

Report on	Community Festivals Grant
Date of Meeting	4 th October 2023
Reporting Officer	Claire Linney, Assistant Director of Development
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1	Purpose of Report
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1.1	<p>The purpose of this report is to update members and seek approval for the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for additional resourcing to support the current applications to the Community Festival Grant.
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2	Key Issues
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2.1	Community Festival Grant
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At the Development Committee of 14th September a paper was presented on the Community Festivals Grant. The Committee was updated on the current position regarding the Community Festival Grant Fund and its budget deficit.

The position as of September is as follows:

Community Festivals budget £74,000	Allocation	Balance
April	£41,688	£32,312
May	£14,804	£17,508
June	£1,872	£15,636
July	£5,865	£9,771
September	£15,214	-£5,443

Members raised concerns that groups would not have been aware of the position that the fund could potentially close due to budget. If they had been aware they could have pre prepared and had an application in at January and would not have been unfairly disadvantaged. Officers had been requested to examine additional sources of funding to enable the fund to remain open and have formally written to DFC seeking additional funding to the Community Festival Grant (they currently contribute £29,800). If additional funding is secured match funding may be required by the Council, which is in line with the current offer.

	The Development Committee also recommended that the shortfall of £5,443 is sought through P&R from Council reserves to allow full allocation to applicants eligible for funding as per the Sept Development report.
3.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Community Festivals Fund of £5,443 to grant aid all of the application as per the September report.
	Human: NA
	Risk Management: NA
3.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: NA
	Rural Needs Implications: NA
4	Recommendations
5.1	Members are recommended to; Consider a financial contribution of £5,443 from Council reserves to the Community Festivals Fund to support applications as detailed in the September Development report.
6	List of Documents Attached