

## Report of the Portfolio of Resources and Personnel Policy

**GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS, CHARITABLE BODIES AND INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN SPORTS, THE ARTS AND DISABILITY MATTERS 2022/23**
1. Purpose of Report

To consider requests for grant aid in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Grant Aid Policy.

2. Recommendation

**The Committee is asked to consider the requests in the appendix and RESOLVE accordingly.**

3. Detail

Details of the grant applications received are included in the appendix for consideration. The amount available for distribution in 2022/23 is as follows:

	£
Revenue Grant Aid Budget	168,800
Less: Estimated requirements for:	
Citizens Advice Broxtowe	73,750
Rent Awards and Related Commitments ( <i>Note A</i> )	48,800
Other Anticipated Grant Awards ( <i>Note B</i> )	35,000
Less: Grant Awards to Date	-
<b>BALANCE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION</b>	<b>11,250</b>

Note A – This includes provision in respect of rental and support costs for tenants of Council-owned properties, including 2<sup>nd</sup> Beeston Sea Scouts, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kimberley Scout Group, 5<sup>th</sup> Stapleford Scout Group, Age Concern Eastwood, Bramcote Cricket Club, Broxtowe Play Forum, Chilwell Community Association, Eastwood People's Initiative, New Stapleford Community Association, Stapleford Community Association and Toton Coronation Hall Community Association.

Note B – The estimated provision based on grants awarded in 2021/22 in respect of other anticipated annual recurring grants to community organisations, including Broxtowe Women's Project, Hope Nottingham, Rushcliffe Community and Voluntary Service, and The Helpful Bureau.

4. Financial Implications

The comments from the Head of Finance Services were as follows:

Any grant awards will have to be met from the established grant aid budget shown in the table above. Members are reminded that they will need to suitably constrain grant awards in 2022/23 if the budget is not to be exceeded. The total 'cash' grant requested in this report are £3,150. The additional sums requested in this report, when compared to the previous year, would amount to £3,900 if all applications are fully supported.

5. Legal Implications

The Council is empowered to make grants to voluntary organisations by virtue of Section 48 Local Government Act 1985 (as well as other legislation). Having an approved process in line the legislation and the Council's Grant Aid Policy will ensure the Council's compliance with its legal duties

6. Background Papers

Nil

**APPENDIX**Applications

The following grant applications have been received for consideration in 2022/23:

<u>Applicant</u>		<u>Grant Award 2021/22 £</u>	<u>Grant Request 2022/23 £</u>
Phoenix Community Foundation	1	-	3,900
New Stapleford Community Association	2	4,000	4,000*
		<b>Total</b>	<b>7,900</b>

The total request is made up of £3,900 from the balance available, with £4,000\* being covered by the provision for rent awards and related commitments.

**Community Associations****1. PHOENIX COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

The Phoenix Community Foundation is a community group which has developed out of Phoenix Inham Football Club, a football team formed in 2015. Both the Foundation and Football Club are based at the Council's recreation ground at Inham Nook, Chilwell.

Members will recall that a request for capital funding of £9,000 (in the name of the Football Club) was approved by the Finance and Resources Committee on 8 October 2020 towards an ambitious scheme to "transform the Inham Nook Pavilion into a community hub and safe space for all."

Subsequent to this award, the Phoenix Community Foundation was incorporated in May 2021 and work commenced on the agreement of a formal lease between the Council and the Foundation for the Inham Nook Pavilion as a condition of the payment of the capital grant. During this time, the Foundation has helped deliver a number of community-based initiatives, including food bank/parcel services, coffee mornings and self-defence classes as well as the ongoing football club activities.

A formal lease has now been agreed for the pavilion, specifying an annual rent of £1,000 and provision for an annual charge of £3,000 (plus 5%, then subject to review to RPI in future years) for utilities. The arrangement is for the Council to monitor and pay the utility bills with the Foundation being recharged for the amounts used.

Phoenix Community Foundation has now applied to the Council for grant aid of £750 to cover the first-year rental charge (being £1,000 less £250 for an initial three-month rent-free period) and up to a further £3,150 for the first year of utility costs. As the Council will be paying the utility bills for the pavilion itself, no cash will be paid to the Foundation as a result of this application. Rather, the

funds will be administered through an internal transfer in the Council's financial system.

As the Foundation was only incorporated in May 2021, no formal financial statements have yet been prepared for the first year of activity. The Foundation has however provided bank statements which show total income to date of £10,000 (a grant from the National Lottery 'Awards for All' scheme) and total expenditure of £7,512 including food parcels (£7,000) and insurance (£512). Total cash reserves as at 31 March 2022 were £2,488.

For 2022/23, the Phoenix Community Foundation has requested a grant of up to £3,900 to cover the market rent and utilities costs for the Inham Nook pavilion. This grant would be for a period of one year. Whilst the rental element may be matched by allowances within the premises income budget, the cost of utilities (up to £3,150) will directly impact upon the grant aid budget.

## 2. NEW STAPLEFORD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The New Stapleford Community Association (NCSA) is responsible for the management and operation of the Council owned Community Centre on Washington Drive in Stapleford that was first opened in 1972.

The aim of NCSA is to provide a community meeting place for Stapleford and the surrounding area. A variety of groups utilise the facilities for educational, recreational and sporting activities, including senior citizen's groups, blood donor sessions, dance and fitness classes, community sessions, martial arts clubs and family groups. Around 400 people use the facilities every week, the majority of whom live in the borough.

For the year ended 31 December 2021, NCSA generated income of £3,132 from hall bookings, dances, and fund raising. Total expenditure amounted to £9,581 which included utilities, fixtures, repairs and maintenance, dance and social activities and other running costs. Total bank balances as at 31 December 2021 were £24,857. NCSA has earmarked part of these reserves towards painting and replacing equipment.

The Council has supported New Stapleford Community Association for many years with grant aid towards its premises rental. The grants awarded in the past four years were as follows:

2021/22	£4,000
2020/21	£4,000
2019/20	£4,000
2018/19	£4,000

For 2022/23, New Stapleford Community Association has requested a grant of £4,000 to cover the market rent. This grant would be for a period of one year and would be matched by allowances within the premises income budget and therefore leave the Council's overall budget unchanged.