

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

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Report of the Strategic Director Commissioning, Communities and Policy

ACTION GRANTS PROGRAMME

1. Purpose of the Report

To provide an update on the projects supported under round two of the community activity and community safety Action Grants Programme.

2. Information and Analysis

At its meeting on 5 April 2018, Cabinet approved the establishment of a two year Action Grants Programme totalling £1.5 million to provide support to champion local communities, encourage local groups to deliver community activity and to support the Council's priorities in relation to resilient and thriving communities. The Action Grant Programme will run until May 2020 and enables local groups to apply for three levels of funding across four grant areas covering youth activity, community safety, community activity and physical/sports activity as follows:

- **Small Grants (up to £500):** Provides funding for 2,000 small scale, one off projects delivering positive activities in local communities
- **Medium Grants (up to £5,000):** Provides funding for new projects in local communities which can demonstrate local support and which have a more significant local impact.
- **Large Grants (up to £10,000):** Provides funding for new projects which have longer term viability, will continue to impact local people into the future and might cover more than one programme theme.

All projects need to be able to meet the following criteria:

- Support activity benefiting a designated area or area of interest in Derbyshire (excluding Derby City).
- Be time limited and not require ongoing funding from the Council.
- Complement, not duplicate other funding sources such as the Public Health Locality Fund, the members Community Leadership Scheme etc.

- Show how activity can benefit the community beyond the life of the funding.
- Meet an identified need which can be evidenced.
- Be delivered promptly and within agreed timescales.
- Show how local people have helped in the identification of activity or have been consulted/engaged.
- Show what difference will be made.

Projects that meet the selection criteria highlighted above are reviewed by an officer panel. Strategic Directors have delegated responsibility for the approval of recommended projects that fall within their remit. Cabinet agreed at its meeting on 5 April 2018 that approvals would be reported to the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities on a quarterly basis.

This report provides an update on the applications received, and approved, for the community activity and community safety grants under round two of the programme.

Round Two

The deadline for receipt of applications for rounds two of both the community activity grants and community safety grants was 30 September 2018. In round two applicants were only able to apply for a small grant as the medium and large grants are only available on an annual basis, with the next deadline being 30 June 2019.

- **Community Activity Grants** - Community Activity Grants provide funding to help local residents, groups and organisations support the development of local community activities and projects which help local people to come together to shape the future of their neighbourhood. Funding is available to support 375 local projects which cover the following types of activity:
 - Setting up a community group, local fair or festival
 - Developing a community space
 - Protecting the local environment
 - Supporting vulnerable groups, for example setting up a club for carers
 - Promoting a community website etc.

37 small grant applications, set out in Appendix A to this report, were received under round two requesting funding totalling £18,378. A small officer panel, comprising of representatives from Policy, Adult Care, the Library Service and the Voluntary and Community Sector met to assess the merits of each application against the required criteria. In total 29 applications, the details of which are set out in Appendix A, were approved to the value of £14,266.

- **Community Safety Grants** - Community Safety Grants provide funding to help local residents, groups and organisations support communities to be safe places to live and work. Funding is available to support 500 local projects which cover the following types of activity:
 - Address local needs to combat crime, disorder and Anti-Social Behaviour
 - Tackle harm caused by alcohol, drugs and violence
 - Reduce the fear of crime in communities
 - Help build cohesive communities and encourage diversionary activities
 - Help raise awareness of scams and online fraud

Six small grant applications under round two of the grant programme, set out in Appendix B to this report, were received requesting funding totalling £2,880. A small panel comprising of Community Safety Officers met to assess the merits of each application against the required criteria. All six applications, the details of which are set out in Appendix B, were approved.

Moving Forward

Monitoring of the Programme, including take up of the different levels of grants as well as geographical coverage, will take place on a regular basis to ensure equality of access across different communities in Derbyshire. This will ensure that there is some flexibility in the Programme as it moves forward and that spend is maximised. It will also help recognise those communities where more support may be required to identify and promote relevant projects.

4. Financial Considerations

The total cost of applications for both the community activity and community safety grant programmes stands at £17,146 and can be met from the Action Grants Programme budget. To ensure that there is compliance with the Council's Financial Regulations, all approved projects will be issued with standard conditions of grant and will be subject to monitoring and evaluation.

5. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, legal and human rights, equal opportunities, human resources, environmental, health and property and transport considerations.

6. Background Papers

Report to Cabinet on the Action Grant Programme 5 April 2018

Report to Cabinet Member for Health and Communities 4 October 2018

8. Key Decision

No

9. Call-in

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report? **No**

10. Officer's Recommendations

It is recommended that the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities notes the applications approved as set out below:

1. 29 small Grants for Community Activity approved to the value of £14,266.
2. Six small Grants for Community Safety approved to the value of £2,880.

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Appendix A – Small Grants Community Activity

Ref	Organisation	Brief Description	Funding requested	Grant Awarded	Panel Decision
CA1	OSCARI – Dizzy Days Playgroup	To run a playgroup cafe straight after the playgroup session each Monday during term time. To help parents and carers of children of weaning age to identify healthy foods and to help the children wean onto a solid food diet. To purchase high chairs, equipment and bibs.	£500	£500	Fund – eligible
CA2	Horsley Village Hall	To purchase 75 sets of crockery for £600. This is part of a wider project to rebuild/fit out the hall which is currently condemned. Over £300,000 has been raised to undertake this work which they anticipate will be completed by January	£500	£500	Fund – eligible
CA3	Gamesley Early Excellence Centre	To put on a seasonal film night for Gamesley families at Christmas, Easter and Summer. Projector hire, single title screening licences, 2 blue ray films, hire of hall, 6 hours pay for staff to supervise.	£500	£426	Part Fund - hire of equipment not eligible
CA4	Derbyshire Gingerbread Associate Group	Umbrella Group who support single parents who find that reaching people to tell them about their services is extremely difficult. Advert, A5 leaflets and accompanying letters for GP surgeries, schools and health visitors, stamps and posters.	£500	£0	Not fund - it was felt to be a very paper based approach, when social media is more effective
CA5	Brimington Remembers	Plan to organise events to enable Brimington to be part of the countrywide commemorations for the ending of the Great War on 11th November. Flags and bunting, display boards, educational aids and exhibition materials	£500	£500	Fund – eligible

CA6	Repton Village Society	An annual village party which has been held since 2007. Publicity and promotion which includes stationery, flyers, programmes, T Shirts, tabards, caps , balloons and bunting, entertainment and attraction - Punch and Judy, town crier etc.	£500	£0	Not fund - entertainers and promotional clothing not eligible
CA7	Holmesfield Footpaths and Bridleways Society	Printing of an updated booklet giving details of a round Holmesfield walk and a tour of the ancient halls of Holmesfield	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
CA8	Buxton International Festival	Creation of a new opera to celebrate the life of Georgiana Cavendish which will have its world premiere at the 40th anniversary of the Buxton International Festival. Funding for pop up banners, leaflets, posters, social media campaign and street banners	£500	£0	Not fund – felt that it was not a community activity application
CA9	Our Alfreton Happyfest	Our Alfreton is a new group of shops and small businesses working together to make the high street more vibrant. Organising a town wide festival in Summer 2019	£500	£0	Not fund - further detail needed about the festival
CA10	Aston Court Club	Towards the purchase of a pool table and then they would set up games evening competitions to encourage more men to join their group. £800 in total they have raised £300 themselves	£500	£500	Fund – eligible
CA11	Burgage Band (Buxton)	Introduction to Brass Banding for the young, towards the purchase of music books and pieces and second hand instruments	£500	£500	Fund – eligible
CA12	Rhubarb Dementia Day	To run a day's event at the farm for people living near the farm who have dementia (or Alzheimer's) and whose carers, families, neighbours would benefit from a day doing different activities. These tasters would hopefully encourage them to continue to come to the farm as volunteers	£500	£500	Fund – eligible

CA13	Eckington Summer Festival Committee	Support the costs associated with the running of the annual Summer Festival. To cover hire of Children's Lazer Quest Inflatable Dome and workers and towards hire of tables and chairs	£500	£0	Not fund - hire of equipment not eligible
CA14	Alfreton WI Allotment Set Up	Plan to start up a gardening club to provide exercise for the ladies, a bench for the less able, a shed for storage and for people to get together, plants, seeds and pots	£500	£500	Fund – eligible
CA15	Clay Cross and District Skittles League	To provide new resin balls to encourage the existing and new teams to join the league, encouraging and supporting the local community and bringing a social night to the pubs and clubs within the surrounding areas	£500	£500	Fund – eligible
CA16	Amber Valley CVS – Festival in Loscoe	To hold a small festival in Loscoe, Heanor to focus on Charles Hill recreation ground. The festival will have a strong community engagement focus enabling Amber Valley CVS to gather data from local residents about how they would like to see Charles Hill improved in the future	£500	£500	Fund – eligible
CA17	Sheffield Custom Boutique	Materials for their art therapy sessions, volunteer expenses, travel costs and hospitality – the project is supported by the Community Mental Health Team at Killamarsh	£500	£500	Fund – eligible
CA18	Cressbrook Community Group	To regenerate an underused, unsightly shrubby area at the entrance to the village to create a safe and accessible orchard in permanent wildflower grassland	£500	£500	Fund – eligible
CA19	Melbourne Assembly Rooms	To undertake improvements in the main hall - removal, cleaning and repairing of acoustic panels	£500	£0	Not fund – felt this was a maintenance issue which was routine and should be built into the budget

CA20	First Taste	Programme of arts and crafts/local history/reminiscence workshops between the older people at the Presentation Sisters Care Centre and some of the children from Castle View Primary School Matlock	£500	£500	Fund – eligible
CA21	The Connection Space CIC	Creative art/craft group for 5-7 young women aged between 14 - 25 living with Asperger's, chronic fatigue, anxiety and early childhood trauma. They would like to meet one evening a month at The Connection Space to undertake chosen activities that explore emotional health through creativity and connection	£500	£500	Fund – eligible
CA23	1 st Gresley Scout Group	To add sound proofing to the main hall. The hall itself is a solid wall construction and this causes a real bad sound reflection. This is causing an issue with children who have hearing problems and those with challenging/behaviour issues. Toyota have donated £2,000 but they need another £500 to undertake this work	£500	£500	Fund – eligible
CA24	The Get Together Club	The club meets on a monthly basis and organises a holiday once a year. They would like to fund entrance to the Eden Project when they are on their next holiday and entrance to West Bromwich Hall	£500	£0	Not fund- entrance fees to attractions not eligible
CA25	Ignite UK	New music and copyright, coaching to help them develop as a chorus and promotional / recruitment events to encourage more local women to get involved in the four part harmony a cappella chorus	£480	£480	Fund – eligible
CA26	Go Wild in Wirksworth - Forest Schools Equipment for Wheelchair Users	To purchase equipment to deliver Forest Schools to wheelchair users. Shelter, poles and pegs, fire lighting materials and work stations designed and constructed for people who are seated in wheelchairs	£500	£500	Fund – eligible

CA27	Go Wild in Wirksworth - Forest School for Adult Wheelchair Users at Cromford Wharf	To deliver a day of Forest School activities at Cromford Wharf, Matlock - three sessional workers and hire of woodland	£500	£0	Not fund as both applications are for the same activity
CA28	Scopes4SEN	Projector and screen so they can undertake more solar, astronomy and science outreach work at special educational needs schools, hospitals, retreat centres and other settings	£500	£500	Fund – eligible
CA29	Parwich Royal British Legion Village Club	To replace a 5 bar gate which leads from the road to the main entrance via the garden, redecorate areas of the club interior and water seal some of the exterior of the building	£500	£500	Fund – eligible
CA30	Big Kirk Hallam Community Centre	Room rental for 2 hours per week for 12 weeks for a crafting group and 12 craft tool kits, this will enable them opportunity to invite more residents to the group	£489	£489	Fund – eligible
CA31	Sterndale Moor Community Task Force	Combined football match, community get together and beacon event to commemorate the end of WW1 to be held at Sterndale Moor Social Club	£500	£462	Part Fund – insurance not eligible
CA32	STEAM Works Learning Family Maker Lab	A one day event to bring together children and their families to take part in fun, hands-on science, technology, engineering, art and maths making challenges	£500	£500	Fund – eligible
CA33	Friends of Charlesworth School	To improve the existing school playground to create a community asset that can be used for sport, recreation, drama, wildlife activities and cycling. To manage out of hours access for the community there will be a pin code on the school gate	£475	£475	Fund – eligible
CA34	Holme Hall Unite	Increase the range and scope of activities at the new community hub which was launched in July – a meal on Christmas Day for people on their	£500	£500	Fund – eligible

		own, a Christmas Party and provide ongoing activities for the community			
CA35	Brimington Parish Council	To open up their community lunch on a Tuesday to all the community and provide work experience placements for the local college. This will include a two course lunch and hot drink at £3.50 for adults and £1 for children.	£484	£484	Fund – eligible
CA36	Killamarsh Village Day Nursery	Towards new equipment including new play frames for their outdoor play area	£500	£500	Fund – eligible
CA37	Hathersage Luncheon Centre	A replacement hostess trolley as the current one is broken, plus cutlery and kitchen equipment	£450	£450	Fund – eligible
CA38	Medway Centre Community Association	To replace the current carpet in part of the building with heavy contract carpet tiles	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
		Total	£17,867	£14,266	

Appendix B – Small Grants Community Safety

Ref	Application Title	Brief description	Funding requested	Funding Allocated	Panel Decision
CS03S	Chesterfield Street Pastors	Initial first aid training for volunteers who act as Street Pastors	£500	£500	Fund – eligible
CS04S	SV2	Redevelopment of SV2 website for Sexual Assault Referral Centre	£500	£500	Fund – eligible
CS05S	Belper Child Contact Centre	Development of a website - contact for information at centre	£380	£380	Fund – eligible
CS06S	East Midlands Jiu Jitsu Association	Provision of mats for the club to help run divisionary activities in key areas of North Derbyshire	£500	£500	Fund – eligible
CS07S	Active South Derbyshire	Delivering a diversionary activity using sport and healthy awareness to address ASB	£500	£500	Fund – eligible
CS08S	Rowsley Parish Council	Install blocks at both entrances to the recreation ground to safeguard the site from unauthorised visitors, ASB and damage so that it can be safely used by the school, football club, dog walkers, children and members of the local community	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
		Total	£2,880	£2,880	