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Dear Councillor Cowles

With reference to the question asked at the council meeting held on 27th February, please find below the information supplied in the meeting as requested:-

“Is there any grant funding this year, if so, what is the total amount donated?”

The Council has paid out £562k to date, in 2018/19, in a combination of grants and grant programmes for commissioned services, allocated as follows:

- £187,000 to Voluntary Action Rotherham (VAR), through a grant programme which provides infrastructure and support services to voluntary and community organisations in Rotherham this being part of a three-year service level agreement which commenced on 1 April 2018. The service level agreement was arranged following an open competitive process which invited bids for a “lead organisation for the design and provision of voluntary and community sector infrastructure support services in Rotherham.”
- £240,000 to Citizens Advice Bureau, through a grant programme, this being part of a three-year service level agreement which commenced on 1 April 2018. This being the full annual amount of the agreement. The service level agreement was arranged following an open competitive process which invited bids for a “lead voluntary organisation for co-design and co-delivery of grant funded voluntary sector advice services in Rotherham.”
- £1,000 to a local business from the Rotherham Economic Regeneration Fund.
- In addition to the grants payments referred to previously, there are a number of social fund payments made totalling £76,000. This includes payments to Fareshare – Food in Crisis, VAR and Laser Credit Union. In setting the budget for 2018/19, Council agreed to fund these costs from the Social Fund (fund for change) reserve.

- Furthermore, a total of £58,000 has been also been paid from the Community Leadership Fund.

I hope you find this information useful.

Yours sincerely

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