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Name and date of Committee	CABINET – Wednesday 17th June 2020
Report Number	
Subject	COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANT 1st ROUND 2020/21
Wards affected	Steeple Barton, Charlbury, and Eynsham
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Summary/Purpose	To consider applications for grant aid from the Community Facilities Grant Scheme.
Annexes	ANNEX A – Community Facilities Grant Applications 2020/21 – Round 1
Recommendation/s	<i>a) That the Council agrees to award grants in accordance with the recommendations set out in ANNEX A.</i>
Corporate priorities	Working with communities to meet the current and future needs and aspirations of residents.
Key Decision	YES
Exempt	No
Consultees/ Consultation	None

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. This report represents the first of two rounds of funding for the Community Facilities Grant scheme.

2. MAIN POINTS

- 2.1. All Members are invited to submit additional information or comments in respect of any of the applications prior to or at the meeting.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1. The proposed costs arising from this report are detailed in ANNEX A. If all the grants are approved as recommended the total financial commitment will equal £58,950 and all grants can be met from the existing capital budget. ANNEX A also indicates the closing balance for the grant budget if all the proposals are accepted.
- 3.2. Detailed in the following table is the financial commitment if all applications are taken into account and the amounts recommend are approved:

Reference	Applicant	Recommended
CFG/2021/02	The Alice Marshall Hall	£15,000
CFG/2021/04	Charlbury Cricket Club	£17,000
CFG/2021/05	Eynsham Parish Council	£26,950
Total Grant Allocation		£58,950

- 3.3. This grant award results in a total investment of **£58,950** into local schemes, with the leverage effect of the Council's grant being that for every pound grant aided **£3.00** of external or community funding is being released into the District's economy and cultural facilities infrastructure.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. None

5. RISK ASSESSMENT

- 5.1. The main risk to the Council is allocating funding to these projects, while the applications to the various other funding partners are unsuccessful. In mitigation the Community Facilities Grant criteria states that the grant will only be paid following successful awards from funding partners.
- 5.2. Risk to the Council will be mitigated by making payment only on satisfactory completion of key stages of the project and upon the provision of relevant invoices and certification by the applicant.
- 5.3. Should Members decide not to grant fund these projects a gap will be left within the project funding which could affect the successful draw down of external grants which ultimately could cause the project to be cancelled.

6. EQUALITIES IMPACT (IF REQUIRED)

- 6.1. None

7. CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS (IF REQUIRED)

- 7.1. The Council will request that in the refurbishment of Alice Marshall Hall in Middle Barton maximise opportunities for energy efficient heating, hot water and lighting systems, consider higher building standards in the works to mitigate Climate Change impacts and reduce ongoing utility bill costs.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 8.1. The Cabinet could choose to offer differing levels of grant aid than those proposed in ANNEX A, but within the budgets established for these purposes.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1. None.

ANNEX A
Community Facilities Grant Applications 2020/21 – Round 1
(Annual Grant Allocation £200,000 – unallocated grant balance £200,000)

Amount Requested	Total Scheme Cost	WODC Contribution	Rate Relief received	Applicant and Grant Use Additional notes and recommendations
£15,000	£60,294.36	£15,000 (7.5% of annual grant allocation)	£240.64	CFG/2021/02 – The Alice Marshall Hall
Funding Breakdown				<p>Total refurbishment of hall, including new kitchen, eco-friendly heating and lighting, new toilets with disabled toilet and baby changing.</p> <p>The current hall is in a poor condition and in need of modernisation. The heating system has been condemned, which will become an issue in the winter months.</p> <p>Feedback from a recent village appraisal indicted that residents would welcome an updated/ refurbished hall. At present the hall is used for a playgroup, drama session, yoga and the Scouts. But with a more attractive building they are hoping to increase the usage of the facility.</p> <p>The project will take account of climate action with all heating/ lighting being eco-friendly and insulation being increased in the building. Their plans demonstrate the desire to accommodate residents in a rural community and provide a facility that is for purpose.</p> <p><i>An award will be made subject to achieving the required partnership funding.</i></p>
Funding Source	Status	Amount	% of Scheme Cost	
West Oxfordshire District Council		£15,000	24.9%	
Steeple Barton Parish Council	Definite	£3,500	5.8%	
Private Charitable Trust	Definite	£25,000	41.5%	
National Lottery	Estimate	£8,397.18	13.9%	
Clothworkers' Foundation	Estimate	£8,397.18	13.9%	
TOTAL			100%	

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£26,950	£107,802	£26,950(13.5% of annual grant allocation)	100% Business rate relief is applied to EPC's Sports Pavilion	CFG/2021/05 – Eynsham Parish Council Refurbishment of Grade II listed Bartholomew Room The upper room of the facility is used as the Council's Chamber whilst the lower room has many purposes. It is hired by licence to Eynsham Art Group who use it as an art exhibition space; it's a meeting place for local charity organisations and its also useful as a storage area/dry room when organisations use the Square for community events. Major refurbishment of the facility is due following the findings of a structural and condition survey undertaken in January 2018. The Bartholomew Room's future will be protected by completion of this substantial refurbishment project. The building is showing signs that urgent work is needed to its roof, guttering and chimney stack. The re-arranged lower floor will also provide an accessible toilet. <i>An award will be made subject to achieving the required partnership funding.</i>
Funding Breakdown				
Funding Source	Status	Amount	% of Scheme Cost	
West Oxfordshire District Council		26,950	25%	
Applicant organisation (a loan is to be applied for from WODC or PWLB/MHCLG in May 2020)	Estimate	80,852	75%	
	TOTAL	£107,802	100%	

Grant balance unallocated: £141,050