

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP, CULTURE
AND TOURISM**

23 September 2020

Report of the Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

AWARD OF GRANTS TO EXTERNAL RECIPIENTS – VITAL VALLEY

(1) **Purpose of Report** To seek the Cabinet Member approval to award grants to external recipients. This is part of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site (DVMWHS) Great Place Scheme (Vital Valley).

(2) **Information and Analysis** In accordance with Financial Regulations, all grants to external recipients must be approved and a departmental register maintained. Grants are payments of funds for a specific purpose. Examples include contributions towards an external party's core running costs, purchase or construction of specified assets, and the running of specific events.

There is now also a requirement under the Local Government Transparency Code 2014, to publish information on grants awarded to voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations.

Derbyshire County Council, on behalf of the DVMWHS Partnership, accepted a grant offer from the Heritage Lottery Fund (now the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF)) for a Great Place Scheme in the DVMWHS.

The Great Place Scheme includes the Experiment Fund project which awards grants to heritage, arts and cultural organisations within the DVMWHS. The Experiment Fund had a total grant pot of £85,000 made up of £75,000 NLHF monies and £10,000 contribution from applicants. A sum of £62,974 has already been awarded from the NLHF grant of £75,000.

The awards highlighted below will enable the DVMWHS to support the cultural sector through the impact from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and provide opportunities for people to engage with arts, culture and heritage in the DVMWHS.

Applications for grants have been received from the following:

Applicant	Works	Suggested Contribution
Cromford Community Association	Contribution towards measures necessary to re-open as a community venue with COVID-19 secure practices.	Maximum of £500
The Darley Abbey Community Association	Contribution towards measures necessary to re-open as a community venue with COVID -19 secure practices.	Maximum of £500
The Fleet Centre, Belper	Contribution towards measures necessary to re-open as a community venue with COVID -19 secure practices.	Maximum of £500
The Friends of Cromford Canal	Contribution towards measures necessary to re-open as a heritage and visitor attraction with COVID -19 secure practices.	Maximum of £500
Guardians of Strutts	Contribution towards measures necessary to re-open as a community venue with COVID -19 secure practices.	Maximum of £500
Heage Windmill Society	Contribution towards measures necessary to re-open as a heritage venue with COVID -19 secure practices.	Maximum of £500
Number Twenty Eight Belper	Contribution towards measures necessary to re-open as a community venue with COVID -19 secure practices.	Maximum of £500
Sawmills Village Hall	Contribution towards measures necessary to re-open as a community venue with COVID -19 secure practices.	Maximum of £500
Sites and visitor attractions in the DVMWHS	Hand sanitiser and equipment; social distancing information and signage; and other communications.	Maximum of £4,000
Total		£8,000

Specific details of the application for grants can be found in the Appendix attached.

The DVMWHS Coordination Team has assisted sites and visitor attractions to coordinate information to assist safe re-opening of venues. A total of £4,000 is proposed to be allocated for measures such as: as hand sanitiser; social distancing information and signage; and other communications.

(3) Financial Considerations The grants will be funded from the DVMWHS Great Place Scheme. The Great Place Scheme is jointly supported by the NLHF and the Arts Council England through a grant of £1,285,800.

Derbyshire County Council accepted the NLHF grant offer of £1,285,800 on 9 June 2017, on behalf of the DVMWHS Partnership. Prior to this, on 13 September 2016, the Cabinet Member - Highways, Transport and Infrastructure approved use of the DVMWHS Partnership's reserve (up to a maximum of £150,000) as match funding towards the Great Place Scheme (Minute No. 150/16 refers). This provides the Great Place Scheme with a total budget of £1,486,768. The Great Place Scheme runs until 31 December 2020. Grant funding for the Scheme is claimed retrospectively against costs incurred on a quarterly basis. The Great Place Scheme consists of 20 projects.

Awards of £62,794 of NLHF monies have been made previously (meeting of the Cabinet Member for Strategic Leadership, Culture and Tourism on 23 January 2020 (Minute No. 3/20 refers)). These awards of £8,000 can be met from the remaining £12,206 from the £75,000 NLHF monies for this project.

(4) **Legal Considerations** By grant funding, the applicant will not be contractually obliged to deliver any particular service but is required to provide the hygiene and safety measures outlined above; the Council may be able to claw back grant if it is unspent or misapplied.

Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property, social value and transport considerations.

(5) **Key Decision** No.

(6) **Call-In** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

(7) **Background Papers** Held on file within the Economy, Transport and Environment Department.

(8) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION** That the Cabinet Member approves the award of grants from the National Lottery Heritage Fund grant of £1,285,800 for the Great Place Scheme to:

- Maximum of £500 to Cromford Community Centre Association,
- Maximum of £500 to The Darley Abbey Community Association,
- Maximum of £500 to The Fleet Centre,
- Maximum of £500 to The Friends of the Cromford Canal,
- Maximum of £500 to Guardians of Strutts,
- Maximum of £500 to Heage Windmill Society,
- Maximum of £500 to Number Twenty Eight Belper,

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- Maximum of £500 to Sawmills Village Hall,
- Maximum of £4,000 Covid-19 re-opening equipment requirements for hygiene, social distancing and communications.

totalling a maximum of £8,000 from the total grant of £85,000 from the National Lottery Heritage Fund approved for the Experiment Fund.

Signed..... Dated.....

Tim Gregory
Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

Appendix - Award of Grants

Name of Recipient: Cromford Community Centre Association

Grant Name: Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site (DMMWHS) COVID-19 Support

Officer Responsible: Beki Howey

Summary of Purpose: Contribution towards measures necessary to re-open as a community venue with COVID -19 secure practices. The measures will enable organisations to support the DMMWHS and provide venues for people to engage with arts, culture and heritage.
Amount of grant requested: £500
Capital/Revenue: Revenue
Which Budget: DMMWHS Great Place
Time Period: 2020

Name of Recipient: The Darley Abbey Community Association

Grant Name: Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site (DMMWHS) COVID -19 Support

Officer Responsible: Beki Howey

Summary of Purpose: Contribution towards measures necessary to re-open as a community venue with COVID -19 secure practices. The measures will enable organisations to support the DMMWHS and provide venues for people to engage with arts, culture and heritage.
Amount of grant requested: £500
Capital/Revenue: Revenue
Which Budget: DMMWHS Great Place
Time Period: 2020

Name of Recipient: The Fleet Centre, Belper

Grant Name: Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site (DWMWHS) COVID-19 Support

Officer Responsible: Beki Howey

Summary of Purpose: Contribution towards measures necessary to re-open as a community and arts venue with COVID-19 secure practices. The measures will enable organisations to support the DVMWHS and provide venues for people to engage with arts, culture and heritage.
Amount of grant requested: £500
Capital/Revenue: Revenue
Which Budget: DWMWHS Great Place
Time Period: 2020

Name of Recipient: The Friends of Cromford Canal

Grant Name: Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site (DWMWHS) COVID-19 Support

Officer Responsible: Beki Howey

Summary of Purpose: Contribution towards measures necessary to re-open as a heritage and visitor attraction (Birdswood canal boat) with COVID -19 secure practices as part of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site.
Amount of grant requested: £500
Capital/Revenue: Revenue
Which Budget: DVMWHS Great Place
Time Period: 2020

Name of Recipient: Guardians of Strutts

Grant Name: Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site (DVMWHS) COVID - 19 Support

Officer Responsible: Beki Howey

Summary of Purpose: Contribution towards measures necessary to re-open as a community venue with COVID -19 secure practices. The measures will enable organisations to support the DVMWHS and provide venues for people to engage with arts, culture and heritage.
Amount of grant requested: £500
Capital/Revenue: Revenue
Which Budget: DVMWHS Great Place
Time Period: 2020

Name of Recipient: Heage Windmill Society

Grant Name: Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site (DVMWHS) COVID - 19 Support

Officer Responsible: Beki Howey

Summary of Purpose: Contribution towards measures necessary to re-open as a heritage and visitor attraction, including operation as an historic working windmill, with COVID-19 secure practices to support the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site.
Amount of grant requested: £500
Capital/Revenue: Revenue
Which Budget: DVMWHS Great Place
Time Period: 2020

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Name of Recipient: Sawmills Village Hall

Grant Name: Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site (DVMWHS) COVID - 19 Support

Officer Responsible: Beki Howey

Summary of Purpose: Contribution towards measures necessary to re-open as a community venue with COVID -19 secure practices. The measures will enable organisations to support the DVMWHS and provide venues for people to engage with arts, culture and heritage.

Amount of grant requested: £500
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Capital/Revenue: Revenue

Which Budget: DVMWHS Great Place

Time Period: 2020

Name of Recipient: Number Twenty Eight, Belper

Grant Name: Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site (DVMWHS) COVID - 19 Support

Officer Responsible: Beki Howey

Summary of Purpose: Contribution towards measures necessary to re-open as a community venue with COVID -19 secure practices. The measures will enable organisations to support the DVMWHS and provide venues for people to engage with arts, culture and heritage.

Amount of grant requested: £500
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Capital/Revenue: Revenue

Which Budget: DVMWHS Great Place

Time Period: 2020
