PLEASE INFORM IF ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED

Statement - To maximise public benefit it is intended this process be as un-bureaucratic as possible while distributing public funds

A Applications
   a) for projects must be solely for the public good,

   b) which has slightly more than £5,000 to distribute, from

   c) constituted organisations (to include registered charities, charitable incorporated organisations, community groups who have been constituted for more than 6 months, parish or community council, community interest companies, uniformed groups). Other entities could be considered at the discretion of the Adjudication Panel

B Grants of up to £300 are available for
   d) Either capital (moveable goods must be returned to DVSC in the event of business failure within 12 months)
   e) or revenue purposes (unspent monies must be returned to DVSC in the event of business failure within 12 months – underspent monies must be returned to DVSC by 01/11/18)
   f) more than one project can be submitted in 2017-18

C To be eligible
   a) all applicants must submit a governing document and adequate financial records, ideally annual accounts or their equivalent, demonstrating fiscal probity
   b) all activity must take place in Denbighshire or be provided elsewhere if all participants are full time, permanent residents of Denbighshire.

D In this round priority will be given to, projects:
   1. Relating to or based in church run premises - in keeping with the investment source of the fund
   2. On the theme of (mitigating the impact of) dementia (on those who have the condition, their carers and support groups) – while a specific diagnosis is not required for every participant a ‘token’ representation would not be acceptable
   3. On the theme of loneliness and isolation – older people and the disabled are most prone to be in such circumstances but other groups should not be discounted, e.g. young carers
4. Promotes wellbeing (being aware, connecting, exercising, learning, giving back) – the 5 Ways to Wellbeing is a widely recognised approach – projects may incorporate all five elements, some or might major on one element for their project

5. Supporting people with learning disabilities – offering new experiences and stimuli, as well as integration/participation in mainstream activities

E Awards will be decided by a panel of DVSC organisations, at their sole discretion, who will also set next year’s Priorities. Panel members will review this guidance in the light of their experience of this round. Representations can be made via office@dvsc.co.uk if confined to less than one side of A4. A common sense approach should be taken to any matters of interpretation

F Awards are payable in advance and subject to monitoring. Any organisation which does not submit monitoring forms on time will be ineligible to apply for the following three rounds of funding

G Adjudication Decisions will be based on how well the project:

1) meets the criteria of public benefit
2) aligns with the criteria for 2017-18
3) offers value for money
4) offers a sustainable legacy
5) is realistically deliverable
6) offers a creative, imaginative response

H Awards are not made to individuals – this is in keeping with longstanding custom and practice since at least 2005.

I Timetable

1) The application deadline is 9am on 15/01/18 – via email or in hard copy
2) Awards will be made by 28/02/18 – notifications would normally be by email
3) Projects must be completed by 30/09/18 monitoring forms submitted by 01/11/2018

J Application Forms are available on www.Denbighshirevolunteers.net or by contacting office@dvsc.co.uk

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1The Welsh Church Act 1914 is an Act of Parliament under which the Welsh part of the Church of England was separated and disestablished. The Welsh Church Act Funds were set up from the proceeds and assets, which were then distributed amongst the former County Councils in Wales and further divided between the Unitary Authorities following their creation in 1996. The charitable objects are defined on the Charity Commission Website as: “To such charitable or eleemosynary (sic.) purposes as the council may from time to time select” In 2005, Denbighshire County Council asked DVSC to administer the Fund on its behalf