

Committee	COUNCIL MEETING
Date	15 November 2021
Agenda Item	11

Grant applications

Grant awarding policy and procedure

At its budgeting meeting in 2020, the council decided to award an amount of £4000 in grants to local charities in 2021, as it had been unable to award grants in 2020.

A working group meeting consisting of Cllrs Claydon and Warren and the Town Clerk, conducted a preliminary assessment of the applications on 8/7/21. The working group felt that the number of applications had been limited in 2021, because many organisations were not yet fully up and running. On 19/7/21, Full Council approved the awarding of grants to all those who had applied, coming to a total of £2390. They also approved the reopening of the awards to others, for this year only, with all applications due to be in by 31 October.

Only 2 further applications have been received:

1. From Halstead U3A for the sum of £288, to pay for advertising at the Christmas Fayre.
2. From the Halstead Royal British Legion for the sum of £500, to enable the RBL to boost its membership which has dropped by around 40% over the past year. They hope to buy a small marquee and table, and print leaflets in order to market the RBL to local residents and former members of the armed forces

Recommendation: .That the Council agrees to distribute the sums requested to Halstead U3A.and to Halstead Royal British Legion.



Sarah Greatorex Town Clerk