

Grants Budget 2023/2024			£10,000	
Date Approved	Applicant	Project	Amount of Grant	Balance Remaining
28/03/23 564/22	Liskeard Radio	To hold a fund-raising event in June at the Public Hall to mark the 10 years' since the setting up of Liskeard Radio.	£270.60	£9,729.40
28/03/23 565/22	Dance Centred CIC	Holding a "Dance Together" programme of 27 weekly dance and exercise classes from April 2023 – March 2024	£625	£9,104.40
28/02/23 498/22	Liskeard & District Flower Arrangement Club.	To partially fund the holding of the Emerald Anniversary event of the Club in the Public Hall 27th October 2023 (estimated cost £2,000 – grant request £350)	£350	£8,754.40
<b>New Requests</b>				
25/04/23	Liskeard TICS (Thought I Couldn't Sing)	Hire of the Public Hall on 24 May 2023 for a fund-raising concert in aid of the Liskeard & Looe Foodbank	£119.60	£8,634.80
25/04/23	Caradon Youth Theatre	Hire of the Public Hall for a week in the May/June half term to stage a £9,000 live theatre performance involving young people as the performers and producers.	£500	£8,134.80
25/04/23	Power Runs Cornwall (Liskeard)	To fund another Group Leader training course £190 and further branded t-shirts £160.	£350	£7,784.80
25/04/23	STERTS arts & environmental centre	To fund the holding of "The Beast of Bodmin Moor" production involving artists and technicians from the Liskeard area. The production will be seen by Liskeard residents. Total cost £55,800. Amount ideally, requested: £5,000	*£5,000 Possible grant £1,500	*£2,784.80 Possible grant £1,500 **£6,284.80
		** amount to cover until 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024		

## **6. GRANT APPLICATIONS – Note on Budgets.**

Town Clerk's Comment on the amount requested \*. Before the Town Council achieved "Power of Competence" in 2016 it strictly speaking would not have been able to fund projects outside of the Town boundary. In 2018, a grant of £500 was made towards the cost of a commemorative event held at the Sterts Centre in which a proportion of both the performers and technicians were known to be from Liskeard and a proportion of the audience were anticipated to be residents of Liskeard.

ast financial year, the Town Council contributed £1,500 to external and internal lighting at the STERTS Centre. Once installed this might last for several years or longer and be of benefit to audience members from Liskeard and performers and technicians for such a period.

**15. GRANT POLICY AND APPLICATION FORM REVIEW (attached) – To adopt the attached grant policy and application form.**

Background – whilst the Grant Policy and Application Form has received minor changes as and when needed, this is the first full review in some time. All the new text is in blue to assist in drawing attention to the changes. The Context section has been added as an idea taken over from the Youth Grants Policy. If the changes to the main Grants Policy are adopted, it is recommended that the Youth Grants Policy is similarly amended.

**RECOMMENDATION: That the revised Grant Policy and Application Form is adopted.**

**17. DEFENCE EMPLOYER RECOGNITION SCHEME (ERS) – Bronze Award – Subject to the Council having earlier agreed to enter into the Armed Forces Covenant, to approve that the Council work as a Bronze Award Employer by promoting being armed forces-friendly and being open to employing reservists, armed forces veterans (including the wounded, injured and sick), cadet instructors and military spouses/partners and the use of the supporting logos etc.**

Background – The Defence Employer Recognition Scheme (ERS) enables employers to participate in the scheme at an appropriate level depending on their circumstances. This is recognised by the awarding of either Bronze, Silver and Gold level. Further details:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/defence-employer-recognition-scheme/defence-employer-recognition-scheme>

Bronze award holders:

- are self-nominated by employers who pledge to support the armed forces, including existing or prospective employees who are members of the community
- must have signed the Armed Forces Covenant
- promote being armed forces-friendly and are open to employing reservists, armed forces veterans (including the wounded, injured and sick), cadet instructors and military spouses/partners
- receive an electronic certificate and logos to display on their website, stationery and other collateral.

The Town Council can implement the Bronze award level.

**RECOMMENDATION: That the Town Council adopt the steps necessary to a Bronze Award level employer under the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme**