

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

Date when item(s) to be considered:	Wednesday, 16 APRIL 2025
Name of Individual Executive Councillors who will consider the items:	Councillors , S Conboy L Davenport-Ray and S Howell
Subject of item(s) to be	Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme Awards 2025 .
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 9 day of April 2025

1. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

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

2. HUNTINGDONSHIRE FUTURES GRANT SCHEME AWARDS 2025 (Pages 3 - 12)

To consider applications received via the Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme for 2025 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 2025
Meeting/Date:	Grants Panel – 16 April 2025
Executive Portfolio:	Executive Councillor for Place - Councillor S Conboy Executive Councillor for Communities, Health and Leisure - Councillor S Howell Executive Councillor for Climate and Environment - Councillor L Davenport-Ray
Report by: Planning	Head of Policy, Performance and Emergency
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. The Huntingdonshire Futures grants support this vision by enabling communities to deliver events and activities.

The 2025 version of the grant scheme focuses on just the Pride in Place journey. Grants of £500 - £2,500 are available for activities, and events that showcase and celebrate Huntingdonshire's communities, heritage, and cultural identity.

Community groups and organisations requiring financial aid to deliver projects that support Pride in Place are invited to apply from 24 March 2025. 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 2025/26 is £40,000.

Recommendation(s):

- a. To consider applications submitted to the Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 2025 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 2025. 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 2025/26, £40,000 was set aside for the Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 2025.

- 2.2 From the commencement of the 2025/26 financial year, the panel has committed £0.00 to applicants, leaving £40,000 available for the remainder of 2025/26.

- 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 The Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 2025 will close on 30 June 2025 or once all funding has been allocated, whichever is the sooner.

3. ANALYSIS

- 3.1 Appendix 2 of the report provides a summary of applications that have been received since the last meeting. In establishing the Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 2025, 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 2025 scheme must be used against projects applied for and approved in 2025.

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 the 2025 calendar year.

5.3 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 2025 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 2025 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 2025/26.

8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

8.1 The funding of £40,000 allocated to the Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 2025 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 2025.

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 2025 Funding Criteria

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Huntingdonshire District Council - Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 2025 - 16 April 2025 Grant Panel Applications

Project Serial Number and Applicant Name	Project Name and Description	Context	Amount Requested
HFG/01/2025 BID Huntingdon	Under the Sea Day: 5th July – Huntingdon Family fun day offering free entertainment throughout the town centre including a variety of activities.	BID is a not-for-profit organisation paid for via a levy on the businesses in the town. Its aim is to enhance, promote, support and sustain the businesses of Huntingdon in order to make Huntingdon a better place to work, live and enjoy.	£2,500
HFG/02/2025 Great Ouse Valley Trust	Walk the Ouse Valley Way (WOW!) Day: 20th July An event to encourage people to experience the landscape and improve physical and mental health. They will provide "WOW!" t-shirts for families and children who complete sections of the long distance footpath to celebrate the 35 th year of the walk through this unique landscape.	GOVT promote for public benefit the conservation, restoration and enjoyment of the landscape, wildlife and heritage of the Great Ouse Valley in Huntingdonshire and Cambridgeshire.	£2,500
HFG/03/2025 The Big Stilton Cheese CIC	Stilton Cheese Rolling Festival 2025: 25th May To run an event each year to showcase the historic connection to the international recognised Stilton Cheese, to allow other charities and businesses to come together to network, to support countryside traditions like Morris dancing, maypole dancing and welly wanging. It will give opportunities to local charities, small businesses and musical talent while providing a site for everyone to enjoy.	They fundraise and hold events. Local residents and the wider public can attend to enjoy traditional games, support the local economy and have fun. The main event is the Stilton Cheese Rolling Festival which was relaunched last year.	£2,500

HFG/04/2025	Huntingdonshire nostalgia walks and talks		£1,000
Huntingdonshire Nostalgia Trust CIC	To encourage people to learn about Huntingdonshire's culture and heritage. To improve wellbeing and health via walking tours for groups and organisations. Using media outlets to share experiences with heritage. Regenerative learning and education experiences to improve isolation issues.	They aim to enhance wellbeing, social connections, and community pride for all ages, via educating the public on heritage and history, and reducing loneliness, especially for the elderly.	
HFG/05/2025	600th Anniversary of St Ives Bridge		£2,500.00
St Ives Town Team	A wide range of activities and events to celebrate 600 years of St Ives centred around its Medieval Bridge. Events include civil war reenactments, toll games and cultural/music events.	St Ives Town Team promotes St Ives to attract visitors, increase footfall and help businesses to keep the town centre thriving.	
HFG/06/2025	Stilton Christmas Lights		£2,500
Stilton Christmas Lights Committee	To establish Christmas lights in Stilton in November 2025 for the community to enjoy. Will involve a tree and string lights around the centre of the village.	They are hoping to put on the first ever Christmas lights display for Stilton.	
HFG/07/2025	Hemingfords Regatta 2025		£2,500
Hemingfords Regatta	Delivering the 2025 regatta event for the people local to the Hemingfords. This includes punting, rowing and kayaking races. It is a tradition going back 124 years. There are also events for children to learn how to row. Anyone can come and watch for free.	A group of volunteers that deliver an annual local rowing competition day on the River Great Ouse with multiple age categories.	
HFG/08/2025	Pidley Summer Party in the Park: 12th July		£1,000
Pidley Community Centre	Looking to put on a summer party in the park for locals, including inflatables, a face painter, assault course and karaoke.	The village community centre provides various events and entertainment for the local community.	

HFG/09/2025	Yaxley Vintage Festival: 14th-15th June		£600
Yaxley Vintage Festival	It is a community event that showcases and educates the public about lost and historic machines and vehicles. The event provides an educational opportunity to showcase traditional and vintage machinery including traditional methods. It also provides the opportunity for Yaxley Scouts and Guide to raise funds.	Yaxley Vintage Festival is a community event that showcases vintage vehicles and machinery that families do not get to usually see.	
HFG/10/2025	Victory in Europe 80 Community Day: 5th May		£1,026
Ramsey Town Council	They are holding a community day on Monday 5 th May from 10-4pm to celebrate VE80. They will use the Community bus to run residents to the 1940's Camp. There will be games, stage events, crafts - something for all ages to enjoy. There will be a brass band, flag waving to the flypast, Molly dancing and community groups singing, face painting and bouncy castles.	Ramsey Town Council support the residents of the Ramsey Parish with allotments, cemeteries, 6 play parks, war memorial, look after 319 trees in the parish and work hard on residents behalf giving them a safe place to live, work and play.	
HFG/11/2025	Summer Event for Young People: 19th July		£960
Young people Engagement Stilton (YES)	They are planning a summer event with Bungy-trampoline equipment. Last year's event (a climbing wall) was very successful attracting over 100 children and their parents. The events are planned as a social gatherings promoting social interaction and encouraging a sense of community wellbeing and happiness.	To advance in life and relieve needs of young people living in Stilton and the surrounding area, through: provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve conditions of life; and, support and provide activities which develop skills, capacities and capabilities to enable young people to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.	

HFG/12/2025	VE Day 80 Celebration: 8th May		£1,000
Fenstanton Parish Council	There will be a full day of events, commencing with the VE Day declaration and flag raising. There will be an exhibition of WW2 memorabilia and militaria open to the public and organised visits from the children of Fenstanton and Hilton Primary school. At 3pm there will be a street party followed by Ann evening of entertainment, culminating in the lighting of a beacon.	Fenstanton Parish Council manage local services and assets and support community activities.	
HFG/13/2025	Little Buds SEND group		£2,500
Little Buds	They would like to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund more equipment for the children, better suited to fit their needs and support them • Offer families trips together Invite outside parties in to give the children experiences	Little Buds supports families with children who have special educational needs or disabilities in Brampton.	
HFG/14/2025	Snow Globe for Santas Snow Fest: 21st – 22nd December		£2,500
Festival Events St Ives (FEST)	The Giant Snow Globe will be a key part of Santas Snow Fest which is a two-day event in December, held in St Ives Corn Exchange. It will also include Santa's arrival, craft tables, Santas Grotto with free gifts (books).	FEST was formed in 2009 and is a not-for-group of volunteers who organise and run free events in St Ives for the benefits of its residents and visitors. They organise free summer concerts, and Christmas events.	
HFG/15/2025	Gransden Show: 27th September		£2,500
Gransden and District Agricultural Society	An event celebrating rural life featuring livestock competitions, horse shows, produce displays, trade stands, and family-friendly attractions. There are also demonstrations like sheep-shearing, thatching and working sheep dogs, falconry, and vintage vehicle parades.	The Gransden Show is an annual agricultural event in Great Gransden, Cambridgeshire. It has been held for 121 years. It celebrates rural life and farming heritage.	