

Appendix A

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme - new application

Name of Organisation	:	Mid Sussex Remembrance, Education and Development (RED)
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	WW1 Remembrance events
Total Project Cost	:	£3,200
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£2,964
Previous Grants	:	£2,500

Background information

Mid Sussex RED is an unincorporated association which was set up in 2016 to inform people about military history and remembrance through educational events, talks and activities. The group has a small voluntary management team and a further 15 volunteers and have delivered a number of local military based events since their inception, which focused on the First and Second World Wars. MSDC provided a grant to Mid Sussex Red in 2017 towards display and projection equipment and venue hire for military history events for children.

2018 is the Centenary of WW1 and to mark this, they plan to deliver a number of events in the Autumn. These will comprise of the following:

- Two events for primary school children on 19 October in St Andrews Church in Burgess Hill and on 16 November at Clair Hall in Haywards Heath. These will offer a large exhibition, presentations and a mini museum. Other local charities will assist in the delivery of these events including the Royal British Legion and East Grinstead Museum.
- A public event on 4 November at King Edward Hall in Lindfield entitled "Lindfield Remembers World War 1" to remember Lindfielders who fell in WW1 which will offer an exhibition, presentations and a living museum where partner charities will wear first world war officer and nurses uniforms. This is significant as King Edward Hall was used as a military hospital during the World War 1. Lindfield History Project Group, Lindfield Royal British Legion and the Lindfield Bonfire Society will co-deliver this event. Up to £3 will be charged for adults to attend the event which Mid Sussex RED have said they will distribute to the charities involved.
- A public event on 11 November on Lindfield Common in partnership with Lindfield Parish Council, Lindfield Royal British Legion and Lindfield Bonfire Society to deliver a series of remembrance activities. The Parish Council plan to apply to MSDC for a beacon of light as part of this event (which is separate to this project).

Mid Sussex RED are also producing a booklet of information regarding local men who were killed during WW1. The information in the booklet will be available at all four events.

The budget consists of hall hire for 3 events (£1,200), two display stands and tables (£700) a gazebo for outdoor events (£300) and printing costs (£1,000).

MS RED has secured match funding of £235.50 from a local charity towards the venue hire for the event at King Edward Hall. They have also applied for funding for 10 transparent silhouettes of soldiers by the "There but not There" charity, although this has not been included as part of this project's costs.

Head of Finance Comments

Unaudited accounts have been submitted for the 14 months ending 30th November 2017 which show a surplus of £2,936.

Total income was £6,320; mainly generated from Grants (£2,732), Management Loan (£2,367), Sponsorship (£583), Miscellaneous Income and Ebay sales (£215), Subscriptions (£184), Ticket Sales (£121) and Donations (£118).

Total expenditure was £3,384; consisting of Supplies and Services (£3,384).

No Balance Sheet was provided.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

Mid Sussex RED have delivered eight events across the district since their inception in 2016 and are enthusiastic about local military history. The WW1 centenary events planned for 2018 will be educational, informative and of interest to local people.

A grant towards this project will be worthwhile although Mid Sussex RED received funding for 3 display stands from MSDC last year and are now requesting 2 more of these in this application. The assessment group feel that the project could be delivered with a reduced grant from MSDC.

Overall Score: 7

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Strong and Resilient Communities – MS RED have developed partnerships with other local organisations in delivering these events. The school events will add value to the children's history curriculum and bring about a local perspective. The public events will bring local people together and educate them about the local history during WW1.

Recommendation

That a sum of £2,450 from the Community and Economic Development Fund be awarded to Mid Sussex RED towards the cost of delivering the WW1 Remembrance Events (subject to receipt of a child safeguarding policy).