

VASL Harborough District Council Grant 14k per annum

VASL is extremely grateful to Harborough District Council for the unrestricted grant we receive each year.

As the grant is unrestricted, VASL Board of Trustees agree each year on the best use of this important funding.

In previous years it has been used to support our befriending project whilst we secured 5 year lottery funding. If we the funding hadn't have been available, we would have lost staff and befriending would have discontinued.

Another year HDC funding went toward the Social Car Scheme that provides transport to vital hospital appointments.

Another vital use of our HDC funding has been to support the rent and overheads for our office base and back office functions. We run a very tight and lean team that supports our projects and activities and these members of staff, including the Charity Manager salary, are met by unrestricted funding. All charities need a level of unrestricted income to allow them to meet legal and financial obligations including Personnel and GDPR legal requirements.

Projects and Services never have full cost recovery, built into funding and VASL ensures that our outputs and deliverables to our clients are not compromised by overinflated overheads in project budgets.

I am very happy to answer any further questions around out 14k Grant and attach our Final end of year accounts for your scrutiny.

Maureen O'Malley

Charity Manager 21st October 2020