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Dear Councillor

**TRUSTEE BOARD OF THE GILSTRAP AND WILLIAM EDWARD KNIGHT CHARITIES -
TUESDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY, 2024**

I now enclose, for consideration the following report that was unavailable when the agenda was published.

Application for Grant Funding - The Free Football Club (Pages 2 - 6)



Report to: Meeting of the Trustees of the Gilstrap & WE Knight Charities – 27 February 2024

Clerk to the Trustees: Sue Bearman, Assistant Director – Legal & Democratic Services

Lead Officer: Helen Brandham, Democratic Services Officer

Report Summary	
Report Title	Application for Grant Funding
Purpose of Report	For the Trustees to consider the application made to the Gilstrap Charity for grant funding to support the improvement in access to sport for underprivileged children.
Recommendations	That the Board of Trustees consider and determine the application received from the Free Football Club.

1.0 Background

1.1 In 2017, the Trustee Board refreshed and approved a funding criteria for grant aid support from the Gilstrap Charity. The Charity’s Scheme has been amended a number of times in recent years, firstly when Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) built a library in Newark (thereby obviating the need for the original use of the Gilstrap Building as a library) and secondly when the Gilstrap building had been leased to NCC for use as the Registrar’s office. However, whilst the objectives have been reviewed over the years, the original concept has been reaffirmed with emphasis on education and promoting knowledge of the history of Newark.

1.2 The current approved criteria is as follows:

2.1.1 Preference will be given to funding applications which promote education and understanding of historic buildings within Newark and the history of Newark generally to reflect the original Trust purposes.

2.1.2 Funding applications will be required to demonstrate a direct benefit to the community of Newark or a section/s of that community (eg projects involving local schools).

2.1.3 Applicants will be required to provide full details of any match funding or third party funding.

1.3 It should be noted that the area of benefit for the Charity, whilst previously defined as the area of the former borough of Newark, was amended when the Scheme was last reviewed in 2013 to cover the parish of Newark.

1.4 A copy of the background information that is included on the Charity's website concerning how potential grant applications will be considered is attached as **Appendix A** to Agenda Item No. 7. Applicants are requested to complete a pro-forma application form that gives full details of their project, its objectives, budget and other funding secured.

2.0 Application Received

2.1 An application has been received from the Free Football Club. The nature and objectives of the club is to remove all barriers to child participation in sport and to improve access to sport for underprivileged children. Further details of the project are detailed in the written application which is attached as **Appendix B** to this report.

2.2 The application notes that £200 is being sought in order for the first sessions to be organised and equipment to be sources for service users.

3.0 Implications

In writing this report and in putting forward recommendations, officers have considered the following implications: Data Protection; Digital & Cyber Security; Equality & Diversity; Financial; Human Resources; Human Rights; Legal; Safeguarding & Sustainability and where appropriate they have made reference to these implications and added suitable expert comment where appropriate.

Financial Implications

Currently £276,362 is available for funding of future projects or grant applications. Therefore if the above application is approved this will bring the available balance down to £274,360.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

None

APPLICATION FOR GRANT AID SUPPORT
GILSTRAP CHARITY

1. About Your Organisation			
Organisation Name:	The Free Football Club		
Contact Name:	Tim Harding		
Address:	c/o HandyStaff Ltd, Aura Business Centre, Manners Road		
Postcode:	NG24 1BS	Telephone No.	
Email Address:	tim.harding@freefootballclub.co.uk		
2. Project Description			
Please describe the nature of your project and its objectives:			
<p>Nature of Project: <i>We started The Free Football Club with a mission to remove all barriers to child participation in sport. Whether it be a lack of equipment, money, transport or time, we aim to provide support to underprivileged children and their families across Newark on Trent.</i></p> <p>Objectives: <i>To improve access to sport for underprivileged children, aiming to improve their fitness and wellbeing, self-esteem and confidence, as well as giving opportunity to the potential future sports people in our area.</i></p>			
Expected Start Date:	March 2024	Expected Finish Date:	Ongoing
Where will your project/event take place? <i>Within Newark on Trent, with particular focus on the hardest to reach young people in Newark's areas of high deprivation according to the Government Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD).</i>			
3. People who will Benefit from this Project/Event			
Please provide details of who will benefit from this event and which area of Newark the project/event will cover. <i>Underprivileged children across all of Newark on Trent.</i>			
How many people will participate in the project? <i>Two volunteers and hopefully an unlimited number of service users.</i>			
What links does the project have to existing arts or cultural related events and programmes both locally and nationally? <i>None at present as we're looking to get off the ground.</i>			
Why is the project needed? <i>Increasing children's participation in sport has been identified as a Government priority leading to the release of it's new sport Strategy: 'Get Active: a strategy for the future of sport and physical activity.' The Strategy sets out an aspiration to use the power of sport and being physically active to improve the nation's health and wellbeing, as well as introducing ambitious national participation targets for children and adults. We aim to be part of delivering these goals on a local level.</i>			

<p>How will you promote and publicise your project? <i>Via social media, contacts within the education system, referrals, local media, and public events</i></p>
<p>What longer term benefits will be derived from the project? <i>Increased health and wellbeing in underprivileged children, reduced anti-social behaviour, increased social cohesion.</i></p>

4. Project/Event Budget

Please provide details of the project/event budget, including the amount requested from the Gilstrap Charity. If the total cost is more than the grant requested, where will the rest of the funding come from? *The project will have an ongoing budget. At present we're hoping for a grant of £200 in order for us to organise our first sessions and source equipment for our service users. Our intention is to seek corporate sponsors, grants from sporting bodies and individual donations.*

Is your organisation VAT registered? **No**
If yes, please provide your VAT Registration Number: _____

Will there be any income generated from the project/event? If yes, please provide estimates.
All of our events will be free of charge at the point of use.

5. Have applications been made for other sources of third party funding?

Not at present.

6. Other Supporting Comments and Information

For Clarity - Phase one of our action plan involves the issuing and gifting of boots, shinpads and other equipment required by our service users.

Phase two is focussed on providing free organised sessions, with phase three projected to tackle any transport or access problems any of our services users might encounter.

If successful in all three phases, we intend to roll out similar services across as many sports as possible.

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS (If your application is successful, we will pay the award through a BACS transfer).

DECLARATION

I confirm that I am authorised to sign this application on behalf of The Free Football Club

I undertake that any grant awarded will be used solely for the purpose outlined in this application. I also understand that the Gilstrap Charity reserves the right to withhold the payment of the whole or any part of the grant or to require repayment if any information contained herein is false or misleading.

Signed _____ Print Name Tim Harding

Date 20th February 2024

CONDITIONS OF GRANT FUNDING

1. Approval must be sought for any subsequent changes to the submitted project outline.
2. If any grant awarded is surplus to requirements this should be returned to the Charity.
3. If funding is awarded the applicant will be required to provide progress reports to the Charity and a post event/project evaluation report.
4. The applicant will ensure that all necessary licences and consents are obtained.
5. The grant must be spent within 12 months of being awarded.
6. Proof of expenditure will be required.
7. Any publicity/marketing material associated with the grant funded event/initiative must acknowledge the Charity's grant funding contribution and include the Charity's logo and website address.

Please return this form to:

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