

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

4 OCTOBER 2018

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 one 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 one of the programme.

Round One

The deadline for receipt of applications for rounds one of both the community activity grants and community safety grants was 30 June 2018. Applicants were able to apply for either a small, medium or large grant award.

- **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.

46 small grant applications, set out in Appendix A to this report, were received under round one requesting funding totalling £21,966. A small officer panel, comprising of representatives from Policy, Adult Care, Children's Services, the Library Service and the Voluntary and Community Sector met to assess the merits of each application against the required criteria. In total 31 applications, the details of which are set out in Appendix A, were approved to the value of £14,396.

Under round one **46 medium and large applications**, set out in Appendix B to this report, were received requesting funding totalling £283,425. Applications for community activity grants, that met the criteria, were

subject to a tender style process, whereby officers scored the bid against a series of standards to determine their suitability and quality. 15 applications scored over 50% and these were considered by an officer panel, comprising of representatives from Policy, Adult Care, Children's Services, Community Safety and the Voluntary and Community Sector to assess the merits of each application against the required criteria and completed assessment by officers. Three applications, the details of which are set out in Appendix B, were approved totalling £22,033.

- **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

Two small grant applications under round one of the grant programme, set out in Appendix C to this report, were received requesting funding totalling £1,000. A small panel comprising of Community Safety Officers met to assess the merits of each application against the required criteria. Both projects were considered ineligible and as such no projects were approved during round one.

Three medium and large applications, the details of which are set out in Appendix D to this report, were received requesting funding totalling £29,054. Applications for Community Safety, that met the criteria, were subject to an assessment process, whereby officers scored the bid against a series of standards to determine their suitability and quality. Due to smaller numbers all applications were then taken to an officer panel, comprising of representatives from Policy, Adult Care, Children's Services, Community Safety and the Voluntary and Community Sector to assess the merits of each application against the required criteria and completed assessment by officers. Two applications, set out in Appendix D, were approved totalling £20,000.

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, particularly over the first twelve months. This will ensure that there is some flexibility in the Programme as it moves forward and that spend on the programme 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 £56,429 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

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. 31 small Grants for Community Activity approved to the value of £14,396.
2. One medium and two large Grants for Community Activity approved to the value of £22,033.
3. Two large Grants for Community Safety approved to the value of £20,000.

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Appendix A – Community Activity Small Grants

Ref	Organisation	Brief Description	Funding requested	Grant Awarded	Panel Decision
CA3	Crich Glebe Field Trust Ltd	1/2 day project for people with dementia. Part funded by the Arts Council and curated by Vamos Theatre using music, dance, nostalgia, masks and puppetry	£500	£0	Not eligible – this has already taken place
CA5	Maple Mews Resident's Association	Contribution towards seven trips for the aged and disabled	£500	£0	Trips not eligible
CA7	Chesterfield & North Derbyshire Tinnitus Support Group	Launch a pilot walking group, initially four walks - funding for leaflet/poster print, volunteer mileage and 100 pedometers	£270	£270	Fund – eligible
CA8	Junction Arts	Funding to deliver an additional schools outreach project with Christchurch School in Chesterfield as part of the Tapton Lock Festival	£500	£500	Fund – eligible
CA9	Special Needs Circle East Midlands	Recently started to run sessions for children with SEND who are home educated or excluded. Run further sessions crafting, clay work, outdoor activities, painting and cooking	£485	£485	Fund – eligible
CA11	Cotmanhay Community Network Our Time	Resources to contribute towards a group for domestic abuse victims who have completed the freedom programme. They will meet once a month and sessions will include Pilates and Self Defence	£500	£500	Fund – eligible
CA12	Cotmanhay Community Network Party in the Park	Funding towards three large inflatables for Party in the Park event on 1 September 18	£500	£0	Hire of equipment not eligible

CA13	Grassmoor Seniors Citizens Working Group	Volunteers who reach out to housebound seniors three time a year. Take a basic food hamper, festive cards, play competitions and chat	£500	£360	Part Fund – fund eligible items
CA14	Cotmanhay Community Network - Baby and Toddler	Currently no group in the area, requesting equipment including sensory items and changing mats	£500	£500	Fund – eligible
CA16	The Youlgreave 1914 - 1918 Community Group	Requesting funding towards wood for sculpture to commemorate WW1	£450	£450	Fund – eligible
CA17	Women that sing in Stanton	Digital recording unit, amplifier, microphones and stands and lockable cabinet	£500	£500	Fund – eligible
CA18	Whittington Youth Hub	Creating a beach for families to enjoy a day at the seaside - hi vis jackets, windbreaks, groundsheets, bucket and spades	£500	£500	Fund – eligible
CA19	Salcare Travel Costs for Volunteer	Up to 8 women meet each week to look at different aspects of domestic abuse the course runs for 12 weeks on a rolling programme - all funding towards volunteer facilitator travel expenses at £44 per month for 12 months	£484	£484	Fund – eligible
CA20	Eyam Parochial Church Council	Replace old equipment for toddler group - role play kitchen, tables and chairs, train and car set, ride on toys and farm set	£250	£250	Fund – eligible
CA21	Waingroves Methodist Church Table Tennis Club	Installation of suspended ceiling and energy efficient lighting, already raised £1,500. The current ceiling is 30ft high and can only change light bulbs if they obtain a tower	£500	£500	Fund – eligible

CA22	Friends of Brockley School The Brockleytiers	Provision of a community garden for the school children to provide home grown fruit, vegetables and herbs to the school	£500	£0	Not eligible - not a community garden as it is in the grounds of the school
CA23	Hatton Pensioners Luncheon Club	Cost of river boat trip and coach	£500	£0	Trips not eligible
CA24	Sheffield Custom Boutique	Materials for their art therapy sessions, volunteer expenses, travel costs and hospitality -	£500	£0	Resubmit in Round 2 with more information
CA25	Hodthorpe and Belp Community Association	Scarecrow festival hire of venue, entertainment evening, buffet, posters, programmes and certificates	£500	£0	Items requested not eligible
CA26	Golden-Oldies Charity	To support the development costs of the Goldies Sing and Smile sessions in Ashbourne - venue hire, advertisement, 500 flyers	£490	£490	Fund – eligible
CA28	Brimington Remembers	To fund a Village Gala 14 July 2018	£500	£0	Not eligible - this has already taken place
CA29	Amber Valley Voices	To fund wood to make some staging blocks of various sizes	£500	£500	Fund – eligible
CA33	Tibshelf Local History and Civic Society	To expand their exhibition space potential - 8 board exhibition panel unit, 4 head panels and clips, 2 gopak tables	£480	£0	Need evidence of community involvement
CA34	Palterton Residents' Association	Landscaping of untidy small open green	£500	£0	Hire of heavy machinery not eligible

CA35	5th Chesterfield Guides	Setting up a new Guide Programme that starts in September - training for leaders, badge syllabuses, award syllabuses, record book for Guides	£500	£500	Fund – eligible
CA36	Freedom Community Project	Freedom Community Fun Day at Bolsover in August - marketing and promotion of event, training of volunteers, insurance and fun day activities	£500	£0	Insurance and fun day activities not eligible
CA37	Charlesworth and Chisworth Carnival Committee	Towards the costs of staging the carnival specifically towards portaloos and rubbish bins/removal of waste	£500	£0	Items not eligible
CA39	Living Hope Food Bank	Contribution towards tables and carpet	£500	£500	Fund – eligible
CA45	1st Taxal Scout Group	Towards replacing and repairing camping equipment	£500	£500	Fund – eligible
CA47	Tintwistle Allotment Gardeners' Association	Towards 4 marquees and 10 trestle tables for the Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Show	£500	£500	Fund – eligible
CA52	OSCARI Holiday Hunger	Free event for young people and families in Riddings every week in the summer school holidays - large parachute, A boards, Wi and games, large outdoor games, paper plates and cups	£500	£500	Fund – eligible
CA53	PC Refurb	Forming a self-help group to refurbish old computers - software, storage items stationery, printing, small cleaning tools	£500	£500	Fund – eligible
CA54	Limelight Friendship Group	Wish to start a friendship group for the over 60's towards chairs with arms, board games, arts and crafts and small gardening equipment	£500	£500	Fund – eligible

CA58	Pilsley Penguins	Toys and accessories for babies aged 0 - 1	£500	£500	Fund – eligible
CA62	Baslow Methodist Church	Towards kitchen upgrade - carpet, double sink, taps, worktop and labour	£500	£500	Fund – eligible
CA63	Friends of Bradwell School	Conversion of a classroom into a dedicated area for the teaching of food nutrition and cooking skills	£500	£0	Not eligible - not community activity
CA64	1st South Normanton Brownies	New Brownie Programme which is changing from July - new handbooks and badge books, Leader's programme information books and new badges	£360	£360	Fund – eligible
CA65	Transition New Mills	Incredible Edible New Mills - increase the numbers and diversity of community members involved in clearing and cultivating community land and containers - leaflets and posters, signs, compost, seeds, trowels and forks, hi vis vests	£493	£493	Fund – eligible
CA70	Derwent Valley Lions	Further supplies of Message in a Bottle, four boxes at £30 each containing 90 bottles. Also Plugsters which will cost £230 for 1000 items, these wrap around an electric plug to make it easier for people with arthritis to remove them.	£350	£350	Fund – eligible
CA71	Shirland Sunflowers Baby and Toddler Group	Replacing toys and equipment Baby sensory tent, lights and sensory toys, sound system and safety cups	£500	£500	Fund – eligible

CA76	Burbage Primary School Parents, Teachers and Friends Association	Bikeability training - the school currently fund 24 places for Year 5 through its involvement in the High Peak Sports Partnership but they would like every child in Year 5 to be able to take part	£500	£500	Fund – eligible
CA79	Limestone House (Creswell Village Company) School Holiday Activities	Activities for two afternoons per week in the summer holidays for infant and junior school aged children	£404	£404	Fund – eligible
CA83	Matlock Bath Development Association CIC - Mary Shelley Frankenstein Exhibition	Exhibition as part of the Frankenstein festival	£500	£0	Limited community benefit
CA85	Kirk Langley Field Day Committee	Large 8 x 4 metre pop up marquee for event in September, will be available to the other community groups in the area	£500	£500	Fund – eligible
CA88	1st Heage Scout Group	Improvements to the grow your own project, contribution toward box pallets for planters and raised beds for planting	£500	£500	Fund – eligible
CA89	Duffield Arts Festival	Towards a Chinese opera performance and two Djembe drumming workshop	£450	£0	Costs of entertainers not eligible
		Total	£21,966	£14,396	

Appendix B – Community Activity Medium and Large Grants

Ref	Organisation	Summary	Funding requested	Grant Awarded	Score out of 40	Panel Decision
CA6	Amber Community First Responders	1 set of kit defibrillator, oxygen therapy and bags for voluntary responders have 46 responders - 26 fully trained and 20 undergoing training	£1,700		-	The purchase of defibrillators was not felt to fit with the community activity theme
CA27	The Zink Project	Community café at Buxton which will provide volunteering and work experience opportunities for Zink employability participants	£2,200	£2,200	28	Fund - The project will become partly self-sustaining and in addition they can gain funding from DWP programmes. Has match funding from Big Lottery and Ashby Family Fund plus in kind donation of rent
CA29	Amber Valley Voices	To obtain flexible staging for performances and events so that members of the choir can be tiered at different height levels. This will improve their performances by enabling members to see the Conductor and the audience to see the performers.	£1,409	£0	20	Insufficient information about community need, benefit and sustainability. Recommended for a small grant
CA38	New Opportunities Wirksworth	Produce a set of town promotion resources that can reach across all the residents of Wirksworth through a range of media channels	£5,000	£0	23	Not a lot of information on the need for project, they felt that without this heritage-based projects could dominate the characteristics of the town
CA41	Breakthrough Community Enterprise CIC	Develop a large area of land into a horticultural site growing veg, plants, trees and fruit - old colliery site at Oxcroft	£8,700	£0	20	No description of size so difficult to ascertain value for money, not demonstrating lasting community impact

CA43	Derbyshire Wildlife Trust	Support families and young people of Ilkeston and Ironville through our new Health, Harmony and Wellbeing Programme	£9,210	£0	28	The initial aim is to engage with families with young people, concern over whether this will this be achieved.
CA44	Friends of Lea School	Provision of outdoor learning space for the children at the school	£9,847.20	£0	20	Only benefitting the children at the school. This was not felt to fit with the intentions of the scheme
CA48	Tideswell and District Community Association	Want to purchase a second defibrillator as they have been advised that one in the village is not enough	£1,254	£0	-	The purchase of defibrillators was not felt to fit with the community activity theme
CA49	Inspire Community Garden	Provide a large concrete tool store / workshop to hold more valuable tools and equipment, it will include work benches to enable them to repair and maintain the tools	£2,800	£0	22	Outlined plans to be sustainable but not gone into detail about how this can be achieved. Not really identified added value
CA51	Worldwide International Global Solutions Ltd	Co-design, pilot and create the Shirebrook Film School	£9,978	£9,978	36	Fund - Activity well outlined, comprehensive evidence from a wide range of community members, detailed outline of added value. Good outline of long term viability
CA55	Level Centre Ltd	Library of Smells is designed for adults with profound and multiple learning disabilities, each book in the library contains a series of smell experiences	£8,025	£0	25	Having completed a pilot project they have a tried and tested workshop which they know will be successful in engaging people and eliciting creative responses
CA67	St John Ambulance	Purchase 4 public access defibrillators for Clowne	£1,500	£0	-	The purchase of defibrillators was not felt to fit with the community activity theme

CA68	Derventio Housing Trust	For service users and people within the community to access the 'Aspire@ program facilitated by Wellbeing Works. Aspire supports the individual to create their path to emotional wellbeing, develop positive coping skills and manage stress	£9,192.24	£0	24	There is a plan for mentors but no indication of what they will do and how they will be supported following the training. Is this just an extension of the growing lives project
CA69	Derwent Valley on Demand CIC	Will be a media and information hub communicating positive news, events, arts and heritage for the Derwent Valley region and beyond	£10,000	£0	21	Felt the benefit was more aimed at visitors to the area, it will benefit the local economy but limited information on impact to local communities. They don't need all this equipment to produce podcasts
CA82	Whiffle Pig CIC	To start their community workshops project in the Ashbourne area. Support existing small voluntary groups in and around Ashbourne and Belper and pilot schemes within local care homes	£10,000	£0	21	Poor response to lasting impact. Concern over sustainability "once a need for our service is proven care settings will be expected to find funding to pay for our services". There are already other activities taking place
CA84	Friends of Somersall Park Play Area	Have installed a play area and would like to add a number of items for older children	£10,000	£0	26	Raised £57,000 and installed a new play area - would like to add a few items for older children that are missing- most of community benefit already secured
CA86	Glossop Arts Project	Aimed at women who are socially isolated two hour creative sessions term time between September 18 and July 19. Influenced by the five steps to wellbeing	£9,502	£0	21	Evidence of need taken from a pilot involving 6 women - question the sustainability as they have run two pilots in 2015 and 2018 and have been

						looking for funding ever since to offer this again
CA87	Barrow Hill Bikes	A cycle workshop where unwanted cycles will be rebuilt by volunteers, they will then be sold at an affordable price.	£9,855	£9,855	26	Fund - Based on the proven model at Monkey Park in Brampton, mentoring from this project will be provided as in kind funding. Has a strong element of sustainability. Will have a wider impact - skills enhancement, reduced social isolation through volunteering and diversionary activity
		Total	£118,473	£22,033		

Appendix C - Community Safety Small Grants

Ref	Application Title	Brief description	Funding requested	Funding Allocated	Panel Decision
CS01S	CCTV cameras for the Bradwell Bowls Club	CCTV will help address vandalism and ASB at Pavilion and to stop rubbish being left	£500	£0	Quality of application poor with insufficient information, does not meet the criteria. perhaps contact should be made with the Police Secure by design officer to consider other improvements
CS02S	Message in a bottle	Matlock Derwent Valley Lions provide bottles for fridges which store vital patient information can be used by Emergency Services	£350	£0	Does not meet criteria for community safety however, should be consider as a Community Activity Grant
		Total	£850	£0	

Appendix D – Community Safety Medium and Large Grants

Ref	Application Title	Brief description	Funding requested	Funding Allocated	Decision
CS01L	Salcare – MacKenzie Friends	Develop a bank of volunteers as MacKenzie Friends for DA victims	£10,000	£10,000	Fund - Meets community safety criteria and provides a much needed service for DA victims
CS02L	CCTV for new Sports Pavilion, Pilsley	CCTV for new Sports Pavilion, Pilsley – to address ASB etc.	£9,200	£0	Building yet to be built, could look to use other methods for protecting building such as preventative planting suggested links with Police Crime Prevention through design adviser for assistance.
CS03L	Friends of Hurst Farm Community Project	Develop Stay & Play session encourage crime reporting (Hurst Farm Estate) reducing fear of crime	£10,000	£10,000	Fund - Meets community safety criteria and would provide a sustainable project for Hurst Farm. Area of deprivation, project would help address fear of crime etc.
		Total	£29,200	£20,000	