



REPORT FOR DECISION

Item No:- FC23/062

Committee:-	Finance and Governance Committee
Date:-	24 th January 2024
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Report Title:-	Ward Initiative Fund Remaining Monies
Wards Affected:-	All

1. Purpose of Report

To consider how to use the unspent ward initiatives money for this year.

2. Recommendation

That members determine how best to use the unspent ward monies.

3. Information

- 3.1. As at the end of December 2023, there was £2350 in unspent ward initiatives money from the annual allocation of £10,000. A summary of the payments made from the fund is attached as appendix one below. One of the payments is still waiting to be made and might not be needed in full.
- 3.2. Twelve members used up all their funds and 3 members used none, with the remainder using most of their allocation. Last year, the amount unspent was £2119.
- 3.3. The Council's policy is that unspent monies should be re-assigned and funnelled into the grants budget. The grants budget has been fully spent to date, so the options available to the Council are:-
 - To run another grants round between now and the end of March. This will be a cut down round and there will have to be a cap on the amount available for each recipient (e.g. £500 or £1000). The grant round could be themed for a particular outcome.
 - To add the money to another grant scheme - e.g. the Love Wildlife Competition, which is currently still live – to enable it to fund more applications.

- To allocate the money to one or more organisations, without a competitive process, where members have been willing but unable to meet earlier applications in full – recent examples being the Kettering Food Bank, the William St Community Garden and Homestart.
- To allocate the money to the Mayor’s charities.
- To put the money into reserves.

4. Consultation and Engagement

None directly on this issue.

5. Finance, Legal and Resource Implications

None.

6. Climate change implications

None directly

7. Policy Implications

The Council’s policy is make best use of its resources.

Background Papers

None

APPENDIX ONE

PROJECTS SUPPORTED IN 2023

All Saints Community Group, litter pickers/flyers	£364.45
All Saints Community Group – flyipping camera	£359
Bishop Stopford School Litter pickers	£300
Cordwainer Xmas soup and meal service for £1	£494
Crescents Community Assoc. Christmas event	£150
Friends of Brambleside School outdoor seating	£500
Grange Tots Group – set up costs	£173.25 (not yet paid)
Headlands Area Residents Association	£100
Highfield Barnes Coronation Party	£160
Highfield Barnes Food Bank storage	£615
Homestart Family Day at Wicksteed	£100
Kettfest	£300
11 th Kettering Brownies equipment	£500
KGH Radio replacement recording equipment	£200
Kettering Sea Cadets – defibrillator	£300
Kettering Wombles advertising and PR materials	£100
NET Tenants and Residents group equipment	£100
Midland Band Club Christmas event	£500
Ronald Tree Nursery – sports equipment	£238.25
Ronald Tree nursery – consultation event	£238
Sahyog community group event	£500
St Mary's CEVA school – toys	£425
St Michaels Church Teas Up Group equipment	£150
St Thomas More school garden	£500
Tamara Sparkles -free glitter stall at KTC events	£141
William St Community Garden	£141.60