

Appendix

Applications

The following grant applications have been received for consideration:

		<u>Previous</u> <u>Year Grant</u> <u>Award</u> £	<u>Current Year</u> <u>Grant</u> <u>Request</u> £
Eastwood Volunteer Bureau and Food Bank	1	-	6,000
New Stapleford Community Association*	2	4,000	4,000*
Empowerment for Heya CIC	3	-	3,000
Beeston and District Civic Society	4	-	2,955
Rylands Shedz	5	-	610
	Total		16,565

* This request is to cover the cost of rental for Council owned premises and, as such, is a non-cash grant awarded via an internal transfer in the Council's financial systems.

1. EASTWOOD VOLUNTEER BUREAU AND FOOD BANK

Eastwood Volunteer Bureau and Food Bank ("the Bureau") is a company limited by guarantee and registered charity, initially formed in 1982.

The Bureau states it has three primary schemes: a Community Transport Scheme, a Befriending Scheme and a Food Bank. In pursuit of these schemes, the Bureau supports a "Knit and Natter" group which has been running for over 20 years and a Mental Health support group, both of which are free to join. The transport scheme offers safe, accessible, cost effective, flexible transport run by the community for the community. It meets the needs of people who cannot easily access cars, taxis or buses, whilst the "Be A Friend Scheme" aims to alleviate the isolation of housebound people by matching them with volunteers who visit them on a regular basis within their homes.

The food bank provides food to people who are having difficulty feeding themselves and their families. These include the long-term unemployed, asylum seekers, the homeless, families on low income and those waiting for benefits.

Approximately 450 people currently regularly access the services of the Bureau.

Financial Information

In the year ending 31 March 2024, total income of £58,100 (2023: £53,900) was generated, primarily through rental income of £23,290, grants of £17,960 and donations of £11,570. Total expenditure of £63,240 (2023: £53,540)

comprised primarily of employee costs (£39,780), food supplies (£6,600) and office costs (£3,300). Total reserves as at 31 March 2024 were £51,000 (2023: £56,200), comprising almost entirely of cash. As at the date of the application, current cash balances were stated as £72,400.

Grant Aid Request

For 2025/26, Eastwood Volunteer Bureau and Food Bank has requested a grant of £6,000 to cover a shortfall in the funding of the Transport Scheme.

The Council has provided support to Eastwood Volunteer Bureau and Food Bank previously, with a grant of £3,000 awarded in 2022/23 in support of the food bank service.

Such an award would be in line with the Council's Grant Aid policy for the following key reasons:

- The transport service provided by Eastwood Volunteer Bureau and Food Bank directly benefits Broxtowe residents and is complementary to the services provided by the Council.
- The transport scheme targets the needs of disadvantaged sections of the community.

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 370 people use the facilities every week, the majority of whom live in the borough.

Financial Information

For the year ended 31 December 2024, NCSA generated income of £18,000 (2023: £17,000) from hall bookings, dances, grants and fund raising. Total expenditure amounted to £17,914 (2023: £18,921) which included rent, utilities, fixtures, repairs and maintenance, dance and social activities and other running costs. Total bank balances as at 31 December 2024 were £20,000 (2023: £19,895). NCSA has earmarked part of these reserves towards repairs.

Grant Request

For 2025/26, 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.

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:

2024/25	£4,000
2023/24	£4,000
2022/23	£4,000
2021/22	£4,000

Such an award would be in line with the Council's Grant Aid policy for the following key reasons:

- The services provided by New Stapleford Community Association benefit Broxtowe residents and are complementary to the services provided by the Council.
- The activities of New Stapleford Community Association target the needs of vulnerable and disadvantaged sections of the community, in particular helping to combat loneliness and social exclusion within the Borough.
- Community Associations such as New Stapleford Community Association are a specific category of organisation welcomed to apply for Grant Aid.

3. EMPOWERMENT FOR HEYA CIC

Empowerment for Heya CIC ("Heya") was established in 2019 and supports Arabic women through social gatherings, digital skills training, awareness sessions, and cultural events. Heya provides a safe space, promotes wellbeing, and empowers women by amplifying their voices. Activities include refugee support, advocacy, cooking workshops, and collaborations with local services to break barriers and strengthen community connections.

At present, Heya supports 643 women, along with their husbands and an average of two children per family leading to an impact on over 2,500 individuals. Through cultural events, safe spaces, and tailored support, Heya promotes inclusion, wellbeing, and stronger community ties, especially among Arabic-speaking families across Broxtowe and surrounding areas.

Financial Information

For the year ended 31 December 2023, Heya generated income of £24,830 (2022: £29,200) and incurred expenditure of £26,900 (2022: £24,950). Total reserves as at 31 December 2023 were £1,420 (2022: £4,030).

Grant Request

This is a first application for a grant from Empowerment for Heya CIC. The request is for £3,000 in support (venue hire, refreshments, transport costs, childcare support, and volunteer expenses) of a pair of events, which Heya describes as follows:

Eid Celebration – “Eid Together”

This event will offer a joyous opportunity for families and individuals, particularly from refugee and asylum-seeking backgrounds, to come together and celebrate Eid. For many women in our community, this will be the only space they feel safe and welcomed enough to mark this important occasion.

Activities: Arabic food, music, children's play area, henna, and cultural displays.

Purpose: Combat isolation, promote inclusion, and bring people of different backgrounds together in celebration.

Target Audience: Women and families in Broxtowe, especially from Arabic speaking and refugee communities.

Women-Only Community Support Day – “Her Space”

This will be a safe, private gathering exclusively for women, with a focus on well being, empowerment, and practical support.

Activities: Distribution of donated essentials (clothes, hygiene items), well being activities, signposting to services, Zumba, and peer-led discussion circles.

Purpose: Create a warm, welcoming atmosphere where women can feel supported, access what they need, and build connections with others.

Target Audience: Isolated women, asylum seekers, refugees, and low income residents.

Such a grant award would be in line with the Grant Aid Policy for the following key reasons:

- The services provided by Empowerment for Heya CIC benefit the people of Broxtowe and are complementary to those services provided by the Council.
- The activities of Empowerment for Heya CIC target the needs of vulnerable sections of the community, helping to reduce social isolation and loneliness.

Members are also reminded that the Grant Aid Policy provides that:

The Council will not fund political groups or projects that promote political beliefs, religious groups or activities promoting religious beliefs or animal welfare charities.

Applications from religious/belief based groups may be considered if the organisation can demonstrate that the project is of wider community benefit and does not involve the promotion of religion or belief.

4. BEESTON AND DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

Beeston and District Civic Society (“the Society”) was established in 1974. The main activities of the Society are to protect the built and natural environment in Beeston and Chilwell and to organise a number of community events in the same area.

One such event is the Beeston Civic Design Awards, organised entirely by Society volunteers and now in its fourth iteration (the awards take place every other year). The awards cover the areas of Beeston, Attenborough, Chilwell, Bramcote, and Toton.

The competition aims and objectives include:

- Develop a community spirit, encouraging interaction between individuals.
- Create a sense of belonging and pride in place, creating an awareness of what’s around us.
- Stimulate an appreciation of what makes good design, that adds quality to our communities.

The Design Awards also aim to act as a platform to demonstrate what Beeston and District has to offer potential visitors and businesses – with the potential to encourage interest in the area and to increase visitors. The Society states that it has “secured the services of a prestigious panel of judges drawn from the areas of education, planning, architecture, wildlife management, and urban design. They will deliberate and adjudicate on the shortlisted entries, along with an open public vote for the ‘people’s choice’ and a children’s design competition.”

A presentation evening is planned to take place at Beeston's Royal British Legion in November 2025.

Financial Information

In the year ending 31 August 2024, total income of £7,370 (2023: £5,260) was generated, primarily through grants (£3,960) and subscriptions and donations (£2,590). Total expenditure of £8,150 (2023: £3,180) comprised primarily of the 'SkillFest' (£3,960) and subscriptions and grants to other bodies (£2,640). Total reserves as at 31 August 2024 were £8,660 (2023: £9,440), comprising almost entirely of cash and cash equivalents.

Grant Request

Beeston and District Civic Society has requested a grant of up to £2,955 in support of the costs of the Beeston Civic Design Awards 2025. This includes items such as publicity materials (£770) awards (£730) and also £1,105 for the purchase of audio visual equipment which will be retained after the awards for use at future events.

In recent years, the Council has supported the Society with a grant of £1,329 as a contribution towards the cost of street art in Beeston in 2021/22.

Such an award would be in line with the Council's Grant Aid policy for the following key reasons:

- The services provided by Beeston and District Civic Society benefit Broxtowe residents and are complementary to the services provided by the Council.
- Community Associations and Residents Associations such as Beeston and District Civic Society are a specific category of organisation welcomed to apply for Grant Aid.

5. RYLANDS SHEDZ

Rylands Shedz is a new "sheds group" base at Trent Vale Community Sports Association. At present, Rylands Shedz is undertaking some gardening work at the sports pavilion in consideration of use of the centre. Once established, the group intends to include small scale wood working projects.

The aims of the group are

- To promote social inclusion for public benefit through the provision of a facility.
- To prevent social exclusion by promoting the opportunity for friendships, social engagement and skill sharing in a safe and enjoyable environment, in which members can meet and carry out creative projects

acceptable to the Shed and of their own choosing, individually, jointly and for the benefit of the wider community.

- To promote good health and wellbeing to its members through active participation.

Before Rylands Shedz can advertise and open to members it needs to have public liability insurance in place and requires some basic woodworking tools and work benches.

Financial Information

As a new group in set-up, there are no financial statements available for review. However, the group has drawn up a formal constitution and provided evidence of a separate Club/Charity bank account (current balance: £nil).

Grant Request

Rylands Shedz has requested a grant of £610. Of this, £250 is considered as a contribution towards anticipated operating costs (such as public liability insurance) for the financial year 2025/26. A further £360 comprises a contribution towards the cost of various workshop tools required for the group to commence activities.

Such an award would be in line with the Council's Grant Aid policy for the following key reasons:

- The services provided by Rylands Shedz benefit Broxtowe residents and are complementary to the services provided by the Council.
- The activities of Rylands Shedz target the needs of vulnerable and disadvantaged sections of the community, in particular helping to combat loneliness and social exclusion within the Borough.