



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

Date when item(s) to be considered:	Wednesday, 19 JULY 2023
Name of Individual Executive Councillors who will consider the items:	Councillors B Pitt and M Hassall
Subject of item(s) to be considered:	Community Chest Grant Aid Awards to Voluntary Organisations 2023/24.
Summary of item(s) to be considered:	<p>To consider the applications that have been submitted to the Community Chest 2023/24 funding programme and whether the applications meet the criteria which has been set and to decide which applications to award.</p> <p>Supporting report attached.</p>
Contact for further supporting information	<p>Claudia Deeth, Community Resilience Manager ☎ 01480 388233 Claudia.Deeth@huntingdonshire.gov.uk</p>

This Notice has been copied to the Chairman of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

Dated this 13 day of July 2023

1. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

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

2. COMMUNITY CHEST GRANT AID AWARDS 2023/24 (Pages 3 - 12)

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.

Public
Key Decision - Yes

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Title/Subject Matter: Community Chest Grant Aid Awards 2023/24

Meeting/Date: Grants Panel – 21 June 2023

Executive Portfolio: Executive Councillor for Community and Health –
Councillor B Pitt

Executive Councillor for Corporate and Shared
Services – Councillor M Hassall

Report by: Community Resilience Manager

Ward(s) affected: All

Executive Summary:

The Community Chest Grant Scheme aims to help small groups and organisations deliver projects which benefit the local community. Over the last two years, the Community Chest has welcomed applications that focused on helping residents during and recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year, the Community Chest grant scheme welcomes applications from community groups and organisations who would like to support the District Council in achieving the following priorities that have been set out within the Corporate Plan for 2023-28:

- Improving the quality of life and well-being for everyone;
- Keeping people out of crisis;
- Helping people in crisis;
- Lowering carbon emissions.

Community groups and organisations requiring financial aid to deliver projects that address one or more of the challenges are invited to apply from 1 April 2023. Applications must be for projects based in Huntingdonshire and where a significant majority of beneficiaries are Huntingdonshire residents.

Councillors Pitt and Hassall confirmed their wish for any funding left over from 2022/23 to be rolled over into the budget for 2023/24. Similarly, the budget from 2020/21 and 2021/22 has now been carried forward. This brings the total budget for 2023/24 to £44,389.

On 15th September 2022, the Council announced that it would be setting up a Warm Spaces Network. In 2022/23, funding was used to support communities

through the cost of living crisis. The Council recognises that Warm Spaces offer both a social shelter, thus where an existing Warm Space can demonstrate to have had a significant positive impact, the Council welcomes applications of up to £500 per year to help keep these facilities and activities open.

A summary of the applications received this financial year will be circulated ahead of the meeting **(TO FOLLOW)**.

Recommendation(s):

- a) To consider applications submitted to the Community Chest 2023/24 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 2023/24 Community Chest. Over the last two years, the Community Chest has welcomed applications that focused on helping residents during and recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, the Community Chest grant scheme welcomes applications from community groups and organisations who would like to support the District Council in achieving the following priorities that have been set out within the Corporate Plan for 2023-28:

- Improving the quality of life and well-being for everyone
- Keeping people out of crisis
- Helping people in crisis
- Lowering carbon emissions

1.2 Additionally, the Council continues to recognise the importance of its warm hubs and encourages applications from existing warm spaces that can demonstrate a significant positive outcome.

2. WHY IS THIS REPORT NECESSARY?

2.1 In setting the Council budget for 2023/24, £30,000 was set aside for the Community Chest Award Scheme. Including approved carry forward from previous years, the total budget available for the panel to use in 2023/24 is £44,389.

Budget for 2023/24	£30,000
Unspent budget	£35,769
Awards awaiting payment	£21,380
Total available budget for 2023/24	£44,389

2.2 From the commencement of the 2023/24 financial year, the panel has committed £3,095.74 to applicants, leaving £41,293.26 available for the remainder of 2023/24.

2.3 The maximum amount that can be applied for remains £1,000; warm space grants are capped at £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 Once all funding has been allocated, the Community Chest will close.

3. ANALYSIS

3.1 Appendix 3 of the report has been marked **TO FOLLOW** but will provide a summary of the applications that have been received since 1 April 2023. In establishing the Community Chest for 2023/24, 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 2023/24 scheme must be used against projects delivered in the 2023/24 financial year.

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 the project can be delivered in the financial year the award is made, before 31 March 2024.

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

- 6.1 The Community Chest Programme links directly to the Council's Corporate Plan 2023-28, specifically the following priorities:
- Improving the quality of life and well-being for everyone
 - Keeping people out of crisis
 - Helping people in crisis
 - Lowering carbon emissions

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Community Chest and Warm Spaces Network are 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 2023/24.

8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The funding of £30,000 allocated to the Community Chest 2023/24 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 Community Chest Award Scheme 2023/24.

10. LIST OF APPENDICES INCLUDED

[Appendix 1 - Huntingdonshire District Council Community Chest 2023 - 24 – Funding Criteria](#)

[Appendix 2 – Warm Spaces](#)

Appendix 3 - List of applications received, with officer comments (**TO FOLLOW**).

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Community Chest 2023/24 Eligibility Criteria

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Project Name	Priority Focus	Criteria Met	Project Description	Amount Requested	Applicant
St Ives and Warboys Cricket Club	To provide affordable recreational cricket to all ages and sexes across our local community. This we do through providing specialist coaching to those aged 5 and upwards through our volunteer coaches. The club is run solely by volunteer effort.	Improving the quality of life and wellbeing for everyone Keeping people out of crisis Helping people in crisis	Playing cricket not only provides a great deal of exercise to all those who participate, but also teaches a number of useful life skills. We have also found that participation in sport also prevents mental health issues, and this is something we treat seriously having lost a young member a few years ago to mental health related issues. We have around 200 members at present and each year have a new influx of young players of around 30/40. This includes participants from Warboys and the surrounding areas. Through our links with local schools we aim to further increase new participant numbers over the coming years.	£1,000 – this would go towards shirts, match balls and training equipment	Martin Croucher, Chairman of the Cricket Club
Cambridgeshire Old Peoples Entrepise (COPE)	Older people who are lonely, vulnerable, depressed. We have meetings once a month, speakers, film shows, coast,	Improving the quality of life and wellbeing for everyone	All older people, lonely and vulnerable, depressed. Our group has been running in St.Ives for 3 years and is getting popular every month from more areas than St.Ives. The villages around Huntingdon. We are the only one group which caters for this	£1,000 – this will be put towards coach trips (for about 50 people), visiting organisations and speakers to come to our group. Money has also been applied for from the local parish council.	Carol Burrows – Treasurer and lead volunteer

	<p>theatre, trips, Only group in this area.</p>	<p>Keeping people out of crisis</p> <p>Helping people in crisis</p>	<p>problem in the area. It is getting more members every month. Word gets around through word of mouth and advertising.</p>		
<p>MUGA refurbishment and 3G project – Meridian Trust</p>	<p>To provide education for young people in the Sawtry and surrounding areas - as well as provide a community hub and leisure facility as part of the recreational and sporting provision for residents of Sawtry and the local community. To create facilities which enhance the provision of physical activity in the local area.</p>	<p>Improving the quality of life and wellbeing for everyone</p>	<p>The funding will contribute to the capital costs of the project to enable the built to take place. There is a shortfall of artificial pitches in the area and the funding will enable a new facility to be developed which will help increase participation levels, deliver targeted work around women and girls, disability provision and health and well being provision. The facility will enable local clubs and individuals take part in activities in their local area and are new to them. It will help to increase activity levels and deliver programmes that will support community interaction between groups. The project is a community led approach with local clubs and partners engaged in the application process and part of the project steering group which will continue once the pitches</p>	<p>£1,000</p> <p>Additional funding sourced: £150,000 Huntingdonshire Council CIL (confirmed) £50,000 Sawtry Village Academy (confirmed), Community Chest £10,000 (unconfirmed - decision July 2023) Football Foundation £750,000 (decision October 2023).</p>	<p>Martin Hair – Estates Manager</p>

		<p>are built - this group will not only support in terms of delivery of the development plan but support the management and operation of the site including Improving the quality of life and well-being for everyone Keeping people out of crisis Helping people in crisis Lowering carbon emissions</p> <p>Page 2 of 6 developing policies, pricing and programmes of use. Targeted programmes around women and girls, pan disability, mental health and older people are all included in the programme of use. Consultation has been undertaken with Living Sport, Sawtry Youth Club, Community Connectors from both Huntingdonshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council. They identified a number of community groups and organisations who could benefit from access to the 3G or MUGA. Living Sport do not undertake direct delivery but have identified Huntingdonshire at this point as a priority area (albeit not necessarily Sawtry). They did identify the local authority support who deliver</p>		
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			targeted programmes within the school around health and wellbeing which could benefit from the facilities as part of their summer drop in sessions / youth bus that is likely to be located at the school site during specific times of the year.		
Huntingdon Girls Football Club	Huntingdon Girls FC was founded in 2018 and is a community grassroots football club providing every girl with the opportunity to play structured, competitive and non-competitive football in a safe and fun environment for players of all ability levels. HGFC is non-profit making, managed and operated by volunteers.	Improving the quality of life and wellbeing for everyone	The project will be beneficial to a variety of people involved directly and indirectly with the club. These include, the HGFC teams and their supporters and volunteers, the visiting teams and their supporters and importantly the wider community in the Coneygear/Sapley area of Huntingdon.	£1,000 - The grant would support the purchase of equipment enabling the club to start being able to provide and sell drinks and cook light refreshments to home and away supporters, and the general community on match days, either at Coneygear Park or Sapley Fields. By providing some seating and tables the aim is to create a social space where people can gather and interact. CharBroil smart ebarbeque £691 Purple walled heavy duty gazebo £279 2 x Bistro Sets (or similar) £120	Lisa Mason – club secretary