

REPORT TO THE FINANCE, EMPLOYMENT & SERVICES COMMITTEE



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Subject	Small Grant Application

PURPOSE:

1. To provide details of a Small Grant Application that has been received for the Committees consideration.

BACKGROUND:

2. Colne Town Council has a commitment to encourage, support and promote local community, voluntary and not-for-profit organisations in Colne for the benefit of the Town.
3. The Town Council currently operates three different grant schemes as follows:
 - Small Grant Scheme
 - Climate Change Grant Scheme
 - Nature Reserve Grant Scheme
4. Colne Town Council has adopted a Small Grants Policy that is reviewed regularly. (Please refer to appendix 1 of this report for details.)
5. The agreed budget for the financial year commencing 1st April 2026 includes a total of £8,100 collectively for Climate Change and Community Projects, and a top up to £15,000 for the Nature Reserve Grant.
6. The grants awarded are normally restricted to £1,000 for Small Grants, £1,500 for Climate Change Grants and £5,000 for Nature Reserve Grants, however these limits may be lifted at the Committees discretion.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

7. Please find information relating to the Grant Applications already awarded for 2026/27 below:
 - Waterside Millenium Green Trust – The Trust were awarded a sum of £1,000 to help with funding for security at a free family friendly event on Saturday, 27th June 2026 from 11am – 8pm in the central space of the Millenium Green.

- Elisha House – Elisha House was awarded a sum of £1,000 to help fund an early intervention programme for young people in Colne and the wider Pendle area who are NEET or at risk of substance misuse and anti-social behaviour.
- Colne Dramatic Society were awarded £1000 for stage surround improvements and installation of visual aids.
- Alkincoates Woodland Nature Reserve were awarded £5000 for the ongoing Management, Maintenance & Development of the Reserve

8. The awarded funding leaves a balance of £8,375 for climate change and community projects, and a value of £10,000 for nature reserve grants.

GRANT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

9. A new application has been received from the Colne Armed Forces Breakfast Club

Brief details of the Grant – To purchase a ceremonial standard For Colne & surrounding area veterans & townsfolk. This will replace the current RBL standard which is currently used but could be taken back by the RBL.

Main Outcome to be achieved – Standard to be used on Remembrance Day and funerals and services where appropriate. Without a standard veterans wouldn't march.

Total Project Costs £919.20 – **Amount Requested £459.60**

A bid has been submitted to Pendle Area Committee for the other 50%

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

10. The requested funding is within budget and would leave a total of £7,915.40 for Climate Change and Community Grants, and a total of £10,000 for Nature Reserve Grants for the remainder of the year.

RECOMMENDATION:

11. That Members consider the application that has been received and make a decision on whether the Town Councillors would want to support these projects.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

12. Town Council Members have shown a commitment to encourage, support and promote local community, voluntary and not-for-profit organisations in Colne for the benefit of the Town.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS:

13. One small grant application has been received for the 2026-27 financial year and the FES Committee has delegated authority to make the decision of which projects to support.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

14. None

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION:

15. None

SUPPORTING PAPERS:

- **Appendix 1 – CTC Small Grants Policy**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: Gina Langley