



WEST OXFORDSHIRE
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Name and date of Committee	CABINET – 16th June 2021
Report Number	Agenda Item 7
Subject	COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANT 1st ROUND 2021/22
Wards affected	Stonesfield and Great Rollright
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Summary/Purpose	To consider applications for grant aid from the Community Facilities Grant Scheme.
Annexes	ANNEX A – Community Facilities Grant Applications 2021/22 – Round 1
Recommendation/s	<i>a) That the Council agrees to award grants in accordance with the recommendations set out in ANNEX A.</i>
Corporate priorities	Healthy towns and villages Strong local communities
Key Decision	YES
Exempt	No
Consultees/ Consultation	None

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. This report represents the first of two rounds of funding for the Community Facilities Grant scheme.

2. MAIN POINTS

- 2.1. All Members are invited to submit additional information or comments in respect of any of the applications prior to or at the meeting.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1. The proposed costs arising from this report are detailed in ANNEX A. If all the grants are approved as recommended the total financial commitment will equal **£11,562.50** and all grants can be met from the existing capital budget. ANNEX A also indicates the closing balance for the grant budget if all the proposals are accepted.
- 3.2. All applications were scored against a matrix and funding allocations are proposed in line with this.
- 3.3. Detailed in the following table is the financial commitment if all applications are taken into account and the amounts recommended are approved:

Reference	Applicant	Recommended
CFG/2122/01	Great Rollright Parish Council	£10,000
CFG/2122/04	Stonesfield Cricket Club	£1,562.50
Total Grant Allocation		£11,562.50

- 3.4. This grant award results in a total investment of **£56,250** into local schemes, with the leverage effect of the Council's grant being that for every pound grant aided **£3.86** of external or community funding is being released into the District's economy and cultural facilities infrastructure.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. None

5. RISK ASSESSMENT

- 5.1. The main risk to the Council is allocating funding to these projects, while the applications to the various other funding partners are unsuccessful. In mitigation the Community Facilities Grant criteria states that the grant will only be paid following successful awards from funding partners.
- 5.2. Risk to the Council will be mitigated by making payment only on satisfactory completion of key stages of the project and upon the provision of relevant invoices and certification by the applicant.

- 5.3. Should Members decide not to grant fund these projects a gap will be left within the project funding which could affect the successful draw down of external grants which ultimately could cause the project to be cancelled.

6. EQUALITIES IMPACT (IF REQUIRED)

- 6.1. None

7. CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS (IF REQUIRED)

- 7.1. None

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 8.1. The Cabinet could choose to offer differing levels of grant aid than those proposed in ANNEX A, but within the budgets established for these purposes, although this may result in the projects not being viable due to insufficient funding.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1. None.

ANNEX A
Community Facilities Grant Applications 2021/22 – Round 1
(Annual Grant Allocation £200,000 – unallocated grant balance £200,000)

Amount Requested	Total Scheme Cost	WODC Contribution	Rate Relief received	Applicant and Grant Use Additional notes and recommendations
£10,000	£50,000	£10,000 (5% of annual grant allocation)	n/a	<p>CFG/2122/01 – Great Rollright Parish Council</p> <p>Great Rollright Playground</p> <p>Following a recent ROSPA inspection the Parish Council have become aware of the need to replace the playground equipment and bases.</p> <p>The Parish Council have met with equipment suppliers and discussed what is required to meet their requirements and to remove safety issues highlighted by the ROSPA report.</p> <p>The project will deliver a modern, well equipped playground that meets the requirements of the children in the village.</p> <p><i>An award will be made subject to achieving the required partnership funding</i></p>
Funding Breakdown				
Funding Source	Status	Amount	% of Scheme Cost	
West Oxfordshire District Council		£10,000	20%	
Applicant Organisation	Definite	£5,000	10%	
OCC	Definite	£5,000	10%	
Mrs Ambler	Estimated	£20,000	40%	
A.Peters – fund raising blog	Estimated	£8,000	16%	
Village residents contribution	Estimated	£2,000	4%	
Total		£50,000	100%	

Amount Requested	Total Scheme Cost	WODC Contribution	Rate Relief received	Applicant and Grant Use Additional notes and recommendations
£1,562.50	£6,250	£1,562.50 (0.0025% of annual grant allocation)	N/A	CFG/2122/04 Stonesfield Cricket Club
Funding Breakdown				New electronic scoreboard.
Funding Source	Status	Amount	% of Scheme Cost	<p>Stonesfield Cricket Club have previously received funds from our capital grant schemes. The most recent being 2006/07 for £800 towards new wicket covers.</p> <p>The current scoreboard is no longer useable and has been deemed a health and safety risk.</p> <p>A replacement scoreboard is required in order to fulfil fixtures at both adult and junior levels, as it is a compulsory requirement for participation in league cricket.</p> <p>The project contributes to the Council's priorities and has a good level of support from the County Cricket Board.</p> <p><i>An award will be made subject to achieving the required partnership funding</i></p>
West Oxfordshire District Council		£1,562.50	25%	
Applicant Organisation	Definite	£4,687.50	75%	
Total		£6,250	100%	

Grant balance unallocated: £188,437.50