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Key Decision - Yes**

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Title/Subject Matter: Community Chest Grant Aid Awards 2019-20

Meeting/Date: Grants Panel – 23 July 2019

Executive Portfolio: Executive Councillor for Partnerships & Well-being -
Councillor John Palmer
Executive Councillor for Resources - Councillor Jonathan
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Report by: Head of Community – Chris Stopford

Ward(s) affected: All

Executive Summary:

The Community Chest funding scheme recognises the Council's longstanding financial support to small projects delivered by community groups and volunteers within, or directly supporting local communities. Many of these projects will help the Council achieve its strategic priorities and objectives, especially those linked to Enabling Communities.

This report provides a summary of the 55 applications that have been received for the 2019-20 Community Chest.

Recommendation(s):

The Panel is recommended to consider the applications that have been submitted to the Community Chest 2019-20 funding programme and whether they meet award criteria. Following this, to decide which applications will be allocated funding.

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1. The report details the applications received from groups or organisations representing Huntingdonshire communities for project funding from the 2019-20 Community Chest. This report provides a summary of all the applications to enable Members to determine which projects that will be awarded funding in 2019-20.

2. WHY IS THIS REPORT NECESSARY?

- 2.1 Members agreed, in setting the Council budget for 2019-20, that £30k should be set aside for the Community Chest Award Scheme. Members further indicated that they wished to see the Community Chest funds allocated to assist small-scale or short-term village or community initiatives.
- 2.2 Members requested that the Community Chest programme be a simple application process, with minimal bureaucracy to enable timely decisions. Appendix 1 of this report provides a summary of all the applications that have been received.
- 2.3 Once the funds available in any financial year are allocated the programme will close until the next financial year.

3. ANALYSIS

- 3.1 In establishing the Community Chest for 2019-20, Members agreed the following funding criteria, and it is against these criteria that the applications have been assessed.
 - A The maximum amount for any one grant award shall be £2,500 or 75% of the total cost of the project for which financial assistance is requested whichever is the lower amount;
 - B No precepting authorities are eligible to apply to the community chest fund;
 - C Organisations must be able to confirm that, if awarded a grant; the project can be delivered in the financial year the award is made;
 - D No organisation will be eligible for consideration for support if they are currently in receipt of funding from Huntingdonshire District Council;
 - E Applications will not be accepted either directly or indirectly on behalf of individuals or commercial organisations;
 - F Applications will only be accepted from organisations that are independent in that they have their own constitution/rules of operation and have their own bank account.
- 3.2 A total of 55 applications were received. The applications are set out in the order that they were received in Appendix 1 of this report. At the agreed deadline, the amount requested by organisations applying for financial support totalled £100,952. However, when applying the criteria set out in paragraph 3.1 above, this reduces the eligible amount of funding requested to £91,288.
- 3.3 The grant applications have been made in support of projects with a total value of £304, 653, demonstrating that the input from the Council levers in significant external elements to these projects.

4. KEY RISKS

- 4.1 The funding awarded for the 2019-20 scheme must be claimed against projects completed in the 2019-20 financial year. Funding remaining unclaimed at the 31st March 2020 is lost. Officers will monitor the uptake of funding and if significant allocated funding remains unclaimed a further application process may be held during 2019-20.

5. WHAT ACTIONS WILL BE TAKEN/TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- 5.1 At the meeting on 23 July 2019, the Grants Panel will determine which projects should be allocated funding. Officers will then advise all those organisations who submitted an application on their success or otherwise in being awarded funding.
- 5.2 Funding awarded must be claimed by the organisation on completion of the project, and before 31st March 2019.
- 5.3 Officers from the Community Development Team will work with those applicants that are unsuccessful in the Community Chest process to assist them in trying to fund their project from alternative funding opportunities or signpost them to other organisations that may be able to help.

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

- 6.1 The Community Chest programme links directly to the Council's Vision, as stated within the Corporate Plan, in that the projects being supported improve the quality of life for members of our communities.
- 6.2 The Enabling Communities Strategic Priority further references the creation and enhancement of the environment and the development of stronger and more resilient communities to enable people to help themselves. The projects for which applications have been received are a direct demonstration of the Council's support to a range of projects that epitomise the communities acting together to deliver stronger and more resilient local activities and facilities.

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Community Chest 2019-20 was advertised by the Council through a wide range of media including the District Council website, direct mailings to Town and Parish Councils for distribution within their area, via social media and through funding publications issued by Hunts Forum.

8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The funding of £30k allocated to the Community Chest 2019-20 is within the Council's approved budget.

9. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISIONS

- 9.1 Those applications that are recommended for consideration for approval are those that demonstrate that they satisfy the criteria set by the Council for the Community Chest Award Scheme 2019-20.

9.2 After the application of the criteria, the fund remains over-subscribed and therefore Members are asked to decide which applications are to be supported.

10. LIST OF APPENDICES INCLUDED

10.1 Appendix 1 - List of applications received, with Officer comments.

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Appendix 1 – Summary of applications received including Officer’s comments.

Ref	<u>Applicant Organisation/ Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Project Cost</u>	<u>Sum Requested</u>	<u>Eligible Sum</u>	<u>Eligible for Consideration?</u>	<u>Officer Comment</u>
1	Fusion Family & Youth Projects	The charity are seeking funds for its Junior Youth Club for young people in school years 7 & 8. To provide weekly activities including sports and arts and crafts. A variety of subjects are also covered including drugs, safe relationships, knife crime and drugs	2436.36	2463.36	1827.27	YES	This application meets the funding ‘eligibility criteria’ and therefore available to be considered for funding.
2	Huntingdonshire History Festival	The group are requesting funds for their History Festival. They are planning on providing over 150 different activities in the Huntingdonshire area including walks, children's activities and the largest Napoleonic re-enactment.	32625.00	2500.00	2500.00	YES	This application meets the funding ‘eligibility criteria’ and therefore available to be considered for funding.
3	Godmanchester Sports & Football Association	The club are seeking funds for a replacement Mower and equipment associated with the upkeep of the facility	5000.00	2500.00	2500.00	YES	This application meets the funding ‘eligibility criteria’ and therefore available to be considered for funding.
4	Huntingdon Carnival	The Carnival is requesting funds towards the overall event.	10000.00	2000.00	2000.00	YES	This application meets the funding ‘eligibility criteria’ and therefore available to be considered for funding.
5	Pinpoint	The group are requesting funds towards the introduction of drop in sessions for parents. To offer a drink and information to them. They will also train volunteers to support the Tii Hubs.	2500.00	2500.00	1875.00	YES	This application meets the funding ‘eligibility criteria’ and therefore available to be considered for funding.

6	Winwick Village Hall	The group are seeking funds towards the completion of an extension to the hall with the addition of a disabled toilet.	60000.00	2500.00	2500.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.
7	Abbotsley Village Hall	The group are requesting funds towards the purchase of seating (40 chairs) and a PA system for the village hall.	634.60	634.40	475.95	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.
8	Yaxley Community Allotment (The Cuckoo Clearing)	The group are requesting funds towards the expansion of the site to incorporate another plot. To add additional raised beds and purchase children's tools. They would also use the requested funds toward a tiller.	1600.00	1200.00	1200.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding. Unsuccessful application in 208/19 round.
9	Another Helping Hand	The charity are seeking funds to deliver workshops for traditional Bangladeshi stitching.	1000.00	1000.00	750.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.
10	St Ives Town & Warboys Cricket Club	The club are requesting funds to replace two new cricket sightscreens	3288.00	2466.00	2466.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.
11	Gemma's Hearts	To purchase a defibrillator to be used as a portable defibrillator for events in Yaxley	825.00	825.00	618.75	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding. Unsuccessful application in 208/19 round.
12	Yaxley Countryside Volunteers	The group are seeking funds towards creating a community orchard. To plant 120 fruit and nut trees of largely local and regional heritage varieties.	4250.00	2500.00	2500.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.
13	Huntingdon Peterborough Cambridge MS Therapy Centre	This charity are seeing funds towards the refurbishment of exercise room so they can hold more exercise classes.	7500.00	2500.00	2500.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.

14	Serious About St Neots CIC	This group are requesting funds towards portable recording equipment to create Podcasts that feature and highlight positive aspects of the community.	4082.00	2500.00	2500.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.
15	Godmanchester Learning (Educational Experiences)	This group are seeking funds towards delivering teaching and learning experiences for adult learners in the local community	750.00	500.00	500.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.
16	St Ives Blue Sox Under 10 Football Club	This club are seeking funding for agility equipment training.	4000.00	2500.00	2500.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.
17	Association of Mindfulness Arts CIC	This group are requesting funds towards the running of sessions of a mindfulness-based programme in Huntingdon for improved health and well-being.	7500.00	2500.00	2500.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.
18	Ramsey Christmas Lights Committee	This group are seeking funds towards the purchasing of a Christmas tree as part of the Christmas Lights display for the town and towards a cherry picker to place the lights on the tree.	5000.00	2500.00	2500.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.
19	Oxmoor Community Action Group - North Ward	This group are requesting funds towards a Community Firework Display and Safety Competition for Local Schools.	7500.00	2500.00	2500.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding. Funding received in 2018/19 round to the amount of £620
20	Peacock Hill Nordic Walking	This applicant is requesting funds towards running 12 Free sessions for people to learn how to Nordic Walk	720.00	540.00	540.00	NO	Commercial concern
21	St Neots Parish Church - Festive Committee	This group is seeing funds towards their Celebrate St Neots with Flowers event.	1800.00	750.00	750.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.

22	ABC Life Support CIC	This group are looking for funds towards delivering a 6 week Mother & Baby support group.	2420.00	1620.00	1620.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.
23	Crossway Christian Centre	This group are requesting funds towards the repair of the roof and gentlemen's toilet so groups can continue to use the centre.	20000.00	2500.00	2500.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.
24	Homestart Cambridgeshire	This group are seeking funds towards the delivery of their support and work with vulnerable families with young children.	2400.00	2400.00	1800.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.
25	Love's Farm Community Centre CIO (Love's Farm House)	This group are requesting funds towards their Community Garden project as part of the Incredible Edible Network. To purchase a commercial water butt.	550.00	412.50	412.50	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.
26	Sawtry Youth Project	This charity is seeking funds towards building a skate park to the young people of the community. The funds would be used to deliver skateboard workshops from two skateboard coaches.	500.00	500.00	375.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.
27	The Bridge Money Advice Centre	This group are requesting funds towards supporting their free debt advice services that are offered across Huntingdonshire.	29000.00	2500.00	2500.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.
28	Houghton & Wyton Time bank	This group are seeking funds towards offering social activities that will support the elderly of the community. In particular a weekly drop-in session.	3440.00	2500.00	2500.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.
29	Huntingdon Commemoration Hall	This group is requesting funds towards the redecoration of the hall and to replace the seating for the main hall	5000.00	2500.00	2500.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.

30	Yaxley Public Hall	This group is seeking funds towards the repair of the roof as part of the hall's renovations in preparation for their 100yr anniversary	5240.00	2500.00	2500.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding. Funding received in 2018/19 round for sum of £1,750
31	Herbert Ellis Norris Library & Museum	This group are requesting funding towards a community project to create a piece of wall art or hanging that celebrates the heritage of Huntingdonshire.	2500.00	2500.00	1875.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.
32	Little Paxton Village Hall	This group are seeking funds towards the replacement of the hall's chairs for more comfortable ones.	4437.00	2000.00	2000.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.
33	Southoe Parochial Church Council (PCC)	This group are requesting funds towards the masonry repairs to St Leonard's Southoe. This includes the re-fixing of the north aisle merlon and re-fixing South Porch copings.	1032.00	550.00	550.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.
34	Riverside Miniature Railway	This club are requesting funds towards an creating a second level to their storage area to allow for further rolling stock.	4500.00	2500.00	2500.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.
35	1st Love's Farm Guides & 4th St Neots (Love's farm) Brownies	This group is seeking funds towards the purchase of some Go Pro Equipment for the girls to use and allowing them to achieve badges.	940.00	940.00	705.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.
36	Snack Shack	This group are seeking funds towards the purchase of kitchen equipment to enable them to develop their community café.	2619.00	2500.00	1964.25	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding. Unsuccessful application made in 2018/19 round.

37	Medway Users Group	This group are requesting funds towards the creation of a new community garden. The funds will be used to purchase raised beds, water butts, tools, seeds and compost bins.	3000.00	2000.00	2000.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding. Unsuccessful application made in 2018/19 round.
38	Cornerstone Care on Confidence	The funds would go towards widening the network of support for mums experiencing crisis in pregnancy, to build friendships with women in similar circumstances and to equip them with life skills.	2598.00	2200.00	1948.50	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding. Funding received in 2018/19 round for sum of £2,196
39	Hemingford Hub	This group are requesting funds towards the initial set up cost for a Good Neighbourhood scheme for the area	4000.00	1500.00	1500.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.
40	Huntingdon Community Action Projects	This charity is seeking funding towards an early literacy project with the aim of bringing fun back into reading. The travelling Book Nook also aims to establish a book lending service and promote parent/child interaction.	2500.00	2500.00	1875.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.
41	Farcet Community Association	This group is requesting funds towards the start-up of an open access youth club for school years 7 - 9. One evening per week for two hours. Allowing young adults to meet up regularly.	5500.00	2000.00	2000.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.
42	Huntingdonshire Community Group	This group are seeking funds that will go towards sports equipment and venue hire for their Unity Olympics event.	5000.00	2500.00	2500.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding. Funding received in 2018/19 round for sum of £2,500

43	Warboys Time bank	This group are seeking funding towards the creating and designing of a website for the Time Bank and to expand its membership	500.00	500.00	375.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.
44	Young People's Counselling Service	The group are looking for funding towards training staff and pupils in Total Release Experience (TRE) This project delivers activities to support children and their families emotional wellbeing in primary schools	3000.00	2250.00	2250.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding. Funding received in 2018/19 round to the amount of £2,500
45	Age UK Cambridgeshire & Peterborough	This charity is seeking funds to deliver a scheme offering intervention to older people enabling them to live independently by providing regular weekly contact.	9000.00	2000.00	2000.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.
46	Open Door Church	This group are seeking funding towards the delivery of the TLG Project - early intervention coaching. The aim is to support children who are not coping in school. The funds will go towards training additional coaches to the St Neots area.	3958.60	2500.00	2500.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.
47	The Free Church (United Reformed) St Ives	This group are requesting funds towards their EPE centre - Enriching People's Experience of the Centre. The funds will go towards engaging people by tailoring the support offered and activities identified by the people who visit the centre. For example exercise & wellbeing, finance and loneliness.	2700.00	2025.00	2025.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.

48	The Offords Recreation Hut (Offord Village Hall)	This group are seeking funds towards the replacement of the hall's heating/water boiler as the current boiler is coming to the end of its operating life.	3440.00	900.00	900.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.
49	Cambridge and Huntingdon Deaf Children's Society	This group are requesting funds to contribute towards the attendance at BSL performance of Cinderella Panto at Cambridge Arts Theatre followed by a party and visit from Santa Claus.	1700.00	1275.00	1275.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.
50	Warboys & District Day Centre	This charity are seeking funds towards taking approximately 15 elderly clients who are identified as socially isolated to a Christmas Pantomime.	400.00	300.00	300.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.
51	Pidley cum Fenton Parish Council	This group are requesting funds towards purchasing additional equipment for the village play park.	4300.00	3500.00	2500.00	NO	Precepting authority
52	Somersham and Pidley Time bank	This group are seeking funds towards providing additional get-togethers in order to build further community connections including offering intergenerational craft sessions and healthy cooking workshops.	2500.00	2500.00	1875.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.
53	St Neots Coder Dojo	This group are requesting funds towards hiring a room at Love's Farm House to deliver a free, mentor-led classroom-based training programme for children aged 7 -17. to explore the skills for website construction and application development.	567.00	425.25	425.25	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.

54	St Neots Time Bank	This group are seeking funds towards their project Time4Health. The aim of the project is to tackle loneliness and exclusion and the effects of ill-health including the temporary loan of mobility aids.	1400.00	1025.00	1025.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.
55	Great Paxton Community Village Shop Ltd	This group are requesting funds towards improving the lighting outside the shop. Making the shop safer and easier to access in the winter months.	1000.00	750.00	750.00	YES	This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.
TOTALS			£304,653	£100,952	£91,288		
Project numbers 20, 51 were not found to be eligible under the Community Chest Criteria.							