
COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME – TEVIOT & LIDDESDALE BUDGET 2018/19

Report by Service Director Customer & Communities

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

26 February 2019

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 **This report asks Elected Members to consider a Community Grant Scheme (CGS) application from the Teviot & Liddesdale budget.**
- 1.2 Hawick Reivers Association (HRA) is a private limited company by guarantee, under the Companies Act 2006, and a recognised charity in Scotland. The purpose of the group is to organise and run an annual festival in Hawick based on the theme of Borders Reivers. The festival was established in 2005.
- 1.3 The request for £5,000 is to purchase 9 gazebos and tables which will be used by stall holders participating in the Hawick Reivers Festival street market. The total cost of purchasing the equipment is £5,611.45. Gazebos would be available for use by other community groups out-with the festival weekend. HRA currently owns 15 gazebos.
- 1.4 Whilst HRA has demonstrated that the gazebos are well used in the community, the number of gazebos HRA currently has is enough to satisfy demand from other community groups and accommodate the festival stall holders when used alongside the additional gazebos they are able to source from other towns / groups
- 1.5 The Teviot & Liddesdale Community Grant Scheme 2018/19 budget has £14,442.50 remaining.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **I recommend that the Executive Committee do not approve a grant of £5,000 to Hawick Reivers Association.**

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The CGS can provide either project grants for new or developing work or support grants for groups facing temporary financial difficulty.
- 3.2 The CGS generic budget can provide grants to groups who are constituted as working Borders-wide. It can also provide grants to groups who are non-Borders based but who deliver projects which provide direct benefits to identified groups in the Borders.

4 APPLICATION NOT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

- 4.1 **APPLICANT:** **Hawick Reivers Association**
PROJECT: **purchase of gazebos**
REF NO: **181218**
TOTAL PROJECT COST: **£5,611.45**
GRANT REQUEST: **£5,000**
GRANT RECOMMENDATION: **£0,000**
- 4.2 HRA organises the Hawick Reivers Festival which takes place annually in March. The aim is to educate and entertain people on the reiving times in Scottish Borders. Activities include re-enactments, games, plays, talks, musical entertainment, a torchlight parade and a craft and food market. Most events are free but there are some ticketed events with prices ranging from £4 - £15.
- 4.3 The weekend festival attracts 2,000+ local, national and international visitors.
- 4.4 The number of stall holders participating in the street market has more than doubled in the last five years. HRA successfully applied to Community Grant Scheme for £5,000 in 2017/18 for the purchase of 10 gazebos. The total number of gazebos HRA currently has is 15. They have rented gazebos in the past to meet need from stall holders and are able to do so again for the 2019 festival.
- 4.5 HRA's gazebos have been loaned for free to local community groups including Burnfoot Carnival, Bright Eyed Daughters, Hawick Common Riding, Heart of Hawick music festival, Teries in Tartan International Dance Festival and Hawick Christmas market. Only Hawick Christmas Market needed to use all 15 gazebos for their event; the others have only required a reduced number.
- 4.6 HRA has secured £3,000 from Hawick Common Good funding in 2017/18 and in 2018/19 to help cover the running costs of the festival.
- 4.7 HRA are heavily reliant on securing funding, sponsorships and donations to stage the annual festival. The running cost of the 2018 festival was £18,988. A total of £10,704 was successfully secured in funding from the SBC community grant fund to meet this as well as a Common Good fund grant, an Awards for All grant and a Scottish Clan Event grant. A further £1,868 was given in sponsorship and donations.

HRA generated £2,791 in income from ticket sales, £1,330 from stall holder fees and £1,710 from programme adverts. £2,182 was made from activities such as torch sales, raffles, a coffee morning, costume hire etc. At the end of year 2018, HRA had a surplus of £1,315.

- 4.8 On this occasion, officers are not recommending approval of the application based on the group's ability to rent the additional gazebos they require for the festival and that their current stock is enough to satisfy demand from the local groups.

5 BUDGET INFORMATION

5.1	2018/19 Teviot & Liddesdale budget	£27,488.00
	2018/19 Teviot & Liddesdale awards to date:	<u>£13,045.50</u>
	Available Teviot & Liddesdale budget	£14,442.50

6 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial

There is sufficient funding in the CGS generic budget to cover the approval of this application. Approval of this grant would leave a balance of £11,942.50. HRA have received £11,000 from SBC in the last two years.

6.2 Risks and Mitigations

There are believed to be no serious risks to the Council associated with the recommendations in this report.

6.3 Equalities

The application has been assessed in terms of how it addresses equalities. The organisation has their own Equality Policy and it is believed that there is no adverse impact due to race, disability, gender, age, sexual orientation or religion/belief arising from the proposals in this report.

6.4 Acting Sustainably

There is believed to be a positive economic and social impact to the request from Hawick Reivers Association. The grant will assist with:

- Benefits small and / or locally based businesses
- Encourages volunteering
- Improves community facilities
- Seeks to use and nurture local talent and resources where possible

6.5 Carbon Management

There are believed to be no carbon management issues with the request from Hawick Reivers Association.

6.6 Rural Proofing

This report does not relate to new or amended policy or strategy and as a result rural proofing is not an applicable consideration.

6.7 Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation

There are no changes to be made to either the Scheme of Administration or the Scheme of Delegation as a result of the proposals contained in this report.

7 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Financial Officer, the Monitoring Officer, the Chief Legal Officer, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Service Director HR, and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted and their comments have been incorporated into the final report.

Approved by

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