



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

Date when item(s) to be considered:	Wednesday, 7 AUGUST 2024
Name of Individual Executive Councillors who will consider the items:	Councillors L Davenport-Ray, S Conboy and B Pitt
Subject of item(s) to be	Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme Awards
Summary of item(s) to be considered:	<p>To consider the applications that have been submitted to the Huntingdonshire Futures Grants Scheme 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>
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This Notice has been copied to the Chairman of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

Dated this 1 day of August 2024

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. HUNTINGDONSHIRE FUTURES GRANT SCHEME AWARDS (Pages 3 - 12)

To consider applications received via the Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme and to indicate preference for the allocation of funds in accordance with agreed eligibility criteria.

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**Public
Key Decision - Yes**

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Title/Subject Matter: Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme award

Meeting/Date: Grants Panel – 7 August 2024

Executive Portfolio: Executive Councillor for Place
– Councillor S Conboy

Executive Councillor for Community and Health
– Councillor B Pitt

Executive Councillor for Climate and
Environment
– Councillor L Davenport-Ray

Report by: Assistant Director (Strategic Insights and Delivery)

Ward(s) affected: All

Executive Summary:

Huntingdonshire Futures sets out a vision to make Huntingdonshire a better place to live, work, and visit over the next 30 years. Over the last year, the council has started to work with local communities to bring the strategy to life.

The grants will provide funding of up to £2,500 to enable groups to put on events or activities that support the Huntingdonshire Futures vision, such as improving physical and mental health, protecting and supporting our environment and celebrating our sense of history and place.

The strategy is made up of five 'journeys'. Applications must link to and support at least one of these and may cover more than one.

The five journeys are:

- Pride in Place
- Inclusive Economy
- Health Embedded
- Environmental Innovation
- Travel Transformed

Community groups and organisations requiring financial aid to deliver projects that address one or more of the five Journeys are invited to apply from 15 May 2024. Applications must be for projects based in Huntingdonshire and where a significant majority of beneficiaries are Huntingdonshire residents.

This activity supports our commitment from the Corporate Plan to “explore how place strategy priorities are transformed into practical delivery.”

The total budget for 2024/25 is £40,000

Recommendation(s):

- a. To consider applications submitted to the Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 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 Huntingdonshire Futures grant scheme. Applications from community groups and organisations who would like to support the District Council in achieving priorities that have been set out within the Corporate Plan for 2023-28:

- Improving the quality of life and for local people
- Improving the happiness and wellbeing of residents

2. WHY IS THIS REPORT NECESSARY?

2.1 In setting the Council budget for 2024/25, £40,000 was set aside for the Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme.

2.2 From the commencement of the 2024/25 financial year, the panel has committed £24,130 to applicants, leaving £15,870 available for the remainder of 2024/25.

2.3 The maximum amount that can be applied for is £2,500.

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 Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme will close.

3. ANALYSIS

3.1 Appendix 2 of the report provides a summary of applications been received since the last meeting. In establishing the Huntingdonshire Futures grant scheme, 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 2024/25 scheme must be used against projects applied for and approved in the 2024/25 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 their project can be delivered within 12 months of the award being made.
- 5.3 If the award remains unpaid 6 months after having been approved, the District Council will contact the applicant to establish if the grant is still required. If the grant is still required, the original application, along with an updated statement from the applicant will be forwarded to the Grants Panel for further consideration.
- 5.4 If the applicant no longer requires the grant or the Grants Panel decide that the criteria can no longer be met, the District Council will cancel the award.

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

- 6.1 The Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme links directly to the Council's Corporate Plan 2023-28, specifically the following priorities and outcomes:
- Improving the quality of life and for local people
 - Improving the happiness and wellbeing of residents

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme is 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 2024/25.

8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The funding of £40,000 allocated to the Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 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 Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme.

10. LIST OF APPENDICES INCLUDED

Appendix 1 - [Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme - Funding Criteria - Huntingdonshire.gov.uk](https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk)

Appendix 2 - List of applications received, with officer comments.

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme Funding Criteria

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Huntingdonshire District Council - Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme - 7 August 2024 Grant Panel Applications

Project Name/Applicant	Priority Focus	Criteria Met	Project Description	Amount Requested
HFG/22 Becket Flower Group The Fantastic Fens Flower Festival	Becket Flower Group are based in the Church of St Thomas à Becket in Ramsey. It provides space for 40 flower arrangements (and props) done by local arrangers age 10+ for Ramsey Flower Festival every year over the August bank holiday weekend.	Pride in Place	The theme of the flower festival this year is 'The Fantastic Fens', celebrating connection with Huntingdonshire. Previously welcomed hundreds of visitors and aim to increase footfall, they also offer a café. Admission is free.	£500 For advertising and mouse hunt prizes.
HFG/23 Church of St Mary the Virgin Transformation Project-Audio Visual Equipment	The Church wants to provide a permanent home for the Godmanchester Museum, and the project is part of a larger piece of work to create a heritage trail linking local towns and the Cromwell Museum in Huntingdon.	Pride in Place	The project aims to use audio-visual equipment to inform visitors to the church about environmental, wildlife and historic issues, and increase the number and diversity of people engaged with local heritage.	£2,500 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile AV system - £1,050 • Display equipment - £1,420

<p>HFG/24</p> <p>The Kite Trust</p> <p>LGBTQ+ Youth Support</p>	<p>The Kite Trust is a charity which supports LGBTQ+ young people in Cambridgeshire, Peterborough and surrounding areas through information, support and groups. They previously offered a fortnightly session in Huntingdon but want to deliver this weekly at the request of the young people they work with.</p>	<p>Health Embedded</p>	<p>The project will deliver a weekly youth group in Huntingdon to bring LGBTQ+ youth together to improve social connections, build skillsets and improve wellbeing. Remaining budget has been secured from other sources.</p>	<p>£2,500</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To go towards £8,250 cost of Youth Worker - 1 day a week for session planning, travel, and 2 hour weekly youth group
<p>HFG/25</p> <p>Cambridge Online</p> <p>Digital Inclusion Health Hubs</p>	<p>Cambridge Online are a charity which helps people in Cambridgeshire access digital skills. They have previously run digital health hubs in Cambridge City and Hertfordshire but this will be new for Huntingdonshire.</p>	<p>Health Embedded, Inclusive Economy</p>	<p>The project aims to deliver 8 community-based digital health hubs in Huntingdonshire, across 4 separate locations (provisionally in Huntingdon North, Warboys, Kimbolton and Great Paxton wards). These will provide people with help to use the NHS app and find suitable online healthcare resources e.g. NHS website, in an informal atmosphere, using their own devices or a tablet available in the session.</p>	<p>£2,150</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tutor costs, 2hr sessions x 8 - £900 plus staff travel £160 = £1060 total • Volunteer costs - £140 • Project management and admin - £500 • Flyers - £90 • MiFi - £45 • Devices (3 refurbished tablets) - £195 • Refreshments for all sessions - £120

<p>HFG/26</p> <p>1st Fenstanton and Hilton Scout Group</p> <p>Bringing Squirrel Scouts to Fenstanton and Hilton</p>	<p>1st Fenstanton and Hilton Scout Group run Beaver, Cub and Scout groups for children age 6-8, 8-10.5, and 10.5-14.</p>	<p>Pride in Place, Inclusive Economy</p>	<p>The Scouts are seeking to set up Squirrel Scouts, for ages 4-6, for young people in Fenstanton, Hilton, Fen Drayton, and nearby villages. This will include outdoor activities, games, and badges, and aims to help their development with skills and community cohesion.</p>	<p>£880 for initial start up costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniform/clothing for new volunteers (£95 x 5 volunteers) £475.00 Squirrels section flag (including embroidery) £114.00 • First aid kits (£25 x 2) £50.00 Carpet tiles £30.00 • "Busy box" materials e.g. puzzles, games, Duplo £50.00 • Colouring pens/pencils £15.0 • Travel/fuel expenses (e.g. for training or taster sessions) £30.00 • Welcome to Squirrels badges (£1.80 x 20) £36.00 • Printed flyers/promotional materials (£10 x 2 packs of 50) £20.00 • Open evening activities and refreshments £50.00 • Investiture certificates (£5 x 2 packs of 10) £10.00
<p>HFG/27</p> <p>Alconbury Brook Flood Group</p> <p>Wildlife pond hedging and wildlife planting</p>	<p>Alconbury Brook Flood Group are a charity which has recently completed a wildlife pond habitat at Alconbury Weston, which helps to prevent flooding in the village. The project is recognised as an outstanding example of Natural Flood Management regionally and by the community.</p>		<p>The project will plant a native deciduous hedge along one side of the pond and a wildflower meadow along another, completed by volunteers. It will be viewed by passers-by on footpaths, and they will install an interpretation board nearby.</p>	<p>£1,851</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hedging plants £348 • Canes £63 • Guards £130, • Special deep rooted damp meadow mix £710 • Harrowing before planting £600

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