
Report To:	Education & Communities Committee	Date:	8 May 2018
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Subject:	Grants to Voluntary Organisations		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to give consideration to the allocation of funding from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations (GTVO) Budget in 2018/19.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The total GTVO budget for 2018/19 is £244,190.

The Education & Communities Committee in conjunction with the Environment & Regeneration Committee previously approved funding of £18,600 from the GTVO budget to pay the commercial property rents of four third sector organisations.

£30,000 has also been approved for summer playschemes at the following venues:

- Branchton Community Centre
- Craighend Resource Centre
- Auchmountain Community Centre
- Youth Connections
- Inverkip Community Centre (via Inverclyde Leisure)
- Boglestone Community Centre (via Inverclyde Leisure)

The balance available for new one-off applications following the above allocations is therefore £195,590.

- 2.2 The GTVO budget has operated for a number of years with no cap on the amount awarded to individual organisations has ever been set on grant awards approved. However, given that only one-off awards will be accepted in Financial Year 2018/19 and to ensure fairness to all applicants, it is proposed that an award cap of £25,000 per organisation is now set.

Following Committee approval, an amendment will be made to the guidance notes to ensure that all applicants are fully aware of the cap on funding prior to submitting their application.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 It is recommended that the Committee approves a cap of £25,000 on GTVO applications.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 To secure best value for the public pound, Service Level Agreements were put in place for grants of over £5,000 and a more formal end of year process put in place.

The current Guidance Notes for Registration/Application provide advice on what is considered to be qualifying expenditure.,

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

- 5.1 Financial Implications:

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
GTVO	Other Expenditure	2018/19	£244,190		

Legal

- 5.2 None

Human Resources

- 5.3 None

Equalities

- 5.4 None

Repopulation

- 5.5 None

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 None required

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 The application forms and guidance are available on request.