

TRUSTEE BOARD OF THE GILSTRAP AND WILLIAM EDWARD KNIGHT CHARITIES

11 JANUARY 2022

APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To consider an application made to the Gilstrap Charity for grant funding to support the Newark Castle Comes to Life Events in 2022.

2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 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.

- 2.2 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.

- 2.3 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.

- 2.4 A copy of the background information that is included on the Charity's website concerning how potential grant applications will be considered is attached to this report as **Appendix A**. Applicants are requested to complete a pro-forma application form that gives full details of their project, its objectives, budget and other funding secured.

3.0 Application Received

- 3.1 An application has been received for funding to support the Newark Castle Comes to Life.
- 3.2 There are 3 free public events planned in 2022 to interpret and enhance the stories of Newark Castle. These events will include live performances of drama and music, demonstrations such as sword-fighting and falconry, castle tours, outdoor crafts such as willow weaving and woodturning and fun activities for people of all ages.

- 3.3 The overarching objectives of the festival are:
- To promote enjoyment of Newark Castle and Victorian Gardens as a free, safe, outdoor venue in the wake of the pandemic
 - To educate local residents and tourists about 900 years of history at Newark Castle
- 3.4 The application form is attached as **Appendix B** to the report. As detailed in the application form, the organiser is looking to secure funding in the sum of £5,930.00

4.0 Financial Comments

- 4.1 Gilstrap receives annual lease income of £43,000 from Nottinghamshire County Council and has annual fixed expenditure charges of £4,400 to Newark & Sherwood District Council for support services. Therefore the funding application value of £5,930 can be funded from in year revenue.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board consider and determine the application received from the Heritage & Culture Business Unit of Newark & Sherwood District Council.

Background Papers

None

For further information please contact Sue Bearman on extension 5240.

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