

A meeting of the **GRANTS PANEL** will be held in **REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM FOR PANEL MEMBERS ONLY (NOT A PUBLIC MEETING)** on **WEDNESDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2023** at **4:00 PM** and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

AGENDA

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.

Contact Officer: Democratic Services - (01480) 388550

2. COMMUNITY CHEST GRANT AID AWARDS 2023/24 (Pages 3 - 10)

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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10 day of October 2023

Michelle Sacks

Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service

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Key Decision - Yes

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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

Meeting/Date: Grants Panel – 18 October 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.

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.

2.2 From the commencement of the 2023/24 financial year, the panel has committed £8,968.73 to applicants, leaving £35,420.27 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 provides a summary of the applications that have been received since the last meeting. 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

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Community Chest 2023/24 Eligibility Criteria

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Appendix 3 - Applications Received

Project Name	Priority Focus	Criteria Met	Project Description	Amount Requested	Applicant
Shuttle Speed Project	Being part of a badminton club fosters social connections and a sense of belonging. Socialising with others can combat feelings of isolation and loneliness, improving overall mental and emotional health. It can give individuals a sense of purpose and responsibility, contributing to a positive self-identity and well-being. Running a badminton club creates a sense of community within St. Ives and Huntingdon. It brings people together from diverse backgrounds and age groups, strengthening the social fabric of the area. Engaging in physical activity like badminton can be an effective way to manage and reduce stress. Regular play provides an outlet for stress relief and relaxation. Badminton encourages skill development, strategy, and teamwork, which can boost self-esteem and a sense of accomplishment.	Improving the quality of life and well-being for everyone Keeping people out of crisis	To establish a long-term social badminton club in St Ives and Huntingdon with the intention of attracting and retaining regular members, creating a sustainable platform for ongoing play and enjoyment.	£1,000 Roughly 6 months running cost 26 weeks x £22 badminton court hire + shuttlecock costs = £1,209	Samad Mohammed
Nobles Field Trust	To preserve the field for recreation for the people of St Ives and surrounding villages.	Improving the quality of life and well-being for everyone Keeping people out of crisis	To repair broken down fencing to the side of the gateway and to infill an existing dyke by extending the pipework and backfilling the ditch to enable a safe entrance to the field.	£1,000 Will contribute towards £1,506 +VAT towards. This will go towards replacing the fencing, covering part of a ditch to enable people to walk past.	Sidney Harris

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<p>Get Outdoors</p>	<p>To provide training and support to children from 5 to 18 years old. Providing a learning platform for them to succeed in the future.</p>	<p>Improving the quality of life and well-being for everyone</p>	<p>They are looking to provide 2 tents to give their scouts safe and dry areas to stay on their camps.</p>	<p>£1,000 £875 tent 2 needed https://www.blacksofgreenock.co.uk/patroltents/blacks-of-greenock-stormhaven-tent £399 shelter 1 needed https://www.canvastentshop.co.uk/patrol-diningshelter-olive-green-1/</p>	<p>Anthony Gouldthorp</p>
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