings
 - Housing and homelessness
 - Sustainability and the environment
 - Health and wellbeing
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- 3.2. The first award was for a housing advice project and it as agreed that this second round would focus on sustainability and environmental outcomes. The availability of funds was advertised in February with a closing date of late March. Three applications were received and a fourth one was a referral from the last ordinary round of voluntary sector grants, as it would have qualified, and the applicant agreed to have it referred. The Council indicated that it would have approximately £1000 available in this round although in reality there is more than that available.
- 3.3. Award rounds are conducted every four months; the last award having been made in December 2022, so the money available for this award is that raised by the lottery in the period 1st December to 1st March, which is £1592.

3.4. The four applications are

Applicant	Purpose	Amount sought
Kettering Allotment Association	Removal of asbestos sheet from Margaret Rd Allotments left behind by a long departed allotment holder	£1000 towards an overall project of £1147
Groundwork Trust	Creation of a hedgehog highway and improve public education around hedgehogs along the River Ise Valley in Kettering	£1000
NET Tenants and Residents Association	Re-equipping the Grange resource centre with better and more sustainable lighting and new furniture	£990 towards an overall project of £1390
Midland Langar Seva Society – MLSS (Sikh Temple)	Food parcels distributed locally by Sikh Temple	£25000

3.5. The four applications are shown below in Appendix One. The assessment below is intended to support members in making their decision but is a guide only.

Test	Kettering Allotment Assoc.	Groundwork Trust	NET Tenants and Residents Assoc.	Midland Langar Seva Society – MLSS (Sikh Temple)
Does the project target resources to meet identified needs?	Deals with a particular problem on this site	Addresses opportunity to improve the environment	Aims to improve usability of Resource centre	Meets need for food parcels in town
Does it maximise leverage and match funding	Grant would meet 90% of the costs of the project	Makes good use of existing organisational resources	Grant would represent 71% of the costs of the project	Makes good use of existing organisational resources
Does it maximise environmental sustainability?	Provides benefit to the allotments and its users	Improves bio-diversity and wildlife	Improves energy use as far as the lighting element goes	Not especially
Is the funding to be provided sustainable?	One off project	One off project	One off project	This would keep the project going for some time
Other grants made in 2022/23	0	0	£1500 to food bank from WIF	£540 for food parcels from WIF
Other activity supported by KTC in 2022/23	KTC is providing investment in allotments as part of its landowner role	KTC has worked with Groundwork on other projects	The Avondale Grange area served by the Grange Resource Centre is a priority area for community resilience purposes	

4. Consultation and Engagement

None specifically for this exercise.

5. Finance, Legal and Resource Implications

In the four months starting 1st December, the lottery raised £1592 for good causes. As at 16th April, there is £1930 uncommitted in the lottery fund.

6. Climate change implications

The Council has declared a climate emergency and the corporate plan says that The Council will, within its own remit, strive to protect, restore and enhance our local biodiversity and the natural world that surrounds us and of which we are all a part and will strive to take the most sustainable approach to the design and delivery of its own services.

7. Other Policy Implications

The policy on the Town Lottery is set out above.

Background Papers

Policy document

Applications

APPENDIX ONE – APPLICATIONS

1. Kettering Allotments Ltd

274 Windmill Avenue
Kettering
NN15 6PF

Charity or CIC number (if relevant) : IP06160R
Allotment Society

Please indicate your organisation's main role and purpose: :

The main role is to provide allotment plots for Kettering residents to allow them to grow their own vegetables and soft fruit for personal consumption, and to keep a small number of poultry for eggs for the same reason.

Please give a description of the project you would like funding for, . :

The removal of asbestos sheet found on the Margaret Road allotment field which has been left behind by previous or retired long term allotment holders. This removal will benefit the health and mental well being of all allotment holders and is in line with the waste management policy of Kettering Allotments (see website above for further details), and is environmentally friendly to provide a safe and hazard free allotment field.

What will the council's grant pay for?:

The council grant of £1000 will pay towards the removal of asbestos sheet from the Margaret Road allotment site for which Kettering Allotments has obtained a specialised skip quote from Mick George Ltd of £1147.20. In addition, Kettering Allotments has purchased specialised hazmat suits to allow for the safe removal of the asbestos sheet which has been double wrapped and sealed in thick polythene as required by Mick George for the safe removal, and is considered to be a low risk hazard.

How will you measure the impact of the project? :

The removal of asbestos sheet from the Margaret Road allotment field.

Total amount you are seeking :

£1000

Please give a breakdown of the costs by category £1000 skip hire grant application. £147.20 to be met from Kettering Allotment funds

Have you secured funding towards this project either from your own resources or another grant? If so, please give details. :

The balance of the skip hire cost required to dispose of the asbestos will be met from the funds of Kettering Allotments and has been agreed by the committee subject to receiving a successful lottery grant.

Have you applied for any other grant funding not yet awarded? No

Period you expect the project to run for. :

The project is estimated to take 1 week, but the benefits will be met immediately after removal for the benefit of current and all future allotment holders at Margaret Road.

2. The Green Patch (Managed by Groundwork Northamptonshire)

The Business Exchange, Rockingham Rd Unit 3

Please indicate your organisation's main role and purpose :

The Green Patch is an award winning community garden project nestled in the heart of England, hosting volunteer days, children's clubs, education sessions and family events. The Green patch has been established on a 2.5 acre site by the River Ise in Kettering, Northamptonshire. It features a community garden with four large polytunnels, beehives, a health and wellbeing garden, grass paddock, free play areas, a wildlife orchard and wildlife ponds. There are ducks, chickens, rabbits, and....a cat.

Please describe the project, indicating the costs involved, how it improves habitats for wildlife, promotes biodiversity and the wider benefit it brings to the community. : :

Our idea is to encourage a hedgehog highway and improve public education around hedgehogs along the River Ise Valley for the section of the River Ise that runs through Kettering.

Hedgehog populations in the UK have rapidly diminished over the last 50 years. After several reported sightings along the River Ise we know there is a population in Kettering that we can support.

The River Ise is a wonderful nature corridor that runs through Kettering. The Green Patch is perfectly situated alongside the River Ise in such a way as to provide support to Hedgehog populations. We have seen three hedgehogs over the last year and with more support there could be many more living safely in the River Ise Valley.

The Green Patch has one hedgehog house (build by children from the local community) and with this funding we would like to add two more houses to the Green Patch in our wildlife areas. We would involve local community members and schools in the construction so there is a community building and educational element to implementing the housings.

We would build a third house to give away to local residents or local group to place along the valley and look after.

We would like to create a high quality educational brochure and poster for distribution to local residents and allotment sites along the River Ise and

across Kettering as a whole via **local environmental groups social media, including the Kettering Council social media feeds.**

Educational materials would encourage creating gaps in fences, removal of slug pellets and netting to allow safe foraging highways.

We think this could be a beautiful example of a community coming together to care for local wildlife.

What exactly will the funds pay for? :

3 hedgehog houses: £550. Hedgehog housings would be built out of preserved timber and buried under a sod mounds with painted signs to indicate their function.

Amount includes costs of liaising with local schools and volunteers in order to make it a community-wide project.

Poster and brochure research, writing and design: £350 Posters and brochures would include details about Hedgehog lifecycle, current status and challenges for Hedgehog populations, and ways in which we can help them in our gardens.

We would include Kettering Council logos to indicate it was a council funded program.

Poster and brochure printing and distribution: £100.00

When will the activity happen? :

May-July 2023

The N.E.T Tenants and Residents Association

9 Grange Place
Kettering
NN16 0NT

Not for profit organisation

Please indicate your organisation's main role and purpose: :

Helping the community North Northamptonshire Grange Avondale wards food bank well being and support holding craft pain clinics to assist living

Please give a description of the project you would like funding for,:

Well being support with internet form filling etc as many cannot afford internet or a computer

What will the council's grant pay for?:

Electric sockets fitted around the room better lighting Seating needs replacing and tables. We have been going over 20 years but the community needs are forever changing and we need to change too.

How will you measure the impact of the project? :

By the need for our services

Total amount you are seeking :

990

Please give a breakdown of the costs by category or item

Electric sockets installed by electricians Lighting Chairs x10

Have you secured funding towards this project either from your own resources or another grant?. :

We have £400 of fundraisers cash

Have you applied for any other grant funding not yet awarded? :

No

Period you expect the project to run for. :

12 months

4. Midland Langar Seva Society - MLSS

501 Bloxwich Road

WALSALL

WS3 2XA

Charity or CIC number 1156965

A registered charity to support and feed and clothe the homeless

Organisation's main role and purpose: :

The details provided above are for our Head Office, but the funding we are applying for is purely for the Kettering Community

I am one of the co-ordinators for the Kettering MLSS. My role is purely voluntarily, aim being to ensure we have a group of people who are supply hot food for the homeless community in Kettering. Since we launched MLSS Kettering back in Nov 2017. We have provided over 2500 hot meals. We also offer another service namely providing food parcels to 7 schools in Kettering supporting 84 families a month who are experiencing real hardship since the start the pandemic. Since Dec 2020 we have provided over 2100 parcels. Again all this is done through a group of volunteers.

Please give a description of the project you would like funding for, indicating who it will benefit, the geographical area it will impact, and whether you have any other partner organisations working with you. :

All funding secured will benefit those homeless people in Kettering with hot meals each week - approx 25 meals per week. If there is a need for warm clothing, then we will definitely offer this through the any funding secured. Plus, each month supporting 84 children across 7 schools in the Kettering area with monthly food parcels. To hep those families who financially struggling. Approx 336 people each month will be supported through this

volunteer service. 336 has been calculated based on 2 children living in one household with a set of parents. The families have been overwhelmed with the food parcels each month they receive. The schools were identified by the Northamptonshire Childrens Trust. In addition, the funding will also help the team to purchase, food, packaging and petrol expenses as we tend to get all stock ourselves.

What will the council's grant pay for?.

Food essentials - this will be the key part of the funding Packaging where needed Travelling expenses where needed. Though, we expect relatively low but we need to ensure our volunteers can continue to help with their volunteering without feeling they are bearing all the costs. Everyone is feeling the financial stress

How will you measure the impact of the project? :

We keep a note of all homeless feeds we do each month, plus any additional clothing we have purchased for those in need.

We keep a note of all the food parcels we do each month and which products we have given. A negative impact if we do not secure the funding, we will have to hold back on doing food parcels and I know families will feel the pain.

Total amount you are seeking :

£25,000

Please give a breakdown of the costs by category or item if you can.

*Staff/employees *Volunteer costs *Travel costs *Supplies Equipment and Capital items *Premises costs and facilities *New IT costs *Publicity and promotion *Other (please list): :

By far our main costs will be food for our school food parcels. On avg our monthly shop will cost us £800 per month. This is without any donations. So a yearly cost is approx £9,600. If we secured £25,000. We will be able to continue to provide this service for 2 years at a costs of £19,000.

Other costs will towards the costs of packaging as need to ensure we have sufficient packaging to pack the parcels and bags, tubs, spoons for our homeless feeds. I would say approx £4,000 and the remaining £2,000 will be on travelling expenses in the main. We have held back on petrol expenses before, but I know this is an important factor as our service can only continue if our volunteers are supported through a little travelling expenses to ease the burden on them.

Have you secured funding towards this project either from your own resources or another grant? . :

We have secured a funding of £5000k from the North Northamptonshire in 2022 and that has allowed us to provide our service with food parcels for 7 months. Tesco community grant of £500 in Jan 22. We have received vouchers from some organisations and donations from Dec 20 since we started the food parcels, but are aware with rising pricing and support is slowly down we need to look elsewhere for funding to allow us to continue to provide this service to those in real need.

Have you applied for any other grant funding not yet awarded?

No

Period you expect the project to run for. :

2 years from start of Jul 2023 if we secure the £25,000.