



East
Northamptonshire
Council

Policy and Resources Committee – 16 January 2012

Village Hall Grant Application – Easton on the Hill

Purpose of report

To seek approval for a grant under the Council's Village Hall Grant Scheme to support works to Easton on the Hill Village Hall.

Attachment(s)

None

1.0 Background

1.1 The Council provides a "Village Halls Grant Scheme" to help with building a new hall where none previously existed, or improving or replacing facilities at an existing village hall.

1.2 The current scheme allows for the award of a grant or loan based on the following formula:

- Up to 70% of the total scheme/project costs, up to the first £10,000 and
- Up to 35% of the remainder of any costs in excess of £10,000.

However all grants awarded will not exceed £25,000.

1.3 The village hall must be run by a properly constituted group established to improve quality of life for all members of the immediate community. The hall must not be owned by any individual section of the community and cannot have received grant funding under the Village Hall Grant Scheme within the previous five years.

1.4 An application to the scheme has been received from Easton on the Hill. Officers are satisfied that the application meets the criteria set.

2.0 Application details

2.1 The application proposes to carry out essential repairs to the roof of the Village Hall. This will comprise:-

- Removal of the existing Collyweston slate roof, redressing existing slates where possible and replacing slates as necessary.
- Replacing rotten roof timber as necessary.
- Install further insulation to the roof cavity to reduce the loss of heat to the hall.

2.2 The roof of the Village Hall is leaking in several places and is deteriorating further, which could impact on the internal fabric of the hall and therefore its use in the future.

2.3 The Village Hall's Management Committee believes that the installation of further insulation will improve the energy efficiency of the building, which could help them reduce hire costs to users.

2.4 The works proposed are a repair and like for like replacement with material matching that already in place. Although planning consent is not required the Council's Senior Conservation Officer has been made aware of the proposals.

3.0 Equality and diversity implications

3.1 There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report or the application received.

4.0 Risk management

4.1 All grants awarded under the Village Hall scheme are paid retrospectively. The applicant must present receipted invoices to demonstrate the work has been completed prior to us releasing any of the grant monies.

5.0 Legal implications

5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report or the application.

6.0 Financial implications

6.1 Under the scheme the applicant would be eligible for a grant as follows:-

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Total project costs	33,720
70% of 1 st £10,000	7,000
35% of remaining balance	8,302 (35% of £23,720)
Amount eligible for	<u>15,302</u>
Amount applied for	<u>15,302</u>

6.2 The applicant has applied to other funding bodies as follows:-

Funding body	Amount £	Status
Fund raising within the village	612	In place
Kings Cliffe Environmental Assoc	10,000	Awarded
Co-operative Community Fund	2,000	Awarded
Bernard Sunley Foundation	2,000	Awarded
Francis Coales Foundation	2,500	Awarded
Spire Homes	4,250	Awaiting decision
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	4,720	Rejected
Charles Hayward Foundation	2,500	Rejected
TOTAL AMOUNT SECURED	17,112	

6.3 The Village Hall Grants scheme is part of the Capital Programme. The capital budget for 2011/12 is £55,000. Currently there is one project underway supported by a grant from the Village Hall scheme, that being Polebrook Village Hall, which has been awarded £24,675 (minute 145 - 13 September 2010 refers). Based on the commitment for the Polebrook project there is provision in the current budget of £30,325.

7.0 Corporate outcomes

7.1 The application supports our corporate outcome of **a good quality of life – healthy** particularly in terms of increasing participation in active recreation. By having a safe and energy efficient facility in the village, local people will be encouraged to use this for local events and activities.

8.0 Recommendation

8.1 Members are recommended to approve the application from Easton on the Hill for a

grant under the Village Hall scheme.

(Reason – to support the continued development of a village facility for local activities and events.)

Legal	Power: Local Government Act 2000				
	Other considerations:				
Background Papers: Grant application and associated paperwork held in the Community Partnerships Team					
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