



Dear Councillor

GRANTS PANEL - WEDNESDAY, 16 AUGUST 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 2023/24**(Pages 3 - 6)
To consider applications received via the Community Chest Awards Scheme for 2023/24 and to indicate preference for the allocation of funds in accordance with agreed eligibility criteria.

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Project Name	Priority Focus	Criteria Met	Project Description	Amount Requested	Applicant
Cambridgeshire COPE -re-entry	<p>Older people who are lonely, vulnerable, depressed. We have meetings once a month, speakers, film shows, coast visits, theatre shows, trips. Only group in this area.</p> <p>Application being reconsidered owing to further clarification needed behind spending and additional funding sources.</p>	<p>Improving the quality of life and wellbeing for everyone</p> <p>Keeping people out of crisis</p> <p>Helping people in crisis</p>	<p>All older people, lonely and vulnerable, depressed. Our group has been running in St Ives for three years and is getting popular every month from more areas than St Ives. This includes villages around Huntingdon. We are the only one group which caters for this problem in the area. Word gets around through word of mouth and advertising.</p>	<p>£1,000</p> <p>£405 – this is to cover 9 speakers that have been booked in until April 2024</p> <p>£450 – increase in rent to the St Ives Corn Exchange, was £38 per month and is now £50 per month (cost outlined to April 2024)</p> <p>£180 – provision of cakes, coffee, teas, biscuits – average £20 per session</p>	<p>Carol Burrows – Treasurer and lead volunteer</p>

				<p>£4-600 per year – Christmas lunches – provides a lunch for a lot of people who cannot afford their own lunch. 50-60 people plus families (est. £6.50-£10 per person based on 60 people)</p> <p>Additional funding has been requested from St Ives Parish Council</p>	
Chimera Scout Group	The scout group aims to provide equal opportunities by enabling all members the opportunity to partake in an international Scout event in Switzerland in 2024. The aim of this event is to allow them to experience different cultures, meet new people from all walks of life and experience nature outdoors in a different setting.	<p>Improving the quality of life for and well-being for everyone</p> <p>Keeping people out of crisis</p>	The purpose of scouting is extensive, socialising, character building, self- confidence, life skills and giving them the chance to explore different worlds from the computer/ mobile phone. Giving them the opportunity to broaden their horizons.	<p>£1,000 in total</p> <p>The cost of the trip is £750 per Scout (with about 30</p>	Steve Milligan – Scout Leader

			We are organising an trip to a International Scout Camp in Switzerland so that they can experience mountain walks and mix with scouts from many different countries.	Scouts in total) so funding is being sought to reduce the cost for families during this cost of living crisis. Additional funding will be sourced from bag packing at Tesco, food stalls etc.	
Property Angels Foundation CIC	Almost all women and families escaping domestic violence will be rehoused in social housing, and this presents extra financial pressure. The cost of furniture has risen by 40% over the last ten years and the cost of living is affecting everyone in poverty. Only 2% of social housing tenancies** are provided furnished, and this means victims/survivors have to find all the basics to furnish their new house, from cutlery, to appliances to furniture and even flooring as housing providers remove old flooring from previous tenants as a matter of course. Where these essentials aren't met, research shows a negative impact on mental, social and financial wellbeing**. This impact is in	Improving the quality of life for and well-being for everyone Keeping people out of crisis Helping people in crisis	'Back to Life' - he Property Angels Foundation purpose is to bring comfort and hope to families fleeing domestic abuse. Integral to the support we give families affected by domestic abuse, is that they understand their community haven't forgotten about them, that they aren't alone, and that people care about	£1,000 in total £250 – underlay £500 – carpet £250 - fitting	Caroline Deeprose - Director

	<p>addition over and above to the huge affect that their lived experience is having on them at this stage of their journey out of abuse. Providing practical support to these families provides a number of benefits: it helps to address the families' hierarchy of needs so that they have 'bandwidth' to think beyond getting the essentials; it helps reduce the likelihood that they may go back to the abuser and their resources (and reduce estimates to cost as much as £154k extra according to Women's Aid in 'Change that Lasts'); reduce the risk of further debt and possible use of loan sharks; reduces the risk to housing from arrears due to juggling additional debts; provide a rehabilitative and more nurturing environment for their household to recover; help to reduce stigma as they reintegrate, especially for children who can perhaps have friends round again for the first time in many cases; reduce trauma from childhood poverty.</p> <p>*survivingeconomicabuse.org **endfurniturepoverty.org</p>				
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