

REPORT TO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME AWARDS



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Agenda Item 6
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1.0 BACKGROUND

The small grants working group considered the grant applications received for the third round of the 2026/2027 financial year.

The total budget for the 2026/27 financial year is £9,000 including the returned £1,500 from Knutsford Tri Club. There is a budget of £4,758 remaining in the current year.

Members may request a copy of the application form by contacting the Community Engagement Officer. The council's grants policy is published on the Town Council website.

2.0 APPLICATIONS

2.1 F.I.T THERAPY CIC

Amount Requested: £1,500
Recommendation: Approve
Summary: Contribution to room hire costs enabling the sessions to stay affordable for attendees.

The application seeks funding to go towards venue hire of the Tatton Rooms for 46 weeks, to enable the cost of the physio sessions to stay affordable to attendees. F.I.T Therapy run three group sessions a week delivering physiotherapist-led rehabilitation, exercise and falls-prevention support for older adults living with reduced mobility, frailty, long-term conditions, illness or injury. The grant request represents a contribution towards venue costs only. All other service costs will be met through participant fees and unrestricted CIC income.

2.2 MANOR PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

Amount Requested: £1,500
Recommendation: Reject
Summary: Contribution towards costs in developing the on-site forest school.

The application seeks funding to go towards a project to develop the school forest school. The application is part of a wider £10,000 total project cost and explains the funding would significantly speed up the project timeline by allowing the purchase of safety equipment. The application fell short in the 'value for money' section of the grant application scoring system due to its lack of public access for other schools and groups in the Knutsford community.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the committee:

- a) approves a grant of £1,500 to F.I.T Therapy
- b) rejects the application from Manor Park School and Nursery.