

**NOTICE OF ITEM(S) OF BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE CABINET**

Date when item(s) to be considered:	Wednesday, 23 APRIL 2025
Name of Individual Executive Councillors who will consider the items:	Councillors , S Conboy L Davenport-Ray and S Howell
Subject of item(s) to be	Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme Awards 2025
Summary of item(s) to be considered:	To consider the applications that have been submitted to the Huntingdonshire Futures Grants Scheme funding programme and whether the applications meet the criteria which has been set and to decide which applications to award. Supporting report attached.
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This Notice has been copied to the Chairman of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

Dated this 17 day of April 2025

1. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

To receive from Members declarations as to disclosable pecuniary, other registerable and non-registerable interests in relation to any Agenda item.

**2. HUNTINGDONSHIRE FUTURES GRANT SCHEME AWARDS 2025
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To consider applications received via the Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme for 2025 and to indicate preference for the allocation of funds in accordance with agreed eligibility criteria.

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Public
Key Decision - Yes

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Title/Subject Matter:	Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 2025
Meeting/Date:	Grants Panel – 23 April 2025
Executive Portfolio:	Executive Councillor for Place - Councillor S Conboy Executive Councillor for Communities, Health and Leisure - Councillor S Howell Executive Councillor for Climate and Environment - Councillor L Davenport-Ray
Report by: Planning	Head of Policy, Performance and Emergency
Ward(s) affected:	All

Executive Summary:

Huntingdonshire Futures sets out a vision to make Huntingdonshire a better place to live, work, and visit over the next 30 years. The Huntingdonshire Futures grants support this vision by enabling communities to deliver events and activities.

The 2025 version of the grant scheme focuses on just the Pride in Place journey. Grants of £500 - £2,500 are available for activities, and events that showcase and celebrate Huntingdonshire's communities, heritage, and cultural identity.

Community groups and organisations requiring financial aid to deliver projects that support Pride in Place are invited to apply from 24 March 2025. Applications must be for projects based in Huntingdonshire and where a significant majority of beneficiaries are Huntingdonshire residents.

This activity supports our commitment from the Corporate Plan to “explore how place strategy priorities are transformed into practical delivery.”

The total budget for 2025/26 is £40,000.

Recommendation(s):

- a. To consider applications submitted to the Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 2025 funding programme to date and determine whether they meet award criteria.
- b. To decide which applications will be allocated funding.

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to outline details of the applications received from groups or organisations representing Huntingdonshire communities for project funding from the Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 2025. Applications from community groups and organisations who would like to support the District Council in achieving priorities that have been set out within the Corporate Plan for 2023-28:
- Improving the quality of life and for local people
 - Improving the happiness and wellbeing of residents

2. WHY IS THIS REPORT NECESSARY?

- 2.1 In setting the Council budget for 2025/26, £40,000 was set aside for the Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 2025.
- 2.2 From the commencement of the 2025/26 financial year, the panel has committed £17,086.00 to applicants, leaving £22,914.00 available for the remainder of 2025/26.
- 2.3 The maximum amount that can be applied for is £2,500.

Successful applicants will be required to complete an evaluation of their project later in the year which demonstrates the impact of the funding.

- 2.4 The Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 2025 will close on 30 June 2025 or once all funding has been allocated, whichever is the sooner.

3. ANALYSIS

- 3.1 Appendix 2 of the report provides a summary of applications that have been received since the last meeting. In establishing the Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 2025, funding criteria will be used, and it is against these criteria that the applications have been assessed.

4. KEY IMPACTS / RISKS

- 4.1 The funding awarded for the 2025 scheme must be used against projects applied for and approved in 2025.

5. WHAT ACTIONS WILL BE TAKEN/TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- 5.1 At ongoing meetings of the Grants Panel, Members will determine which projects should be allocated funding. Officers will then advise all applicant organisations of the outcome.

5.2 Groups or organisations awarded funding must be able to confirm that their project can be delivered within the 2025 calendar year.

5.3 If the applicant no longer requires the grant or the Grants Panel decide that the criteria can no longer be met, the District Council will cancel the award.

6. LINK TO THE CORPORATE PLAN, STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND/OR CORPORATE OBJECTIVES

6.1 The Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 2025 links directly to the Council's Corporate Plan 2023-28, specifically the following priorities and outcomes:

- Improving the quality of life and for local people
- Improving the happiness and wellbeing of residents

7. CONSULTATION

7.1 The Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 2025 is advertised by the Council through a wide range of media including the District Council website, press releases and social media. Further communications will be made to advertise the funding available in 2025/26.

8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

8.1 The funding of £40,000 allocated to the Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 2025 is within the Council's approved budget.

9. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISIONS

9.1 Applications recommended for consideration demonstrate that they satisfy the eligibility criteria set by the Council for the Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 2025.

10. LIST OF APPENDICES INCLUDED

Appendix 1 - [Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme - Funding Criteria - Huntingdonshire.gov.uk](https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk)

Appendix 2 - List of applications received, with officer comments.

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 2025 Funding Criteria

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Huntingdonshire District Council - Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 2025 - 23 April 2025 Grant Panel Applications

Project Serial Number and Applicant Name	Project Name and Description	Context	Amount Requested
<p>HFG/16/2025</p> <p>Huntingdonshire History Festival</p>	<p>Civil War Re-enactment, Huntingdon: 4-6 July 2025</p> <p>A weekend Civil War re-enactment, working with the Cromwell Museum to provide a series of activities on Castle Hill. There will be a battle with re-enactors on both the Saturday and Sunday. During the weekend there will also be a living camp, where members of the public can interact with the people re-enactors. There will also be activities for children such as art and craft events linked to the Civil War period and Huntingdon. Other activities will also include marching and drill for children. Various displays and demonstrations will also be carried out throughout the day and a court case will take place in the old courthouse.</p>	<p>They provide a history festivals throughout Huntingdonshire, providing many different events, ranging from re-enactments, children's activities to local History and Natural history walks, many of which are free to all.</p>	<p>£2,500.00</p>
<p>HFG/17/2025</p> <p>Hunts Community Cancer Network (HCCN)</p>	<p>HCCN's 10th Anniversary event: 2 August 2025</p> <p>August 2025 marks 10 years since HCCN was registered as a charity. We are Huntingdonshire's local cancer charity and we are proud to celebrate this significant milestone with the people who have made this possible - service users, volunteers, nurses, members, trustees - past and present, as well as key local stakeholders such as the Mayors of the market towns. We are partnering with Huntingdon's Marriott Delta Hotel to showcase their facilities. This will be a wonderful chance to gather, share memories, and show our appreciation for everything the people behind HCCN have achieved.</p>	<p>Hunts Community Cancer Network (HCCN) supports adults aged 18+ in Huntingdonshire living with or beyond a cancer diagnosis. They offer free, evidence-based services that promote physical activity, emotional wellbeing, and healthy eating. This includes tailored exercise programmes, to support groups, our Buddy Scheme, and community drop-in sessions. They support over 550 people and aim to reach more of the 10,000+ in our area with a current diagnosis.</p>	<p>£2,500.00</p>

HFG/18/2025	VE Day 80 celebration, Kimbolton: 5 May 2025		£2,500.00
Mandeville Hall	The event will provide entertainment, catering, memorabilia stands, displays etc to commemorate VE day for the local community of Kimbolton & Stonely. A tribute will be led by the local MP followed by the lighting of a beacon.	Mandeville Hall is the Kimbolton village hall and provides facilities for the local community. The hall has several regular groups e.g. Slimming World, Pilates, Yoga, Bridge, indoor bowls. They also provide a weekly lunch club and twice weekly cafe for the elderly. The hall is also available for the local community to hire.	