

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL
Report by Chief Officer, Resources
Alexander Cross Cameron Fund Committee
14 April 2021

Subject: Grant Applications

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide additional information on a grant application to the Alexander Cross Cameron Trust Fund and to make an officer recommendation for Members consideration.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that Committee agrees the officer recommendation to refuse the grant application from Golden Friendships for the reasons provided within Appendix 1.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Trust Deed states that the purpose of the Alexander Cross Cameron Fund is for 'considering applications by or on behalf of non-profit making community groups for grant assistance towards the cost of one-off community activities within Clydebank the objectives of which are in the opinion of the Trustee, to assist and relieve those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage. For the avoidance of doubt no grant assistance shall be paid in respect of the normal running costs of the community group itself'.
- 3.2 Alexander Cross Cameron Fund grants are administered by the West Dunbartonshire Council and are reported to the fund as and when applications are received.
- 3.3 Per the 2019-20 Financial Statements, the value of fund as at 31 March 2020 was £115,638.45. Since 31 March 2020 no grants have been awarded, therefore £115,638.45 remains available for distribution.

4. Main Issues

Grant Applications

4.1 One application for grant funding has been received. Members should note that an amount of £0 is being recommended with full details being provided in the attached Appendix.

4.2 At the previous committee meeting held on 24th March 2021 members requested additional information be provided on the group's financial reserves. This information is listed on appendix 2.

4.3 Members will note the reasons provided by officers in relation to the recommendations of award and will need to ensure that when making awards that these are made in line with the aims and purposes of the Trust Fund.

5. Option Appraisal

5.1 No option appraisal consideration was required for this report.

6. People Implications

6.1 There are no people implications.

7. Financial Implications

7.1 It is recommended that £0 grant is awarded from the Alexander Cross Cameron Fund.

8. Risk Analysis

8.1 The Committee must consider financial and reputational risks when considering grant applications. The financial risk is not only that the Alexander Cross Cameron Fund remains financially viable, but also that the organisations funded by the Fund comply with the Conditions of Grant which cover issues such as discrimination, health and safety, insurance, etc. As stated at 4.3 above, Members must ensure funds awarded are for the purposes of the Trust Fund.

9. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

9.1 No issues were identified in a screening of applications.

10. Environmental Sustainability

10.1 No environmental sustainability issues require to be raised in connection with this report.

11. Consultation

11.1 All organisations are consulted regarding recommendations of grant prior to the report being submitted to committee. The Council's Legal Service has been consulted in relation to this report.

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Appendices: Appendix 1: Detail of applications for assessment
Appendix 2: Additional information on group reserves

Background Papers: Grant Application Forms.
Report to Alexander Cross Cameron Trust Fund
Committee held on 24 March 2021.

Wards Affected: Ward 4, 5 and 6