

ABINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Report to	COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
Meeting date	23 May 2023
Report author	Democratic Services Officer
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GRANTS DETERMINATION REPORT

1. Purpose of this report

1.1 Presentation of grant applications received for approval.

2. Summary

2.1 The following grant applications have been received for consideration by the Committee:

Abingdon Music Centre Trust	£ 515
Home Start Southern Oxfordshire	£2,000
Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue	<u>£1,055.98</u>
Total	<u>£3,570.98</u>

2.2 The applications have been assessed against the council's objectives and a grant scoring sheet is provided with this report.

2.3 The total budget available in the annual community grants fund (406/4886) for 2022-23 is £30,000.

3. Action required

3.1 Members are requested to determine these grant applications.

4. Link to strategic plan and objectives

4.1 The objective being met is: 'To work with community partners to support those who are vulnerable and in need and to create opportunities to increase social inclusivity.'

5. **Background**

5.1 Abingdon Music Centre Trust has previously been awarded grants by the town council as follows:

2011-12	£250
2018-19	£1,000
2019-20	£440
Total	£1,690

5.2 Home Start Southern Oxfordshire has previously been awarded grants by the town council as follows:

2019-20	£500
2020-21	£1,000
Total	£1,500

5.3 Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue has not received any support from the town council in the past.

6. **Key information and options**

6.1 Members are required to consider the grant application and choose one of the following options:

- (i) Award the grant requested in full;
- (ii) Award a partial amount of the grant requested;
- (iii) Refuse the grant request and confirm the reason for this decision;
- (iv) Request further information from the applicant and defer a decision to a future meeting.

6.2 The table below summarises the application:

Applicant	Project	Total cost of project	Grant applied for	Total score	Score to grant applied for (score/grant applied for x 100)
Abingdon Music Centre Trust	Purchase of portable rechargeable PA equipment	£515	£515	12	$\frac{12}{515} \times 100 =$ <u>2.33</u>
Home Start Southern Oxfordshire	Support for vulnerable families in Abingdon	£2,000	£2,000	13	$\frac{13}{2000} \times 100 =$ <u>0.65</u>

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Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue	To build weatherproof storage	£1,355.98	£1055.98	3	$\frac{3}{1356} \times 100 = 0.22$

6.3 The intention of calculating the **score to grant applied for** is to allow a comparison which considers both the financial request and the ways in which the project can meet the aims and objectives of the council. A higher score suggests that the grant offers better value for money than a lower scoring application. For comparison, grants awarded since September 2022 had scores of 5, 12, 17, 14, 13 and 2.1

7. **Climate change/green implications**

7.1 As part of the grant scoring process the green implications of each application are considered and are reflected in the final scorings.

8. **Financial/budget implications**

8.1 The budget for community grants for 2023-4 is £30,000 (406/4886). Councillors are advised that any unspent element of the budget at the end of the civic year shall be transferred to the general fund and will not be available to fund any further community grants.

8.2 If the grants are awarded in full the remaining community grant budget for this year would be £26,429.02

9. **HR implications**

9.1 None.

10. **Supporting papers and appendices**

10.1 Application form

10.2 Grant scoring criteria spreadsheet

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