

# North Lanarkshire Council Report

## Community Empowerment Committee

approval  noting

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## Grant Awards Programme 2022/23

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### Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide the Community Empowerment Committee with details of applications submitted for funding from the Council's Grant Awards Programme (2022/23) for approval. The Grant Awards Programme seeks to support community and voluntary organisations' contribution toward achieving outcomes included in the Plan for North Lanarkshire.

Updated guidance and criteria for the Grant Award Programme, to reflect the priorities within the Plan for North Lanarkshire, as well as a change in the process for allocation of funding based on scoring, has been developed which is outlined within section 2 of the report.

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### Recommendations

It is recommended that the Community Empowerment Committee

- (1) approve the funding recommendations for the 2022-2023 grant awards programme as outlined in section 2.6 and Appendix 1 of this report;
- (2) endorse the updated guidance and criteria for the Grant Award Programme to reflect the priorities within the Plan for North Lanarkshire as well as the change in the process for allocation of funding based on scoring as set out in section 2 of the report; and
- (3) approve an allocation of £6470 from the 2021/22 Grant Award budget to the Lanarkshire Muslim Welfare Society.

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### The Plan for North Lanarkshire

Priority	Enhance participation, capacity, and empowerment across our communities
Ambition statement	(20) Improve the involvement of communities in the decisions, and development of services and supports, that affect them

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## **1. Background**

### **1.1 Funding Allocations – Grant Awards Programme**

- 1.1.1 At its meeting on 20 August 2013, the former Learning and Leisure Services Committee approved the arrangements for the introduction of the Grant Awards Programme together with an associated scoring system against which all applications are assessed.
- 1.1.2 At its meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 Council approved a budget which included the Grant Awards Programme. The overall budget available to support the 2021/22 programme is £570,955.00. This report assumes that a similar level of budget will be available for Grant Awards for 2022/23 and asks committee to approve allocations pending budget decisions.

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## **2. Report**

### **2.1 Grant Awards Programme 2022/23**

- 2.1 A total of 78 applications have been received for the 2022/23 programme, 28 of which are new applications to the programme. The total amount requested from Community Groups and organisations is £2,040,641. This is significantly higher than the anticipated available budget of £570,955.00
- 2.2 Additionally, committee is asked to approve an allocation of £6470 from the 2021/22 Grant Award Programme to be awarded to the Lanarkshire Muslim Welfare Society.
- 2.3 All applications have been initially assessed by council officers, then scored by a panel comprising officers from Council Services and Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire, the Third Sector Interface. A scoring system, along with the findings from the initial assessment and ongoing monitoring for organisations already in receipt of Grant Awards informs the recommendations for award. The Grant Award application and assessment criteria can be accessed via this link [here](#). The criteria reflect the public sector equalities duties but has now been updated to reflect the priorities within The Plan for North Lanarkshire: -
- improve economic opportunities and outcomes;
  - support all children and young people to realise their full potential;
  - improve the health and wellbeing of our communities; and
  - enhance participation, capacity and empowerment across our communities.
- 2.4 Previously there was a different allocation system applied to organisations already receiving funding on the basis that the scoring process showed that repeat funded organisations are consistent in their approach and in what they deliver against outcomes. However, feedback received from elected members and community and voluntary sector organisations suggested a negative impact of this approach on newer organisations, significantly, for example, those who have emerged because of the pandemic and have and continue to play significant role in recovery but also in supporting wider community activity.

2.5 The allocation system and rationale applied in this instance works towards improving equity of consideration across all applicants. Allocation of grant awards will now be based on assessment of application, assessment, and monitoring reports (where appropriate). Whether or not an organisation has previously received funding from the Grant Award programme will now not be a consideration regarding whether they receive funding. Therefore all organisations who scored between 1 and 6 have been recommended to receive a proportion of what they requested and all organisations who scored 7 or higher have been recommended to receive no award.

2.6 However, given the number of applications versus the available budget, there is a need to balance the requirements of new applicants with limiting the potential for impact on previously funded organisations as they transition to the new approach. Therefore, the application of one formula for allocation of funding across all applications would not be fair or proportionate throughout this transition period. Budget permitting recommendations for 2022/23 funding are based on:

#### **Applications from Currently Funded Organisations – (49 Applications)**

- Scores of 1 to 3 – a reduction in 2021/2022 funding award of 8% (32 Applications)
- Scores of 4 to 6 – a reduction in 2021/2022 funding award of 15% (10 Applications)
- Scores of 7 and above – Nil award (7 Applications)

#### **New Applicants – (28 Applications)**

- Scores of 1 to 3 – award 20% of request (7 Applications)
- Scores of 4 and above – award 15% of request (5 Applications)
- Scores of 7 and above – Nil award (16 Applications)

2.5 The application process will also be updated to reflect the climate action priorities for the Council.

2.6 Award recommendations for 2022/23 are summarised in Appendix.

#### **2.6 ClubsportNL**

2.6.1 ClubsportNL is a North Lanarkshire wide organisation which provides a one stop shop to support the voluntary sport sector. The following services are provided by ClubsportNL and monitored by the Council on an annual basis: -

- the provision of small grants to member organisations in respect of development, competition and equipment;
- the provision of financial support to talented athletes to compete at international competition via scholarships;
- access, for members, to reduced cost transport;
- free generic training opportunities for members, and
- support for member organisations to improve their governance through the provision of information, advice, and training.

2.6.2 It is proposed that the Council allocate £9,856.00 to ClubsportNL. The service level specification will be reviewed for 2022/23.

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### **3. Public Sector Equality Duty and Fairer Scotland Duty**

#### 3.1 Fairer Scotland Duty

3.1.1 The approved award criteria have been subject to an integrated Fairer Scotland Duty/Equality Impact Assessment.

#### 3.2 Equality Impact Assessment

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### **4. Impact**

#### 4.1 Financial impact

4.1.1 Details of Grant Award Programme applications assessed to date and recommendations, are listed in Appendix 2, awards will be met from the Council's grant award programme revenue budget allocation for 2022/23.

#### 4.2 HR policy / Legislative impact

4.2.1 None.

#### 4.3 Technology / Digital impact

4.3.1 None.

#### 4.4 Environmental impact

4.4.1 Many of the organisations funded via the Grant Awards Programme deliver programmes/services that impact positively on the environment of North Lanarkshire communities.

#### 4.5 Communications impact

4.5.1 Communications plan in place regarding the revised criteria outlined in Appendix 1.

#### 4.6 Risk impact

4.6.1 None.

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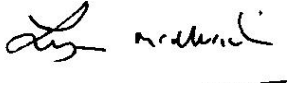
### **5. Measures of success**

5.1 Outcomes delivered by the Grant Funded Organisations meet those set out in their applications.

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**6. Supporting documents**

- 6.1 Appendix 1 – Discretionary Funding to Support Voluntary and Community Organisations – Annual Funding Recommendations 2022/23.

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**Lizanne McMurrich**  
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## GRANT AWARDS PROGRAMME 2022-2023

## DISCRETIONARY FUNDING TO SUPPORT VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS – ANNUAL FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS 2022-2023

Organisations currently funded	Area or Locality	2021-22 Award	2022-2023 Request	2022 -2023 Recommendation
Banton & Kelvinhead Community Centre Association	Kilsyth & Village	£1,046	£1,500	Nil
Bazooka Arts	Airdrie, Coatbridge, Bellshill, Motherwell, Wishaw	£5,202	£48,995	£4,786
Bellshill & Mossend YMCA	Bellshill	£14,343	£20,000	£13,196
Cool School Uniforms	Coatbridge	£2,500	£3,000	£2,300
Craigneuk Lifelong Learning Association	Motherwell	£19,554	£24,000	£17,990
Cumbernauld Free Church of Scotland	Cumbernauld	£4,521	£36,000	£3,843
Cumbernauld Poverty Action	Cumbernauld, Kilsyth & Village	£2,187	£2,413	£2,012
Cumbernauld YMCA	Airdrie, Cumbernauld, Northern Corridor	£22,229	£29,760	£20,451
Deaf Services Lanarkshire	NL Wide	£4,168	£24,630	£3,835
Deaf Blind Scotland	NL Wide	£3,499	£4,806	£3,219
Elutheria Co Ltd – The Safety Zone	Coatbridge	£12,692	£50,000	£11,677
Enable Scotland (Leading the Way)	Cumbernauld, Kilsyth & Village	£5,936	£20,000	£5,461
Ethnic Minorities Law Centre	NL Wide	£15,740	£27,500	£14,481
Focus Youth Project	Bellshill	£103,845	£103,845	£88,268
Friends of Airdrie and Coatbridge Islamic Centre	Airdrie	£2,515	£6,000	Nil
Garrion People Housing Co-operative	Wishaw	£4,402	£5,950	£3,742
Getting Better Together Shotts Healthy Living Centre	Wishaw, Shotts	£6,168	£43,000	£5,675

Glenboig Development Trust	Northern Corridor	£12,893	£50,000	£11,944
Glencassels Community Development Project	Motherwell	£12,942	£30,707	£11,907
Jack & jill Parent Support Group	NL Wide	£3,698	£9,540	£3,402
Jackson Youth Group	Airdrie	£1,100	£4,100	£1,000
Kanokwai Judo Club	Bellshill, Coatbridge	£1,100	£4,650	Nil
<b>Organisations currently funded</b>	<b>Area or Locality</b>	<b>2021-22 Award</b>	<b>2022-2023 Request</b>	<b>2022-2023 Recommendation</b>
Kilsyth Old People's Welfare Committee	Kilsyth & Village	£1,000	£5,000	Nil
Kirkshaws Neighbourhood Centre	Coatbridge	£50,000	£50,000	£46,000
LAMH Recycle	NL Wide	£10,299	£35,266	£8,754
Lanarkshire Cancer care Trust	NL Wide	£4,511	£20,000	Nil
Lanarkshire Community Food & Health Partnership	NL Wide	£11,502	£44,378	£10,582
Lanarkshire Deaf Club	NL Wide	£6,101	£21,550	£5,613
Lanarkshire Rape Crisis Centre	NL Wide	£6,259	£16,275	£5,758
Lead Scotland	NL Wide	£26,406	£36,162	£24,294
Made 4U in ML2	Wishaw	£14,358	£39,977	£13,209
Nifty Fifties	Airdrie, Coatbridge	£1,000	£2,000	Nil
North Lanarkshire Disability Action Panel	NL Wide	£1,165	£2,500	£1,000
North Lanarkshire Muslim Women & Family Alliance	NL Wide	£4,826	£15,000	£4,102
NSPCC Scotland	NL Wide	£1,521	£4,800	Nil
One Parent Families Scotland	NL Wide	£1,100	£10,300	£1,000
Parent Action for Safeplay	Airdrie, Coatbridge	£39,461	£39,461	£36,304
Parkinsons Self Help Group (North Lanarkshire)	Airdrie, Coatbridge, Cumbernauld	£6,400	£11,000	£5,888
Ponies Help Children	NL Wide	£1,469	£20,000	£1,249
Radio Clyde Cash for Kids	NL Wide	£3,598	£13,374	£3,310
Reeltime Music	NL Wide	£10,021	£35,000	£9,219
Scottish Refugee Council	NL Wide	£5,833	£9,993	£4,958
Scottish Spina Bifida Association	NL Wide	£2,779	£7,500	£2,557
The Haven Caring Counselling Communication Centre	NL Wide	£2,559	£5,000	£2,175
The Health & Wellness Hub	Motherwell	£2,286	£50,000	£2,103

Utheo Ltd (Orbiston Business Centre)	Bellshill	£47,405	£50,000	£43,613
Victim Support Scotland	NL Wide	£6,850	£6,850	£6,302
Viewpark Family Centre Association	Bellshill	£19,913	£50,000	£18,320
VIP Arts & Sports Academy	Bellshill	£5,558	£50,000	£4,724
<b>Total</b>				<b>£490,223</b>
<b>New Applicants</b>	<b>Area or Locality</b>	<b>2021-22 Award</b>	<b>2022-2023 Request</b>	<b>2022-2023 Recommendation</b>
Abronhill Regeneration Forum	Cumbernauld	NA	£50,000	£10,000
African Collaboration Group	Bellshill, Coatbridge, Motherwell, Wishaw	NA	£50,000	£7,500
Auchinloch Community Council	Northern Corridor	NA	£17,619	Nil
Bear Necessities	NL Wide	NA	£50,000	Nil
Carbrain Boys Club	Cumbernauld	NA	£2450	Nil
Cliftonville & Coatdyke Community Group	Airdrie, Coatbridge	NA	£40,000	Nil
Craigneuk Community Sports Trust	Wishaw, Motherwell	NA	£14,500	£2,900
Cruse Bereavement Care Scotland	NL Wide	Nil	£10,000	Nil
Cumbernauld Action on Care of the Elderly	Cumbernauld, Kilsyth & Village, Northern Corridor	NA	£50,000	£10,000
Cumbernauld & Kilsyth Care	NL Wide	NA	£43,115	£8,623
Cumbernauld Resilience	Cumbernauld	NA	£50,000	Nil
Friends of Cumbernauld Care Home	Cumbernauld	NA	£25,000	Nil
Moira Anderson Foundation	NL Wide	NA	£10,363	£2,073
Palacerigg Animal Park CIC (TA Palacerigg Community Farm)	Cumbernauld, Kilsyth & Village, Northern Corridor	NA	£47,985	Nil
Palacerigg Community Trust	Cumbernauld, Kilsyth & Village, Northern Corridor	NA	£49,512	Nil



PALS (Play and Learning Support)	NL Wide	NA	£4,000	£1,000
Phew Respite (Scotland)	NL Wide	NA	£22,205	£3,331
Shotts Salvation Army	Shotts	NA	£1,000	£1,000
SNAPS (Special Needs and Parents Support North Lanarkshire)	NL Wide	NA	£11,000	Nil
St Andrews Hospice (North Lanarkshire)	Airdrie, Bellshill, Coatbridge, Motherwell, Northern Corridor, Wishaw, Shotts	NA	£28,681	Nil
<b>New Applicants</b>	<b>Area or Locality</b>	<b>2021-22 Award</b>	<b>2022-2023 Request</b>	<b>2022-2023 Recommendation</b>
St Patricks Furniture Project	Airdrie, Bellshill, Coatbridge, Motherwell, Wishaw, Shotts	NA	£10,000	Nil
Strathcarron Hospice	Northern Corridor	NA	£15,400	Nil
The Indigo Childcare Group	Cumbernauld	NA	£32,370	Nil
The Miracle Foundation	NL Wide	NA	£50,000	£10,000
Thorniewood Community Council	Bellshill	NA	£13,700	£2,055
Venture Scotland	NL Wide	NA	£49,596	Nil
Viewpark Conservation Group	Bellshill, Coatbridge	NA	£16,500	£2,475
Wishaw Young Men's Christian Association	Wishaw	NA	£14,860	Nil
<b>Total</b>				<b>£60,957</b>

### Clubsport NL

Organisation	Area or Locality	2021-22 Award	2022-2023 Recommendation
Clubsport NL	NL Wide	£9,856	£9,856

### Outstanding allocation for 2021/22

Organisation	Area or Locality	2020-21 Award	2021-2022 Recommendation
Lanarkshire Muslim Welfare Society	NL Wide	£5,882	£6,470