

<b>Name of decision maker:</b>	Councillor Colette Wyatt - Lowe
<b>Portfolio:</b>	Community Services
<b>Date of Portfolio Holder Decision:</b>	8 July 2008

**Title of Decision:****Grant Aid Requests – Recommendations and Decisions June 2008****Recommendations made and reasons:**

To list grant requests made in the last quarter

- To seek comment on payment of:

Revenue grants totalling:	£ 25,939
Capital grants totalling:	£ nil
Interest free loans of:	£ nil

A financial position statement is included at the bottom of the report.

- To note those grants awarded through delegated authority to the Officers
- To note those applications that are refused

**Flauden Parochial Church Council (Capital Fund)**

Requested: grant of £15,000.00

Overall value of project: £50,000 – £60,000

Purpose: Construction of a timber framed building incorporating toilet, kitchen and Sunday school facilities

**Recommendation: To refuse this application**

Reason: The Council only funds religious buildings if the project will enable the wider community to use the building.

Agree recommendation [Yes]

Request further information [No]

**Herts MIND Network (Annual Grant)**

Requested: a grant of £8,700

Overall Value of the service: £16,125

Purpose: Contribution towards the costs of expanding Mental Health support services in Dacorum

**Recommendation: To award this grant**

Reason: Budgetary provision has been made for this financial year within the Annual grants scheme. The activity contributes to 5 of the 10 Partnership themes

Agree recommendation [Yes]

Request further information [No]

**Tring Rural Parish Council (Capital Fund)**

Requested: a grant of £10,000

Overall Value of the Project: £16,043

Purpose: Parish – Go – Extreme additional play facilities for young people.

**Recommendation: To defer a decision on this application at this time.**

Reason: It is suggested that we await the result of applications to other funders prior to a decision on awarding this grant. Ask that the Parish Council consult the External Funding officer and that the Parish Council should come back to DBC if their other applications are not successful.

Agree recommendation [Yes]

Request further information [No]

**Dacorum Domestic Violence Forum (Annual Grant)**

Requested: A grant of £13,000

Overall value of the activity: £17,500

Purpose: To arrange the forum meetings, to support the ACT project and to support the helpline.

**Recommendation: To approve this grant**

Reason: Budgetary provision has been made within the 2008/09 budget. This organisation is identified for significantly reduced funding in phase 2 of the IDP project 8. The DDVF supports the work of 5 of the Community strategy themes.

Agree recommendation [Yes]

Request further information [No]

**Highfield Knee High Club**

Requested: A grant of £2,200

Overall Value of the activity: £7028.21

Purpose: To run a supported parent and toddler club with organised play worker and session.

**Recommendation: To approve this grant (for this year only)**

Reason: The group have been asked for a report about the outcomes achieved particularly how they have contributed to the alleviation of poverty and deprivation in Highfield.

The activity contributes to 2 areas of the Community Strategy and also the cross cutting themes of Community Cohesion and Healthy and Caring Lifestyles.

Agree recommendation [Yes]

Request further information [No]

**For Information – Grants Awarded through Delegated Authority to Officers**

The following grants were awarded under delegated powers:

**Tring U3A**Agreed: To award a grant of £705

Purpose: To purchase a projector and computer to assist with learning and presentations

Reason: The project meets four of the community strategy ambitions

**1<sup>st</sup> Apsley Scout Group**Agreed: To refuse this grant

Purpose: To purchase a new equipment trailer

Reason: This group was granted financial assistance of £1000 in July 06 and has an outstanding loan with the council

### HEMPLETS

Agreed: To award a grant of £384

Purpose: To pay for hall hire for 'talk and trade' sessions

Reason: This group meets four of the Sustainable community strategy themes

### SPORTING EXCELLENCE AWARDS – For Information:

The following awards were made from the **Sporting Excellence** fund

1 x Individual for Swimming Excellence	£250
1 x Individual for Tennis Excellence	£300
1 x Individual for Swimming Excellence	£300
1x Individual for Athletics Excellence	<u>£100</u>

**Total** **£950**

### Financial Analysis

Approving the recommendations a laid out in this report will have the following impact

	Noted in this report	Budget 08/09	Unallocated funds prior to these recommendations	% of annual budget committed to date (including these recommendations)
<b>Sporting Excellence:</b> (Awarded in this quarter in line with Council's scheme of delegation )	£950	£3,800	£3,800	25%
<b>Capital Grants</b>	None	N/a	N/a	N/a
<b>Loan Fund</b>	None	N/a	N/a	N/a
<b>General Grants Fund</b> (including those 'delegated powers' grants identified below)	£3,289	£25,370	£23,519	20%
Annual Grants (these items are annual grants for which a specific budget has been allocated)	£21,700	£21,700	N/a	N/a

### Reports considered:

Individual Grant application forms  
Decision evaluation sheet

### Officers/Councillors/Ward Councillors/Stakeholders Consulted:

Grants Panel, Finance Officer, External funding officer

**Monitoring Officer/Chief Financial Officer Comments:**

Monitoring officer - No comments  
 Section 151 Officer - No comments

**Implications:**

**Risk:** there are no specific risks identified that relate to the allocation of funding as described in this report.

**Value for Money:** the grant aid criteria looks to gain additional value from supporting community projects with a small amount of resource which yields maximum community benefit. It therefore provides good value for money. Many of the projects and activities are directed towards external funding sources to maximise the income to Dacorum

**Options Considered and reasons for rejection:**

Not to award the grants as detailed:- This has been rejected because those grants meet the Council's criteria.

**Portfolio Holders Signature:**

**Date:**

**Details of any interests declared and any dispensations given by the Standards Committee:****For Member Support Officer use only**

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