
Report for councillors: Rapid Covid grant pot update

Issued to: Finance and resources 8th March 2021

Purpose of Report

To review the Rapid Covid grants process and to decide whether to move the unspent grant budget forward to 2021-2022

Background

On the 27th April the F& R committee agreed to implement the rapid Covid grants process under delegated authority (min ref:17/20/F&R). So far £8,209.70 has been granted to six groups using the rapid Covid grant process. This has been a simple and effective way of providing support quickly.

All applications received through the council website are initially assessed (by RFO), to ensure they meet the criteria, then they are sent to the Town Clerk who requests councillors' swift input before a decision is made.

There is just over £7,000 of unallocated funds in this years' grant pot and we know that the effects of this pandemic will continue to affect the community for some time. This money could be rolled over to support community groups throughout the coming year.

Financial Budget 2021-22

£ 7,054 remaining in grant budget

4761 Budget Code

Policy implications

Corporate pillar 2: Culture and Community

The Town Council is committed to supporting a year-round programme of cultural events throughout Burnham and Highbridge, providing improved infrastructure where possible that will benefit the towns and its residents.



Options/Recommendations

- To agree that the Council will move the remaining unallocated grants budget into a rapid Covid grant pot to be used during 2021-2022
- To agree to continue to permit the allocation of grants through the rapid grant process until the end of 21/22 or until the fund is exhausted.

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