



Dear Councillor

**GRANTS PANEL - WEDNESDAY, 29 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
Loves Farm Community Centre CIO	£1,000	£2,670	<p>The funding will be used to replace a faulty coffee machine for the Community Cafe and Warm Space sessions at Love's Farmhouse. We run a community cafe in the foyer of Love's Farmhouse twice a week. Through the cafe, we aim to provide a space where residents can socialise and meet new people in a fully inclusive and accessible environment, increasing wellbeing in our community and helping to combat loneliness. The cafe is used by residents from across all areas of Love's Farm, many of whom would find it difficult to access venues further afield, with approximately 30-50 attendees per session. This includes parents coming straight from the school run, residents with access needs for whom it's difficult to travel further to meet up with friends, the Love's Farm Seniors meet-ups, local health walk groups and many others. The remainder of the money needed will be funded by Loves Farm Community Centre CIO.</p> <p>Our bean-to-cup coffee machine is the linchpin of our cafe sessions and unfortunately is leaking very badly and coming to the end of its lifespan. Our cafe relies on this machine, and without it we will struggle to offer a community cafe and associated Warm Space. Although no purchase is necessary to attend the cafe, a menu of hot drinks and pastries is available at low prices, and we find that the majority of attendees do buy a hot drink. If we are unable to fund a replacement coffee machine, this will have a significant detrimental impact on the number of attendees and the quality of our cafe and Warm Space offering.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good Place</li> </ul>	Yes	<p>General Manager</p> <p>Loves Farm, St Neots</p>
The Happy Weald CIC	£1,000	£3,000	<p>£1,000 to support the ongoing development of community initiatives, activities and engaging projects in Alconbury Weald and the surrounding villages, primarily for the growth of Alconbury Weald Youth Club. The Youth Club runs fortnightly and has a £2 session charge for each child aged between 8 and 16, this provides them with food, drink, and all activities. This is not</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good Place</li> <li>• Good Health</li> </ul>	Yes	<p>Director</p> <p>Alconbury Weald</p>

		<p>sustainable to the company and ensuring accessibility for all due to the cost-of-living crisis as the Youth Club is making a weekly loss on activities, food and drink provided.</p> <p>Urban &amp; Civic are providing facilities, storage, and a grant for ancillary expenditure to restock the Youth Club with nutritious food and drink. I have applied to the Spar Community Fund for a grant to cover the costs of the provision as well as supporting costs for training and development for volunteers and the purchasing of equipment and resources. There is the demand for a further session as we are at capacity for our KS2 session within the hire facilities and volunteer recruitment costs are needed to ensure the longevity and accessibility of the club. A variety of resources are needed to support accessibility for all. We have youths who have SEN and we need to ensure we always have suitable provisions in for them. We want to remove the £2 session fee to allow opportunities for all. We promote social sustainability and at the very heart of the CIC, a community of kindness. With funding we will be able to provide more outreach work such as community rock snake building, litter picks and gardening to support physical and emotional wellbeing and target KS3 age groups to promote positive mindset and social inclusion.</p>			
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