

Funding application

Ward: St Nicholas	Councillor Ralph Raynor
Date of application:	16 th September 2011
Name of applicant:	Grahame Bowles
Name of organisation:	Sport Stevenage
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Application details	
Amount of Funding (if known)	£100
<p>I would like my local Councillor to consider the following request for funding: You will recall that SBC was obliged to discontinue funding Sport Stevenage this year due to economies in its budget. A large proportion of our funding went directly to grassroot local sports clubs to support their work in realising the targets within the Stevenage Community Strategy as well as the National Strategy for Sport. Voluntary Sports Clubs are required to ensure that their personnel are properly trained and educated before they begin the task of increasing opportunities for sport for all within our communities. It is a national requirement from Government, DCMS, Sport England and their own national governing bodies of sport that clubs fulfil all manner of regulation that includes child and vulnerable adult protection, volunteer support, first aid, welfare of young players etc. even before they get to the stage of acquiring the coaching know-how in order to develop individual skills in young people. Such qualifications are expensive to acquire and we have always supported our volunteers with these expenses. Our strategy of support was usually a third of the cost from the club, a third from the individual and a third from Sport Stevenage. Thus we were able to spread the support amongst a wide variety of sports and clubs. Sadly we have had to inform our clubs that we will be unable to continue with this programme at the moment. The sporting activities on offer in Stevenage are many and varied and the membership of our clubs are drawn from across the town not specifically from one particular ward. We want to maintain the quality of our clubs especially those who are coaching large numbers of young people and that means seeking the funds to keep our volunteer coaches well qualified and prepared. The Local Community Budget which you administer may just give us an opportunity to continue with support to the clubs replacing the funding previously granted to us direct from SBC resources. If each Councillor was to provide £100 to Sport Stevenage that would total £3900 for coach education and I would be most grateful if you felt able to donate that amount. Not that I would object should you choose to donate more !</p>	
Other funding	
<p>I have requested other funding for this project from: <i>(name other funding bodies and amounts applied for): We work closely with the Stevenage Community Trust who do have a programme to support local sports clubs but the difficulty is that this particular</i></p>	

funding is donated by a large betting company and they stipulate that it should not be used by those under 18 years of age due to the probity of the situation.

Most of the clubs that we are asked to support are catering for young people under that age but we continue to seek innovative ways to provide assistance for all.

Individual Councillor Decision

Local Community Budget 2011/2012

Councillor:

Ward:

Decision taken	<i>To fund £100.00</i>	
Reason for decision	<i>In order for these sports clubs to continue it is important that this training is provided. It will benefit residents across the town.</i>	
Other options considered		
consultations		
Outcome of consultations		
Financial implications	<i>Sufficient funds are available from Councillor's Local Community Budget</i>	
Legal implications		
Other implications		
Declaration of interests		
Signed	Ralph Raynor	
Date	22 September 2011	
If Call-in is to be waived give reason for urgency		
Waiver of Call-in agreed by		Date:
Officer confirmation	<i>C. Murphy</i>	
Date	23.09.11	
Date of publication	23 September 2011	
Deadline for Call-in	30 September 2011	
Implementation date	Subject to the decision not being Called-in this decision may take affect from Monday 3 October 2011	