

**SUMMARY OF SMALL GRANT APPLICATIONS - FEBRUARY 2023**

Name of Group	Ward	Brief Description of event, activity or project	Total Cost	Amount Requested
<b>Ashington RVS Social Centre</b>		RVS describes that have had to increase the fee from £8 to £10 to cover the running costs. The fees will cover the costs of a two course hot lunch and refreshments throughout the day, but will not provide entertainment or take the clients out in the local community. These activities are vital for the clients wellbeing and to prevent loneliness and isolation. They also help to stimulate and motivate them. We would like a contribution towards these activities. They currently have funds of £620. Income is £600. Expenditure is £1,944. The group received a small grant in July 2022 for a trip to the Maritime Centre.		£500
<b>Talking Marras</b>	Hirst	The group provide mental health support for adults who have experienced personal issues, such as depression, anxiety and loneliness. The group are peer support led and hold weekly drop ins on Fridays at the Hirst Welfare, 10am - 2pm. They also have a private support group online. The group offers activities such as crafts, gardening, table games, guest speakers and fundraising efforts for local causes. The grant would help towards costs of new growing beds in their allotment/garden area at Hirst Welfare. This provides the group with gentle exercise whilst keeping the garden weeded/growing fresh salad and vegetables etc. They currently have funds of £3,592. Income £3,900. Expenditure £2,500. The group will be contributing £300 from their accounts.	£2,261	£500
<b>Ashington Veterans &amp; Elders Institute</b>	Central	The group have requested funding to help toward energy costs which they describe as having risen significantly. They have cut the times the heating is on by three hours a day to save money, but the premises are open from 8am until 11.00am for members many who are elderly. They anticipate energy costs of £6,000 for the current year ending September 2023. Previous energy costs were £900. They currently have funds of £44,409 which is mainly made up of Covid funding and will need to be used to cover shortfall of anticipated income. Anticipated income for 2022/23 £20,171. Expenditure £23,587, this is the second year the Institute has had an annual loss. The group received funding in September 2022 to purchase tools to help with the production of wooden garden items, which are sold to raise funds for Wansbeck General Hospital and SSAFA.		£500