



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

Date when item(s) to be considered:	Wednesday, 21 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 15 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 - 10)

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

Meeting/Date: Grants Panel – 21 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 £30,451 to applicants, leaving £9,549 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 - 21 August 2024 Grant Panel Applications

Project Name/Applicant	Priority Focus	Criteria Met	Project Description	Amount Requested
HFG/28 Hail Weston Parish Council Children's Summer Sport Sessions	Hail Weston Parish Council has previously delivered sport and exercise sessions for children aged 5-11 in the village, including 3 sessions in 2024 and 6 last year, with HDC funding support.	Health Embedded	They would like to run 6 sport/exercise sessions for children aged 5-11 in July and August 2025. This includes sports coaches and organised exercise. 6 sessions would allow more children to benefit, and the 3 that were run in 2024 were well attended.	£1,242 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £226 for temporary toilets • £1016 Sport Coach Costs £60 Water and Fruit Snacks
HFG/29 Heartfelt Productions A Christmas Wish - An Almost Traditional Pantomime	Heartfelt Productions hosted their first pantomime in 2023 at the Commemoration Hall in Huntingdon. This is performed by local amateur actors, singers and dancers from a local dance school and is run by volunteers. It allows access to pantomime to local people without needing to travel to big cities, and highlights the importance of arts and culture in high street regeneration.	Pride in Place	They plan to hold a Pantomime each Christmas. In 2024 rehearsals would begin 1 st September and run from 13 th December. Tickets are low cost and can offer a space for those who haven't experienced theatre before. Over 1,200 attended last year and they are expecting to hit over 2000 this year.	£2,500 to cover the costume hire/production and hire of tech equipment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tech Equipment £1,750.00 • Costumes and Make Up Effects £1,500.00 • Marketing £750.00 Staging / Props £2,250.00

<p>HFG/30</p> <p>St Neots Initiative</p> <p>Citizen and Business Leaders Gatherings</p>	<p>Starting in January 2024, SNI have run 1 Citizen Gathering and 1 Business Leaders Gathering per month. The Citizen Gathering covers a variety of subjects including infrastructure and education. The Business Leaders Gathering covers things such skills needed for employment, the energy crisis, and how to interact with those in education. Over 700 citizens/organisations are members.</p>	<p>Pride in Place, Inclusive Economy</p>	<p>They would like funding to cover 1 years' worth of these meetings. There would be no more than 50 attendees at each. They could cover subjects aligned to Huntingdonshire Futures. The meetings bring the community together to look at ideas and solutions.</p>	<p>£2,000 to cover 12 x 2 meetings per month = 24 hours per event, 48 hours per year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Room Hire at £25.00 per hour = £1,200 • Refreshments £30.00 per event = £720 <p>Miscellaneous costs: £80 i.e. advertising materials</p>
<p>HFG/31</p> <p>Cromwell Museum Trust</p> <p>Cromwell 425 Community Events</p>	<p>Cromwell Museum Trust is a charity which operates the Cromwell Museum in Huntingdon. 2024 is the 425th anniversary of Oliver Cromwell's birth. To commemorate, they are running a staged programme of events. Last year the museum had 13,000 visitors, half of which were from Huntingdon and surrounding villages.</p>	<p>Pride in Place</p>	<p>They are seeking funding to continue into autumn/winter 2024/25, including free or subsidised activities for families, tours, craft workshops for adults, drama and reenactment events and workshops where adults can learn a heritage skill. They will trial a 'what's on' guide in print and digital formats.</p>	<p>£2,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design and print of 'What's on' leaflet - £975 • Four Family craft activity workshops -- £400 • Two Living History/Re-enactment event days - £300 <p>Two adult heritage skills workshops £600 (part funded from grant)</p>