

Agenda Item 6

For Decision – Substantial Grant Fund

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Summary

This report outlines a process agreed by the Grants Advisory Group (GAG) and recommends that this is used for the remainder of the financial year 22/23 and for the financial year 23/24.

Councillors are asked to agree the process outlined below and to approve the amended Terms and Conditions and Substantial Grant Application form.

In August 2022 Councillors agreed that the Substantial Grant fund for 22/23 would be deployed specifically to projects which would have a positive impact for residents in respect of the Cost of Living Crisis.

In line with the Council Plan and in exploring how best to support residents experiencing difficulties as a result of the Cost of Living Crisis, the Poverty working group, with the support of FTC staff, continues to identify gaps in provision and projects which would make a positive difference for residents.

In order to enable new and existing projects to meet significantly increasing demand it is proposed to work with organisations to address current need and demand. Members of the Grants Advisory Group and the Poverty working group have met and make the following recommendation: if there is a financial requirement to enable delivery of new projects or to increase the capacity of existing projects, organisations will be supported to apply for a Substantial Grant (in line with the proposals in the work programme for 2023/24). They will do this using the [application form in Appendix 6.1 which can be viewed on the website here](#) and commit to meeting [the revised terms and conditions in Appendix 6.2, on the website here](#). The application will be circulated to the Grants Advisory Group for discussion, questions and on receipt of majority agreement of the Grants Advisory Group be recommended to the Town Clerk for approval. Council will be updated on committed Substantial Grants every other month and be asked to ratify the decision making.

Recommendations

1. Agree the Substantial Grant process as outlined above
2. Agree the revised application form and terms and conditions