

**Dear Councillor** 

## **GRANTS PANEL - WEDNESDAY, 1 MARCH 2023**

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 - 4)

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
Huntingdon Carnival	£1,000	£10,000	To arrange a two-day free to enter to bring all communities together. This has run for the past 6 years, and it has become the largest free to enter event and has worked by being all inclusive and giving numerous charities to have a stall and helps them raise much needed funds. The money will be used to enable us to meet all not sponsored item, Stage £4,000, Toilets £1,000 Security and Frist Aid £3,000 also licence payments advertising banners and posters	Good Place	Yes	Events Manager and Huntingdon
Love's Farm Community Centre CIO (w/a Love's Farm House)	£440	£440	The funding will be used to pay for an Electrical Installation Condition Report to check the condition of the fixed wiring in Love's Farmhouse community centre, so that the building can be designated as a Warm Space. The Trustees of Love's Farmhouse were keen to participate in Huntingdonshire District Council's Warm Spaces scheme by providing a heated space within the Love's Farmhouse community centre where local residents could come to keep warm, work, socialise and meet other local people while saving on their domestic energy bills. The cost-of-living crisis has hit the whole community hard, and the Trustees have heard anecdotally that many residents are struggling to make ends meet, particularly as 40% of the development is made up of social housing. Love's Farmhouse has excellent facilities including free wifi, a micro library and heavily subsidised cafe sessions, and in our opinion, it is an ideal place for a Warm Space. In addition to enabling people to	<ul> <li>Good Place</li> <li>Good Health</li> </ul>	Yes	General Manager and Loves Farm, St Neots

keep warm, save money and avoid the risks to their physical health associated with being cold, having the opportunity to attend a busy community centre and engage with other people, including Love's Farm staff / volunteers and residents, helps to combat loneliness, ease mental health problems and contribute to wellbeing. There was one	
barrier to moving forward with the project. Love's Farmhouse is a relatively new building, which opened in 2015. The Trustees had not been aware that they were required to carry out regular fixed wiring tests on the building once it had been open for 5 years, particularly as the building's 5-year anniversary fell within a Covid19 lockdown when it was closed for a lengthy period. When the Trustees tried to sign up for the Warm Spaces scheme, they were unable to tick the box to confirm that an Electrical Installation Condition Report (EICR) had been carried out to	
check the fixed wiring in the building and therefore they could not proceed. Conversations with the Warm Spaces Team at Huntingdonshire District Council confirmed that the building could not be added to the Warm Spaces list unless an EICR was in place.	