



Report of the Strategic Director of Place to the meeting of Bradford South Area Committee to be held on Thursday, 15 July 2021.

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Subject:

CLEANER STREETS, PARKS AND OPEN SPACES GRANTS 1 APRIL 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021

Summary statement:

This report summarises the Cleaner Streets, Parks and Open Spaces grants awarded in the financial year April 2020 to March 2021 for the benefit of communities within the Bradford South Constituency.

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1. SUMMARY

This report summarises the Cleaner Streets, Parks and Open Spaces grants awarded in the financial year April 2020 to March 2021 for the benefit of communities within the Bradford South Constituency.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Cleaner Streets, Parks and Open Spaces budget is intended to support volunteer and community led action/ideas that help make a difference to the environment, neighbourhoods and places of community interest in Bradford South. Applications which meet with the criteria are considered from groups, organisations and individuals contributing across a broad spectrum of initiatives, to improve the environment within Bradford South.
- 2.2 Applications which met the criteria outlined in Appendix 1 were considered from groups, organisations and individuals contributing across a broad spectrum of initiatives, to the wellbeing and development of communities within Bradford South.
- 2.3 A Ward Officer, within the Bradford South Area Co-ordinator's Office, assessed the received applications and prepared Officer Recommendations.
- 2.4 The applications from each Ward were sent to the individual Ward Councillors with a request for comments, which informed the decision making process.
- 2.5 The Area Co-ordinator, under delegated powers, was responsible for making decisions on the received applications. These decisions were made following guidance received from the Grants Advisory Group, whose membership is the Chair, Deputy Chair and Opposition Spokesperson of the Area Committee.
- 2.6 It is also possible, when decisions need to be taken outside the formal process, that the Area Co-ordinator can decide on an application having consulted individually the Members of the Grants Advisory Group.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The wide range of projects that were awarded grants are outlined in Appendices 2 and 3 with a value of £22,734 for round 1 and a value of £9927 for round 2. This has enabled projects totalling £32,661 to proceed, which will benefit communities across Bradford South.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 **Financial**
The Cleaner Streets, Parks and Open Spaces budget for the Bradford South Constituency for the financial year April 2020 to March 2021 was £50,000. A total of £32,661 was awarded for the financial year 2020/2021 and £17,339 is to be carried forward to 2021/2022 to be allocated.

4.2 Staffing

Support is provided from within the Area Co-ordinator's Office by officers from within existing resources.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

There are no significant risks arising from the proposed recommendations in this report.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

There is no legal requirement for the Council to provide small grants for the benefit of local communities.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

In awarding Cleaner Grants, special consideration is given to particular disadvantaged groups including the elderly, people with disabilities, youth, ethnic minorities and people who are unemployed. In addition, special consideration is given to particular areas i.e. inner city areas and Social housing estates.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Cleaner Streets, Parks and Open Spaces grants enable community groups to create sustainable ways of bringing positive environmental improvements.

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

Greenhouse gas emissions and wider environmental impacts will be a consideration in assessing applications.

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

Recipients of the Cleaner Streets, Parks and Open Spaces Grants 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 have been instructed to follow the national Covid guidance when carrying out any activities.

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

There are no direct Human Rights implications arising from the recommendations below.

7.6 TRADE UNION

There are no implications for Trade Unions.

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

Cleaner streets grants were awarded to projects and activities that support communities within the Great Horton, Queensbury, Royds, Tong, Wibsey and Wyke Wards.

7.8 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Cleaner Streets, Open Spaces and Parks grants are awarded to projects and activities that support priorities within the Bradford South Ward Plans.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None.

9. OPTIONS

9.1 That the report be noted.

9.2 There is only one option, as the purpose of the report is to inform on the allocation of the Cleaner Streets, Open Spaces and Parks grants.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That the wide range of applications from groups, organisations and individuals across Bradford South are noted and welcomed.

10.2 That the Bradford South Area Co-ordinator's Office continue to ensure the effective allocation of such grants and other funding by providing appropriate advice and support to applicants.

11. APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1	Current Criteria for applications
APPENDIX 2	Summary of Grants awarded Round 1 - closing date 25/09/20
APPENDIX 3	Summary of Grants awarded Round 2 - closing date 29/01/21

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None.

CLEANER STREETS FUND - INCLUDING PARKS AND OPEN SPACES GUIDANCE FOR APPLICANTS

About the funding

- The Cleaner Streets Fund has been made possible by Bradford Council and Bradford Councillors commitment to help extend the 'People Can' campaign. Supporting volunteer and community led action/ideas that help make a difference to our district's environment, neighbourhoods and places of community interest.
- Keeping Bradford district clean is a top priority for the Council, our partners and communities. Cleaner environments enhance community pride and make areas much more attractive places to live, visit and do business.
- A total of £250,000 has been made available to apply for as grants for community led activities with £50,000 allocated to each area constituency Bradford East, Bradford West, Bradford South, Shipley and Keighley for the period April 2020/ March 2021.
- Between 2019/2020 the Council have supported more than 200 environmental initiatives including community led litter picks across the district thanks to the efforts of 6,000+ volunteers.
- The Cleaner Streets, Parks and Open Spaces Fund supports the People Can movement in Bradford through positive environmental social action, empowering communities to help improve local areas and local priorities. It is a chance for communities to get together and put forward community led ideas and projects that will help make our streets, parks and open spaces a more pleasant and attractive places. It's a chance to get more people engaged with helping to make a positive difference in their local areas.

What can it be spent on?

The grant funding can be used to cover a range of costs as long as they are in line with the aims of the fund set out below. For example:

- Buying tools such as litter pickers and high visibility vests for community tidy ups.
- Cleaning up graffiti.
- Buying plants, paint and brushes or other equipment to smarten up an area.
- Signage.
- Publicity material, venue or refreshment costs for community events.
- Designing out environmental crime in littered areas and local 'grot' spots.
- Education work with young people and businesses.
- Improvement of unsightly waste land.

This list is not exhaustive, but funding cannot be used to pay for staff costs or to pay people for their time.

Aims of the fund

The funding has six key aims:

1. To help make our neighbourhoods, towns and village centres look their best.
2. To support community involvement and volunteering in environmental improvements by testing new community led ideas and approaches.
3. To help build on existing positive social action and/or create new networks, projects and activities which encourage positive social action.
4. To help support self-sustaining groups and sustainable ways of bringing positive environmental improvements e.g. helping to encourage volunteers to adopt streets,

become street champions etc.

5. To help develop local campaigns to encourage more reporting of people littering and fly-tipping to support increasing the issuing of litter fines and prosecutions.
6. To help raise awareness of the impact and consequences of environmental crime and anti-social behaviour.

How much is available?

- Grants of up to £2000 are available and we anticipate that many grants will be much less than this. This will be restricted to a maximum of £2,000 per organisation across the district. As an exception the Grants Advisory Group may consider larger bids.
- Groups can apply for funding to support their own activity.
- We will be aiming to ensure that funding is spread around the wards in the Shipley Constituency and will ask that groups feedback on the difference it has made.
- Bradford Council's Ward Officers will encourage groups to apply from across all Shipley wards to this fund.
- Groups are encouraged to provide match funding where this is possible.

Who can apply?

- We welcome applications from, or supported by constituted voluntary groups and organisations, places of worship, friends of groups, charities, parish and town councils.
- We are keen to support the development of new groups and new ideas. You therefore do not need to be a registered charity or established group to apply.
- We are particularly keen to support areas where there has historically been less community involvement in keeping the local area clean and tidy and will be looking at other ways we can support this.
- We recognise that community activity is often on an informal basis and aim to be flexible to accommodate that, while putting appropriate safeguards in place.
- We may request references.

What else do I need to know?

- The funding available is open district wide to all wards and will be administered through the council's Area Co-ordinator's Offices.
- Applications will be considered by the local Area Grants Advisory Group in partnership with the Area Co-ordinators Office. We will inform applicants about the outcome of their application as soon as possible.
- Funding must be spent within 12 months of the date of the grant award being made.
- A short report on the project and copies of receipts evidencing how all the money was spent should be submitted within 12 months of a grant being awarded.

How do I apply and when is the deadline?

All applicants need to complete a Cleaner Streets, Parks and Open Spaces Fund application form. This needs to be returned by 25th September 2020 and by 29th January 2021 to: Katie Brewerton.

APPENDIX 2

SUMMARY OF GRANTS AWARDED - Deadline September 25 2020

WARD	ORGANISATION NAME	PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF AWARD
GREAT HORTON	Residents of Clayton Road	To keep the streets surrounding Clayton Road, clean and safe, Including the green spaces. To ensure the area is beautiful and encourage local people to participate in regular litter picks.	£395	£395
	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust	To provide funding for an oak sign.	£677	£670
	Friends of Brackenhill Park	3 planters on Great Horton Road to be re planted, repainting and tidying up. Undergo litter picking	£650	£650
	Cornerstone Methodists/URC	Keep garden clean and pleasant. Block up windows and paint them. Car park to remain clear.	£1232	£1230

QUEENSBURY	Queensbury Community Programme, Friends of Queensbury High Street FOQHS	The purchase of strimmers and a trimmer will enable to clear pathways of weeds etc, ensuring a safer passage.	£1830	£1830
ROYDS	Sandale Community Development Trust	Improve and tidy up the area by completing litter picks, grass cutting and planting vibrant flowers.	£1741	£1540
	Buttershaw Youth Centre Action Group	Reduce litter and increase signage and awareness to the provision.	£1792	£1790
	Friends of Harold Park	To purchase 2 x bigger bins which will help to keep the park tidier in the longer term. To purchase a strong gazebo to serve refreshments from in a Covid secure environment during our litter picking sessions.	£1040	£1040
TONG	Tong Villagers	Improve, tidy up, make it a more of a pleasant place.	£500	£300
	Bierley Community Association	To launch a 10-month programme working with groups of local young people,	£2000	£2000

		focusing on clearing up areas around Bierley estate and Bierley Wood.		
	The Sutton Centre	To clean and tidy up (where possible waste to be recycled) Brighten parks up by planting ever green plants and seasonal flowers to bring colour into the area.	£1770	£1770
WIBSEY	MOBE (Marshfield Odsal Bankfoot Enterprise)	To help provide equipment and resources for the pocket park and the community garden project.	£1987	£1980
	Friends of Wibsey Park	The Wibsey Picker Uppers project will make Wibsey Park a safer, more pleasant, and more informative place	£3914	£1950
	Friends of Scaley Hills	Improving drainage, making improvements to a set of steps, strimming and cutting back brambles.	£900	£900
	20 th Bradford South Scouts	To provide the equipment	£574	£570

		needed to have regular litter picks and storage to keep it safe		
WYKE	Low Moor Environmental Rescue	Landscape the waste banking adjacent at the southern 'gateway' to Low Moor. Clean and edge all the verges.	£1670	£1670
	Oakenshaw Residents' Association	To stop fly tipping at the bottom of Furnace Road in Oakenshaw.	£2000	£2000
	Low Moor & Oakenshaw Conservation Group	To improve the attractiveness of the greenspaces through wildflower planting.	£449	£449
Total			£24,621	£22,734

Appendix 3

WARD	ORGANISATION NAME	PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF AWARD
QUEENSBURY	Queensbury Youth Club	To provide funding to purchase equipment for an inter-generational project with older people. To build and make build planters, bird houses, feeding stations and habitat boxes to be situated in and around Queensbury.	£2000	£2000
	Friends of Littlemoor Park	To assist with funding to plant a bulb garden and enhance the recently restored Woodland Garden in Littlemoor Park	£1700	£1000
	Queensbury Juniors ARLFC	To provide funding for bins and landscape work to make the pitch tidier and more appealing.	£1343	£1300
	Friends of Westwood Park	To provide funding to purchase bulbs and install benches/bins in the park.	£1996	£1996
ROYDS	Shoulder to Shoulder	To provide funding to	£500	£500

		improve the green space around the centre.		
WIBSEY	Friends of Scaley Hills	To provide funding for a new set of steps to complete the pathway.	£4400	£2000
WYKE	Low Moor Environmental Rescue	To provide funding to restore an unadopted footpath.	£1131	£1131
Total			£13,070	£9,927