



Dear Councillor

GRANTS PANEL - WEDNESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2022

I am now able to enclose for consideration at the above meeting the following reports that were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

**Agenda Item
No.**

- 2. COMMUNITY CHEST GRANT AID AWARDS 2022/23 (Pages 3 - 8)**

Appendix 3 of the report is now enclosed.

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Application Name	Amount Requested	Total Cost of Project	Description	Theme Being Addressed	Meets Criteria Yes or No?	Applicant and Area covered by Project
The Bridge Church, St Ives (Warm Hub)	£400.00	£600/month	<p>We are paying approximately £600 per month for our combined gas and electricity (October 2022) and we anticipate that this will increase to double this amount in the coldest months. We are asking for the £400 to help to cover the costs we will incur for the period of time we are opening up and heating the building to operate as a warm hub.</p> <p>The church is funding all of the electricity and gas costs ourselves, we may experience our savings dropping below the recommended level (according to the charity commission) of 3 months operating costs in reserve. The £400 will be a big help towards retaining the correct reserves. However, we will operate as a warm hub regardless of the impact on the church reserves because we consider the warm hub is extremely important.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Place • Good Health 	Yes	Church Pastor, Andy Richards St Ives
Godmanchester Baptist Church (Warm Hub)	£450.00	£480.00	The money will be used for running a Warm Spaces Venue on a Thursday, 10am-2pm for 4 months. This is 16 sessions. We estimate it will cost £10 a session to heat the room. We will be providing drinks and simple lunch as well, depending on how many people attend it will be £10-£20 a week. Total cost: £160 + £320 = £480	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Health • Good Place 	Yes	Church Pastor, Daniel Beckett Godmanchester
St Ives and Warboys Cricket Club	£1,000	£2,500	The funding would be used to help pay for maintenance of our existing grounds equipment and preparation of pitches for the 2023 season.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Health 	Yes	Chairman

			<p>This is for our ground in Warboys which is maintained through volunteer effort. Such funding will enable us to keep our costs to members at existing levels, without the need to increase these. This includes around 100 junior members aged between 5 - 16.</p> <p>Lawn mowers and other equipment servicing £700 Pitch repairs and preparations £300 Maintenance of our playing surfaces and equipment costs around £2500 and the balance would be met out of club funds.</p>			
Friends of Stay and Play	£950.00	£950.00	<p>Friends of Stay and Play would like to request £950 This is to enable us to buy sensory play equipment £850. Soft mats for the flooring to enable a safe space £100.</p> <p>The request of £950.00 is for the full amount of funds needed. Friends of Stay and play is a well-used toddler group running just one session within Ramsey. This is often at full capacity, meaning we are turning families away and those with SEN needs struggle with the business of group, we wish to run another session to enable other families and children to access our group. We would like families to attend our sessions knowing that this is a good and safe space for their children. If this funding is not secured, we would not be able to purchase sensory equipment for those who attend the group, we feel that sensory equipment would be well used within the sessions and would enable us to run smaller session for those families in need of a safe space. Without this</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Start • Good Health 	Yes	<p>Chairperson</p> <p>Ramsey, Ramsey Forty Foot, Ramsey St Mary, Warboys, Wyton, Upwood, Bury, Pondersbridge, Benwick</p>

			<p>funding this just couldn't be possible. We are partnering with NCT to have a volunteer from the birth and beyond team to help support families in need of support! While at our sessions this can be accessed.</p>			
<p>St Ives Community Association (Warm Hub)</p>	<p>£1,000 (Max. amount available is £500)</p>	£1,500	<p>To purchase kettles, toasters, microwaves, tea urn, board games and TV to be used when providing a warm space this winter.</p> <p>With a very limited pot of money at present we are keen to be included in the warm spaces project. We are running the centre on one kettle and no other facilities at present.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Place • Good Health 	Yes	<p>Chair St Ives</p>
<p>Conington Village Hall</p>	£1,000	£1,600	<p>Towards the Capital cost of purchase of a Defibrillator for the village.</p> <p>Purchase of a defibrillator and heated external cabinet. To be affixed to a building owned by Chorus with their permission. The nearest defib units are in Holme and Sawtry, both are a 3 mile drive away from Conington which is a very small rural village. A delay of about 15 minutes whilst someone fetches a defibrillator is not helpful and there has already been one fatality which may have been avoided if a defib had been available locally.</p> <p>£1600 for the defibrillator and cabinet is the total cost. Other grant applications will be made to cover £600 and the Council will contribute from its reserves. The Council's income is only £2650 pa so it cannot fund this itself. Installation and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Place • Good Health 		<p>Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer Conington</p>

			maintenance in future to be covered by the Council out of its precept.			
Sawtry WI (Warm Hub)	£500.00	£510.00	In addition to our regular WI activities open to the community at a small cost, Sawtry WI in partnership with All Saints Parish church Sawtry (Rev. Becky Dyball) plan to offer a Warm Space session, a free lunch of soup and a roll once a month on the first Saturday of each month 12-3pm. We need to cover the cost of the WI hall lighting and heating at for example £10 per hour to include preparation time 11-12am and clean up time 3-4pm. A total of 5 hours at £10 per hour = £50. We estimate the lunches will cost approximately £2 per person but as we don't yet know how many people may come, we would like to apply for £85 per session for six months = £510. We have volunteers in place but we can't do this without full funding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Place • Good Health 	Yes	President Sawtry
Huntingdon Methodist Church (Warm Hub)	£1,000 (Max. amount available is £500)	£2,022.99	The funding is required to enable Huntingdon Methodist Church to provide Warm Spaces in the centre of Huntingdon. It will be used primarily to meet the cost of providing food and refreshments for the people who come. This is part of a national response, supported by HDC to provide free warm spaces for those who are struggling to meet the increased cost of gas, electricity and general cost of living over the winter months. HMC will provide the team of volunteers, the venue, and some of the resources needed. The budget is based on 100 people every Friday coming to our Warm Space facilities. (50 people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Health • Good Place 	Yes	Trustee Huntingdon

			for both sessions). We will however review this on a regular basis so that we can react to any changing needs and circumstances.			
Yaxley Parish Council (Warm Hub)	£500.00	£1,000	£500 for equipment and food for a warm bank (Sometimes called a Warm hub or warm space). We need to purchase food, bowls, plates, cutlery, chopping boards, knives and other food preparation equipment, saucepans, oven trays, sandwich toaster, food storage containers and glasses. £1000. Yaxley Parish Council, are able to grant match the amount awarded.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Place • Good Health 	Yes	Administrator Yaxley
Spotlight Productions	£1,000	£1,070	Back in 2004 we formed Huntingdon's first non-profit making musical youth theatre, Spotlight Productions and in the past 18 years over 1700 young people have performed in our shows. Our ethos is to encourage young people from any background to take part, which has resulted in the group having a wide demographic, including members who are physically and mentally handicapped and those from the LGBTQ community. Spotlight Productions provides a safe environment for young people of any ability, to meet on a weekly basis and learn new skills. A substantial number of our members have struggled to fit in or be accepted by their peers. We currently have young people in the group diagnosed with autism, asperges, dwarfism, physically handicapped and anorexia. Additionally, a number of our cast have experienced severe bullying at school, causing anxiety. We provide an external supportive family environment, where	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Health • Good Place 	Yes	Chairman and Artistic Director We have cast members from Huntingdon, Brampton, Sawtry, Alconbury, Hartford, The Stukeleys, Warboys, St Ives and Peterborough.

			<p>they feel they belong and are accepted by all. The feedback that they receive from show performances is outstanding and demonstrates to the community what can be achieved by young people. For last 10 years we have been sponsored by Urban & Civic, who have provided us with an aircraft hangar (10,000 sq. feet) to store our 35,000+ costumes and scenery, which we then hire out to other theatre groups and schools across the country. This allows us to raise the required funds we need for the group to put on our own shows, making us self-sufficient. Unfortunately, due to expansion of housing on Alconbury Weald we were advised earlier in the year, that we needed to vacate our current hangar by the end of 2022 as it is to be demolished and we would need to find Spotlight a new home. We have now secured alternative buildings at RAF Upwood and hope to move our scenery and costumes at the end of November, but unfortunately this has come at a considerable cost to the group. As well as the annual rental of £20,000 we will also need to reequip the new building with additional lighting and warehouse steps which we do not currently have. The lighting will cost £420.00 and two sets of industrial steps will cost £650.00.</p>			
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