

**Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council**

**Community Services Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020**

**Report of the Town Clerk**

**Agenda item 6 – Grant applications**

**Community Grants**

The budget for community grants for 2020/21 is £18,000 and these are considered by the four (quarterly) meetings of this committee.

The following grant applications have been received for consideration by the Committee. In accordance with the previous resolution of the Committee only the forms and not all the supporting papers, are attached with this report. Any other background/ supporting papers are available for inspection in the office.

	<b>Name of Applicant</b>	<b>Summary reason for the grant application (for full details see grant application form)</b>	<b>Grant requested</b>
1	Cleanslate	To provide long term support to their clients.	£500
2	DAMASCUS Youth Project	Towards the cost of continued support in South Abingdon with the new Covid-19 restrictions in place.	£5,000
3	Homestart Southern Oxfordshire	Towards the cost of continued support of families in Abingdon	£1,000

**Community Fund** Note that the Council also has a “Community Fund” under the control of the Finance and General Purposes Committee. This Committee has the power to refer grant applications to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for consideration under the Community Fund, with a recommendation in relation to the grant.

When the Community Fund was established in 2010/11 it was focussed on supporting organisations who were losing funding as a result of grant reductions from the District and County Councils and in particular organisations working with and supporting children, young people and the elderly. It was later (2011) stated that “the Council is aware of the pressures on local services and community groups and this Fund will help support groups and services and also new projects for the Town.” The criteria

were deliberately kept wide to enable the Fund to be flexible and responsive to emerging demands.

The current year budget for this fund is £11,500 and there is also an earmarked reserve amounting to £21,500. The level of accumulated balances is a matter which the Finance and General Purposes Committee may wish to consider.

In practice the Fund has been used to award grants in excess of £1,000.

**The total of the above applications** for consideration at this meeting amounts to £6,500.

Grant determinations from the Community Grants budget will be a resolved item. If the Committee considers that an application could benefit from the Community Fund then this will be a recommendation to the Finance and General Purposes Committee, with or without a suggested figure.

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Town Clerk  
28<sup>th</sup> May 2020