Huntingdonshire District Council - Community Chest Awards - 30 October 2024 Grant Panel Applications

Project Name/Applicant	Priority Focus	Criteria Met	Project Description	Amount Requested
CCG/28/24-25 Cambridge Acorn Project Huntingdon Trauma Hub	Our project aligns with the first three priorities (though it will only let me tick one box). In regard to all three, our project aims to improve the wellbeing of children and families following trauma, often severe trauma, by offering therapeutic, enrichment and casework support in order to reduce the well- known economic, social and health impacts of trauma and help people move on with their lives. However, this is also often about crisis support, both in terms of preventing things from escalating when challenges arise (frequently as the result of Domestic Abuse) but also following a crisis. Much of this work is done at our weekly drop-in which is held at the Coneygear Centre in partnership with HCAP and a wide variety of other local charities and organisations. Cambridge Acorn Project's overarching mission is to promote the wellbeing of children, young people and families who are in distress, to help them move on from trauma and enable them to go on to lead happy and fulfilling lives.	 Improving the quality of life and wellbeing Keeping people out of crisis Helping people in crisis 	We deliver a holistic, panoramic, trauma hub in Huntingdonshire which includes the following elements: weekly drop-in; therapeutic support for children and their families; enrichment work; work in schools.	£2,500.00

CCG/29/24-25 Fusion Family and Youth Projects Fusion Gateway Club	Our additional needs project significantly improves the quality of life for everyone involved—young people, their families, and the wider community. For the young people attending, the programme provides a safe, inclusive environment where they can be themselves, participate in fun and meaningful activities, and develop important life skills. Through social interaction, creative expression, and structured play, they build confidence, form friendships, and gain a sense of belonging. These experiences help improve their emotional well-being and social development, contributing to a better quality of life.	 Improving the quality of life and wellbeing Keeping people out of crisis Helping people in crisis 	Our weekly youth club offers a fun, supportive environment for young people with additional needs. Through a variety of activities, including games, crafts, and social events, participants can build friendships, boost confidence, and develop new skills. It's a safe space where everyone is included and celebrated for who they are.	£2,435.00
CCG/30/24-25 All Inclusive Football Coaching CIC All Inclusive Football Coaching CIC Walking Football for Over 50s	We provide a community group, a walking football session for anyone to attend. this not only brings retired and the older generation along to meet other people, but it also helps them stay active, increasing their activity which is good for their mental as well as their physical wellbeing.	 Improving quality of life and wellbeing 	We want to continue to run and grow our funded walking football sessions for people over 50 to encourage activity and the physical and mental wellbeing it brings.	£2,470.00

CCG/31/24-25 Huntingdon Community Group Oxmoor Community Fridge	By having the equipment and guidance to cook healthy meals from scratch this will provide a healthier, more cost-effective diet and nutrition for residents. Low-cost recipes along with some of the ingredients provided from our community fridge will save residents money on their weekly grocery shopping bills, preventing future crisis and encouraging people to build their skills on managing finances and making their money go further. Learning to cook simple, cost-effective meals for a family encourages social interaction, eating together, improving mood and more positive mental wellbeing. Volunteers would be encouraged, and hopefully basic food hygiene and cookery skills will provide confidence and encourage employability.	 Improving quality of life and wellbeing Keeping people out of crisis Helping people in crisis 	Our community fridge project is expanding its community support to include food hygiene courses and basic cookery classes alongside our food support, hygiene bank and job club.	£2,500.00
CCG/32/24-25 Southoe Midloe Community Hub Project Group (under the umbrella of St. Leonard's Southoe PCC Southoe & Midloe Christmas Lights Switch- on	Southoe & Midloe is a very small community. The Southoe & Midloe Community Hub Project group started the Christmas Lights Switch-on event 3 years ago to encourage the residents of the villages to become a community again after Covid. After the first distancing and being just an outside event the subsequent years we have included a community event in the Church after the switchon. This included hotdogs, mulled wine, village crafter's stalls and various games. We have made the event into a great community get together and residents have commented on how good it is to have this event and the Christmas lights in the village. The Christmas lights/tree are situated in the centre of the village in the Churchyard and the majority have to pass by on their way out of the village, so it is a great focal point and the switchon brings everyone together.	 Improving the quality of life and wellbeing 	For the past 3 years the Southoe & Midloe Community Hub Project group has organised a community event to festoon the churchyard in the centre of the village with Christmas lights/Christmas tree and have a community event in the Church. We have previously been very fortunate with local businesses (village residents) and the Parish Council sponsoring the event. We have also been lucky enough to make this into a free event for the village residents, thus evoking a good community spirit.	£135.00

CCG/33/24-25 Warboys and District Day Centre Promoting physical and mental well- being through music	The primary objective of Warboys & District Day Centre is to support older people who would otherwise be socially isolated and lonely. We provide a safe and relaxed environment where members can meet and enjoy the company and friendship of others and engage in a varied range of activities and entertainments that are socially orientated, stimulating and promote physical and mental well-being. A programme of entertainment is central to our core objective and twice a month we book external musical entertainers as we know that music has real therapeutic benefit. Each of our entertainers are committed to getting our members singing and dancing (within their individual limitations) and are very popular with our members.	 Improving the quality of life and wellbeing 	We provide a rolling 12-month programme of external musical entertainers who encourage our members to sing and move to music. We are aware that music is associated with enhanced well-being in older people and the associated physical activity also supports the current health and well-being agenda.	£500.00
CCG/34/24-25 Ramsey Mereside Village Hall CIO Community Space	1 and 3. Providing hot lunches for all who attend 4. The building has solar panels and the power for the cooker is solar generated - zero carbon.	 Improving the quality of life and wellbeing for residents Helping people in crisis Lowering carbon emissions 	The Community Space at the village hall wishes to offer hot lunches to their visitors during the cold winter months. We do not wish to charge for this.	£300.00