



Community Grant to Wincanton War Memorial Hall – Canopy to newly created toilet block facilities

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Purpose of the Report

Councillors are asked to consider the awarding of a grant of £6,124.80 towards new toilet block with disabled facility – phase 2 Canopy.

Public Interest

Awarding grants is a key way that SSDC supports and helps to deliver community projects sponsored by Parishes and voluntary community organisations in the towns and villages across the district.

The Wincanton War Memorial Hall has applied to the Area East community grants programme for financial assistance with the costs of a weatherproof canopy to the newly created toilet facilities.

The Locality Officer is submitting this report to enable the Area East Committee to make an informed decision about the application has assessed the application.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Councillors award The Wincanton War Memorial Hall a grant £6,124.80 (50% costs), the grant to be allocated from the Area East capital programme and subject to SSDC standard conditions for community grants (appendix A)

Application Details

Name of applicant:	Wincanton War Memorial Hall
Project:	New toilet block with disabled facility – Phase 2 Canopy
Total project cost:	£12,249.60
Amount requested from SSDC:	£6,124.80
% amount requested	50%
Application assessed by:	Terena Isaacs

Community Grants Assessment Score



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The table below shows the grant scoring for this application. Applications must meet the minimum score of 22 to be considered for SSDC funding under Community Grants policies.

Category	Max available	Score	Officer assessment score
A Supports Council Plan/Area Chapter	1		1
B Supports Equalities & Diversity	1		1
C Supports Environment Strategy	3		1
D Need for Project	10		7
E Capacity of Organisation	15		11
F Financial need	7		4
Total	37		25

Background

It was highlighted by many users of Wincanton Memorial Hall there was a need for further toilet facilities for users of the hall. The trust identified a storeroom at the rear of the hall, which they were able to convert into a new toilet block including disabled use facilities.

The project was to be completed in 2 phases with phase 1 now complete and in use. The conversion was funded from the halls own funds along with grant support from Wincanton Town Council.

Planning permission has been granted for this project.

Parish information

Parish*	Wincanton
Parish Population	5,272
No. of dwellings	2,478

*Taken from the 2011 census profile

The project

Phase 2 of the project is to erect a weather protective canopy to link the Sun Lounge area to the new toilet facilities. A canopy was decided as opposed to an enclosed corridor structure after seeking advice from SSDC planning department. An enclosed structure would have been seen to increase the size of the hall facilities whereas a canopy cover is unable to be put to another use.

Local support / evidence of need

Users of the hall identified the need for further toilet facilities to be made available and accessible from the Sun Lounge area. These needed to include disabled facilities with today's standards and recommendations.

This would also allow the Sun Lounge area to be hired separately from the main hall. When both areas are in use the Sun Lounge users can only access the toilet facilities by walking around the outside of the building and re-entering the foyer toilets at the

front. This was unacceptable for some hirers and therefore reduced the use and hire ability of this part of the building.

Project costs

Project costs	Cost £
Ground work for erection of canopy	£300
Canopy structure	£11,949.60
Total	£12,249.60

Funding plan

Funding source	Secured pending	or	Amount £
Town Council	Secured		£5,000
Own Fund	Secured		£1,124.80
SSDC	Pending		6,124.80
Total			£12,249.60

Conclusion and Recommendation

It is recommended that a grant of £6,124.80 is awarded.

Financial Implications

The balance in the Area East Capital programme is £70,986. If the recommended grant of £6,124.80 is awarded, £64,124.20 will remain.

Grants are awarded subject to all other funding being secured before the commencement of the project and are on a 50% basis of the full project costs. Payment of the grant cannot exceed the grant award and is proportionally reduced if full project costs are under budget.

Council Plan Implications

Council Plan themes and Areas of focus for 2021/22

- work with partners to support people in improving their physical and mental wellbeing
- enable quality cultural, leisure and sport activities

Area Chapter Implications for 2021/22

Support a range of improvements to community facilities through S106 and Community grant



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Carbon Emissions and Climate Change Implications

Local contractor to complete groundworks for the new canopy.

Equality and Diversity Implications

The project aims to provide for people across all age and interest groups in the local community.

Background Papers

- None.
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Appendix A

Standard conditions applying to all SSDC Community Grants

The applicant agrees to: -

- Notify SSDC if there is a material change to the information provided in the application.
- Start the project within six months of the grant offer and notify SSDC of any changes to the project or start date as soon as possible.
- Confirm that all other funding sources have been secured before starting the project, if these were not already in place at the time of the application.
Acknowledge SSDC assistance towards the project in any relevant publicity about the project (e.g. leaflets, posters, websites, and promotional materials) and on any permanent acknowledgement (e.g. plaques, signs etc.).
- Work in conjunction with SSDC officers to monitor and share the success of the project and the benefits to the community resulting from SSDC's contribution to the project.
- Provide a project update and/or supply before and after photos if requested
- Supply receipted invoices or receipts which provide evidence of the **full** cost of the project so that the grant can be released.
- Complete an evaluation survey when requested after the completion of the project.
- Note that they cannot apply for another community grant for the same project within a 3 year period of this award.

Standard conditions applying to buildings, facilities and equipment

- Establish and maintain a “sinking fund” to support future replacement of the building / facility / equipment as grant funding is only awarded on a one-off basis.
- Use the SSDC Building Control Service when buildings regulations are required.
- Incorporate disabled access and provide an access statement where relevant.