

<b>Report on</b>	Schools Sports Facilities Grant
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To advise Members on the advertised Schools' Sports Facilities Access Grants.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	Previously in Feb 2021, Members approved the Community Grants Policy 2021 – 2022. This report refers to the previously approved policy – Schools Access to Sports Facilities Grant. This grant allows for maximum award of £5,000 for the provision of schools sports facilities for community use of minority sports that do not have their own provision in areas with the overall budget set at £10,000.
2.2	<p>The objectives for the programmes are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase access to underutilised school sports synthetic pitch facilities.</li> <li>• Contribute to the cost of opening up and maintaining schools' sports facilities, thereby encouraging ongoing usage.</li> <li>• Increase local people's access to training and competitive play opportunities.</li> <li>• Enhance access to team sports activities which are under-resourced or under-represented.</li> </ul>
2.3	<p>As in previous years, the maximum amount available is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum of £5,000 per club or school, dependent on level of usage. This is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Up to £4,500 maximum grant.</li> <li>➢ For use of school sports facilities which have not previously been available for community use, up to an additional £500 grant on a pro rata basis.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The actual amount awarded will be dependent on the score each application achieves under the specified criteria. All grant maximums may be reduced if the fund is heavily oversubscribed by eligible applicants.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	The grant was advertised during week commencing 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2021. Closing date was Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2021. It was open to sports clubs or schools where eligible expenditure can be demonstrated as being incurred between 1 October 2021 and 31 March 2022 and all funds must be spent by 31 March 2022. A total of 7 applications were received and, as with previous years, passed to Williamson Consulting for assessment.
3.2	The assessment of the applications were carried out during the 15 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2021. This involved three steps: review of all information to check completeness; eligibility check; and scoring the application.

3.3	As with previous years, the score was carried out using a formula system which automatically produced an indicated grant level.
3.4	<p>The outcome of the scoring is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 Applications passed the eligibility check and provided sufficient information and were therefore eligible for funding.</li> </ul>
3.5	<p>Williamson Consulting commented that 5 applications met the requirements for eligibility and recommended funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cookstown Hockey Club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Recommendation – Application to be funded at £4,500</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Dungannon Ladies Hockey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Recommendation – Application to be funded at £4,500</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Errigal Ciaran GAC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Recommendation – Application to be funded at £2,800</li> </ul> </li> <li>• St. Mary's Primary School, Pomeroy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Recommendation – Application to be funded at £4,050</li> </ul> </li> <li>• St. Oliver Plunkett GAC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Recommendation – Application to be funded at £3,000</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
3.6	All of the above grants will support hire / usage of school sports facilities.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<p><b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b></p> <p><b><u>Financial</u></b></p> <p>Budget allocation within the 2021/2022 for maximum of £10,000 – total amount recommended for funding is £18,850. The additional £8,850 of funding is to be derived from underspend in other sport programmes and grants areas.</p> <p>Human: Officer time to facilitate the process.</p> <p>Risk Management Considered in line with Council Policies and Procedures.</p>
<b>4.2</b>	<p><b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b></p> <p>Equality &amp; Good Relations Implications: Considered in line with Council Policies and Procedures.</p> <p>Rural Needs Implications: Considered in line with Council Policies and Procedures.</p>

<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	Members are asked to agree to the recommendation for successful grant applications as detailed in section 3.5.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	Appendix A – Grant Criteria
6.2	Appendix B – Mid Ulster District Council Schools’ Sports Facilities Access Grant Assessment Nov 2021