SUMMARY OF SMALL GRANT APPLICATIONS - MAY 2023

Name of Group	Ward	Brief Description of event, activity or project	Total Cost	Amount Requested
Ashington Veterans & Elders Institute	Central	Due to successful events like Music Nights, exhibition matches and coffee mornings the Institute are in the process of installing a PA system with four internal speakers, an amplifier, mixing desk and connection leads and fittings. This will mean artists will not necessarily have to bring their own sound equipment and the equipment would be readily available for upcoming events, giving the opportunity to play background music anytime. Their budget does not stretch to cover external speakers and amplifiers, which would be a major benefit to the garden users who could listen to music, or hear announcements while sitting outside in the better weather. This would be low volume and mostly background music, but it would bring our outside activities to life and create a lovely atmosphere in the garden. If successful they would use the grant to purchase and fit: 1 x External Loudspeaker 1 x External Speaker Amplifier. The Institute currently has a balance £64,346, however, they are planning to extend the building if they can raise further funds.	£500.00	£500.00

Newgiggin Colliery Band	Jayess Newbiggin Brass Band qualified for the National Finals in Cheltenham for the second year running in March. The sum of £500 has been requested to go towards the cost of a hotel room for the two members of the band who reside in Ashington, will come to approximately £774. They would like to use the small grant to make a contribution to this total, especially as one member is a young person who lives and goes to school in Ashington. Income for 2022/23 £12,354.28 and Expenditure for 2022/3 £8548.78 accounts for 2023/4 not available	£774.00	£500.00
Ashington Sea Cadets	The Cadets are requesting £500 to buy a laptop and tablets for e-learning as well as uploading documents to Westminster. They would like to build up the tablets so that each cadet can do their work (courses) on the tablets so that there can be a reduction on printing paper. Current bank balance £8,238.79. Expenditure £6,126.10.	£500.00	£500.00