

Huntingdonshire District Council - Community Chest Awards - 21 May 2025 Grant Panel Applications

Project Name/Applicant	Priority Focus	Criteria Met	Project Description	Amount Requested
CCG/01/25-26 Huntingdon Riverside Gala Riverside Gala 2025	Bringing the community together, socialising, not feeling isolated, help is on hand as we have men's mental health tent available,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving the quality of life and wellbeing 	Huntingdon riverside Gala is an annual family fun day, bringing the community together, we try to provide as much free entertainment as possible, which includes, live music, dinosaurs, princesses, Spider-Man, live wrestling shows, fun dog show, Punch and Judy, balloon modelling, we also have a performance arena where local businesses and groups can perform, we have local charity and business stalls, pony rides, a fun fair, arts & crafts, inflatables, & much more	£1,500.00
CCG/02/25-26 Youth Step to Success Guided Couch-to-5k runs/walks for inactive BAME women who are over 40	(73) identified inactive women aged 40+, and specifically, women from BAME community will be engaged into 15-week guided couch-to-5k runs/walks aiming reduce inactivity, improve mental well-being and encourage community walks followed by group art therapy sessions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving the quality of life and wellbeing 	Our 15-week project will provide guided couch-to5k runs/walks for inactive BAME women who are over 40, followed by group art therapy sessions. Our project will reduce inactivity, mprove mental well-being and encourage community walks. We will run 15- weeks (4x/week) @ 5-6.30PM and 6- 7.30 AM between July-November 2025 guided couch-to-5k runs to engage (73) identified women aged 40+, and specifically, women from BAME community in physical activity to overcome sociocultural barriers and gender roles. Participants will receive a full one to one induction with a personalized fitness instructor; developed to meet their individual goals and needs.	£3,000.00

CCG/03/25-26 The Toy Chest by DH Social groups for vulnerable and disadvantaged people	<p>It wouldn't let me tick more than one. But it will also keep people out of crisis and those already in crisis. Our organisation's social and craft groups play a vital role in enhancing mental health and wellbeing by providing a supportive and engaging environment where individuals can connect, express themselves, and develop new skills. Participating in social activities helps reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation, fostering a sense of community and belonging. Craft groups stimulate creativity, improve concentration, and offer a therapeutic outlet for emotional expression, which can alleviate stress and anxiety. These groups also promote social interaction and teamwork, strengthening social networks and boosting confidence. Regular engagement in such activities encourages a positive routine, improves self-esteem, and cultivates resilience. By creating a safe and inclusive space, our organisation helps individuals build coping strategies, reduce mental health stigma, and experience joy and fulfillment. Overall, our social and craft groups serve as a crucial support system, nurturing mental wellness and empowering individuals to lead healthier, more connected lives.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving quality of life and wellbeing 	<p>With the opening of our new store next month, we will be beginning new social groups for all abilities and ages. These groups will include homework clubs, craft and hobby clubs, general social groups. Those for men, those for women and children.</p>	<p>£5,000.00</p>
CCG/04/25-26 Folksworth & Washingley Parish Council Interpretation Boards for F&W Walks	<p>Its a well known fact that getting out & about in nature is beneficial for everyone's mental wellbeing. In addition, if people can walk, either by themselves or with their dogs rather than drive to other areas, carbon emissions will be lowered. (I would have ticked 2 boxes but it would only allow me to tick one)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving quality of life and wellbeing 	<p>We wish to provide information boards at the village pond and at the entrance to the church of the wonderful local walks and flora and fauna that can be see to encourage residents to walk more and enjoy the beauty of the area.</p>	<p>£2,000.00</p>

CCG/05/25-26 BROW4 Huntingdon Armed Forces Day	<p>We are committed to improving the places and spaces that matter to our community by keeping people connected through community events. We are providing opportunities for people to come together for a shared purpose, strengthening relationships in our community. Our event, while focused on the armed forces, will have activities, music, craft stalls, etc, that will allow families to connect, generations to come together, provide selling opportunities for local businesses, and offer a free day out which limits the impact on personal budgets.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving quality of life and wellbeing 	<p>We will deliver the first Armed Forces Day in the town, commemorating the service and sacrifice of past and present service personnel</p>	<p>£1,500.00</p>
CCG/06/25-26 Fenstanton Parish Council FPC Welcome Space	<p>Our chair and standing exercise group caters for mostly elderly it offers companionship, purpose and combats loneliness. The toddler group allows children to socialise and carers a chance to meet our community cafes, similarly, tackles isolation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving quality of life and wellbeing 	<p>We open 3 sessions a week on Monday morning we hold a free chair and exercise session with up to 30 mostly senior citizens, this is followed by tea and toast. Tuesday morning we hold a baby toddler group average attendance 16 children, we offer free tea, toast and snacks. Tuesday pm we have coffee and cake average 20 people. We also have pop up events such as pancake day which attract around 70 people of all ages. The facility is free, voluntary donations are accepted.</p>	<p>£1,000.00</p>