

Report of the Interim Deputy Chief Executive

**GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS,
CHARITABLE BODIES AND INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN SPORTS,
THE ARTS AND DISABILITY MATTERS 2018/19**

1. Purpose of report

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

2. Applications and financial position

Details of the grant application received are included in appendix 1 for consideration. The amount available for distribution in 2018/19 is as follows:

	<u>£</u>
Revenue Grant Aid Budget	168,800
Less: Estimated requirements for: Outstanding Rent Awards/Others	44,850
Less: Grant Awards to Date	90,350
BALANCE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION	<u>33,600</u>

Members are reminded that they will need to suitably constrain grant awards in 2018/19 if the budget is not to be exceeded. The total amount requested in this report for 2018/19 total £515.

A summary of the grants awarded under delegated authority since April 2018 is included for information at appendix 2.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to:

- 1. Consider the request in appendix 1 and RESOLVE accordingly**
- 2. NOTE the grants awarded under delegated authority.**

Background papers

Nil

APPENDIX

Application

The following grant application has been received for consideration in 2018/19:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>App'n Ref</u>	<u>Grant Award 2017/18</u> £	<u>Grant Request 2018/19</u> £
Dig-In Community Alloment	1	515	515
		Total	515

Miscellaneous Category1. DIG-IN COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT

The DIG-IN Community Allotment scheme was established in 2004 and is based at the Albany Allotments on Pasture Road, Stapleford. DIG-IN provides a facility for local groups and residents to grow fruit and vegetables and explore biodiversity and horticulture. It is the only community allotment of its kind in the area and through its development has built up trust with local people.

The aim of DIG-IN is to create and operate a sustainable community allotment where people of different ages and backgrounds come together to share skills, knowledge and experience of organic food growing in a friendly supportive environment. The scheme encourages its users to learn and develop skills by providing an opportunity to merge arts and horticulture in creative projects, run accredited courses, link with similar projects and encourage an understanding of 'garden to plate' ethos with cooking sessions. The project also holds events to celebrate growing and associated activities to encourage wider involvement.

DIG-IN also aims to improve the health and wellbeing through its activities. It acts as a community hub for outdoor events and workshops which bring the local community together with a shared purpose. Combating social isolation, improving mental health and developing skills and knowledge are all integral to DIG IN and the reach it has into the communities around the Stapleford area

All activities are evaluated and this informs action planning for future events, workshops and sessions. The volunteers shape the DIG-IN activities and growing sessions are tailored around needs of the group.

DIG-IN is free and open to all (the project asks for donations at its events). Community groups and families use the site as a resource. Without this scheme many families would not access green spaces or be encouraged to growing healthy food on their own doorstep. The project welcomes volunteers from across the Borough as this not only strengthens the local community of Stapleford but offers a beneficial geographical diversity.

DIG-IN is managed by a steering group made up of local residents, voluntary groups and local agencies/authorities.

In 2017 the scheme has delivered:

- 102 volunteer sessions with around 720 volunteer attendees
- Two working party days to facilitate local businesses with team building exercises
- Ten produce distributions where surplus fruit and vegetables are given to local families
- Five outreach sessions helping with weeding overgrown flower beds (twice), building a bug hotel in school grounds, planting crocuses at local football ground and renovating a willow tunnel at a local school.
- 33 gardening information sessions at Dig-In allotment with groups such as Albany Infants/Nursery School, Albany Junior School, Wadsworth Fields Primary School, local Beavers, Rainbows and Brownies groups plus Inspire and Nottingham College, with these visits including 184 adults and 626 children.
- Supported Stapleford Childminders by providing raised beds for them to use on site.
- Delivered two annual events – the Summer Celebration and Harvest Festival which attracted over 200 local people
- Provided seven cookery workshops attended by 39 people (of all ages and some with disabilities)
- A willow wreath making workshop attended by 14 adults and two children (and some with disabilities).

For the year ended 28 February 2018, income totalling £12,005 was derived from grants and donations. Expenditure of £11,810 related to wages (totalling £7,237), activities and events, materials and other operating expenses. Stapleford Town Council supports the project by donating the three allotment plots for community use and as such no rental is charged. Cash and bank balances at 28 February 2018 amounted to £14,967, although only around £5,000 of this is unrestricted. All external funding sought is project specific.

The Council have supported the Dig-In Community Allotment for many years with grant aid towards its running costs. The grants awarded in the past four years were as follows:

2017/18	No application
2016/17 (March 2017)	£515
2015/16	£337
2014/15	£346

For 2018/19 the Dig-In Community Allotment has requested a similar grant of £515 towards insurance premium (£280), water charges (£100), membership and affiliation fees (£38) and web domain renewal and hosting (£97).

APPENDIX 2

Delegated Awards

A summary of the grants awarded under delegated authority since April 2018 is included below. The Council's policy in respect of grant aid to voluntary organisations is to award the amount requested by the organisation or the maximum specified whichever is the lower. Additional consideration is given to groups who can demonstrate that they are meeting the particular needs of disadvantaged sections of the community.

All requests under the revised delegated limit of £250 are considered under delegated authority, in conjunction with the Chair of this Committee. This includes applications from individuals involved with sport and the arts.

This Committee determines all requests for grants in excess of the £250 maximum.

Groups

Group	Total No. of Members	No. of Broxtowe Residents	Grant Award in 2017/18	Grant Award in 2018/19	Purpose of Grant Award
Chilwell Women's Institute	20	Majority	£100	£100	General running costs.
Beauvale Horticultural Show	15	13	£500	£250	Sponsorship of the show on 26 August 2018
Bramcote and District Probus Club	49	47	£100	£100	Towards the cost of a microphone system
St. Michael's & All Angels (Bramcote Parish Church)	290	All	Nil	£200	For the 'Stream of Poppies' commemoration service in King George V's Park, Bramcote - 1 July 2018
Play and Praise Toddler Group	c50	Majority	£100	£100	Replacement toys and other running costs
Age Concern Chilwell	c20	All	£250	£250	Premises, insurances and transport costs.
Chilwell Rd Methodist Church Ladies Circle	20	All	Nil	£100	Speakers fees and room hire
Hemlock Stone Probus Club	25	All	Nil	£100	Purchase of audio equipment
The Friendship Club (Beeston)	20	All	£100	£100	Speakers' fees
Inner Wheel Club of Beeston	15	13	£100	£100	General running costs

Individuals

Name	Grant Award in 2018/19	Purpose of Grant Award
Bradley Fry	£200	Slopestyle Skiing – Contribution towards travel expenses to competitions in Switzerland and training costs.