

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL
Report by Chief Officer, Resources
Alexander Cross Cameron Fund Committee
6 June 2024

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide 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 award £3,000 requested in the grant application from Lomond & Clyde Care and Repair 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 draft 2023-24 Financial Statements, the value of fund as at 31 March 2024 was £122,076. Since 31 March 2024 no grants have been awarded, therefore £24,570 remains available for distribution as £97,506 is invested in a 2 year fixed interest account with no access to the funds.

4. Main Issues

Grant Applications

- 4.1 One application for grant funding has been received. Members should note that an amount of £3,000 is being recommended with full details being provided in the attached Appendix.

- 4.2** 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 £3,000 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 4.2 above, Members must ensure funds awarded are for the purposes of the Trust Fund.
- 9. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)**
- 9.1** No equalities impact assessment was required in relation to this report.
- 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.

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Appendices: Appendix 1: Detail of application for assessment

Background Papers: Grant Application Forms.
Report to Alexander Cross Cameron Trust Fund

Wards Affected: Wards 4, 5 and 6