

Cabinet



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Title of Report:	Recommendations from the Grant Working Party: 6 November 2017: Community Chest Funding – 2018/2019	
Report No:	CAB/SE/17/071	
Report to and date:	Cabinet	5 December 2017
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Purpose of report:	On 6 November 2017, the Grant Working Party considered the following substantive item of business: (1) Consideration of Community Chest Funding – 2018/2019 Recommendations emanating from (1) above are provided for Cabinet’s consideration below.	
Recommendations:	It is <u>RECOMMENDED</u> that: (1) the allocation of Community Chest funding for 2018/2019, as previously approved in 2016/2017 as part of two-year funding agreements, be noted, namely: (a) Suffolk Accident Rescue Service (SARS): £2,000 <i>Continued...</i>	

	(b) Theatre Royal (Bury St Edmunds):	£5,000	
	(2) the allocation of Community Chest funding for 2018/2019, as detailed in Report No: GWP/SE/17/002, be approved, namely:		
	(a) Anglia Care Trust:	£5,000	
	(b) St Nicholas' Hospice Care (Barrow):	£1,712	
	(c) Suffolk Family Carers:	£10,000	
	(d) Mentis Tree CIC:	£9,000	
	(e) Sporting 87:	£6,000	
	(f) Haverhill Community Trust:	£6,030	
	(3) subject to the budget setting process for 2019/2020, and subject to the satisfactory submission of evidence-based reports detailing the benefits and success of each individual project in 2018/2019, the allocation of Community Chest funding for 2018/2019 and 2019/2020, be approved, namely:		
		<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>
	(a) St Nicholas' Hospice Care (Bury St Edmunds):	£6,532	£6,533
	(b) St Nicholas' Hospice Care (Haverhill):	£8,909	£8,909
	(c) HomeStart Mid and West Suffolk:	£10,000	£10,000
	(d) Relate Norfolk and Suffolk:	£5,000	£5,000
	(e) Our Special Friends:	£6,000	£6,000
	(f) REACH Community Projects:	£10,000	£10,000
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	<p>(g) Citizens Advice Bureau Suffolk West: £182,000 £182,000</p> <p>(h) Suffolk Cinema Network: £3,500 £3,500</p> <p>(4) No Community Chest funding for 2018/2019 be awarded to:</p> <p>(a) Abundant Life Church (Epic Dad); (b) Sharing Parenting, Clare; (c) The Restoration Trust; and (d) Rural Coffee Caravan.</p>		
<p>Key Decision:</p> <p><i>(Check the appropriate box and delete all those that do not apply.)</i></p>	<p><i>Is this a Key Decision and, if so, under which definition?</i></p> <p>Yes, it is a Key Decision - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No, it is not a Key Decision - <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(ii) result in any new expenditure, income or savings of more than £50,000 in relation to the Council's revenue budget or capital programme.</p> <p>Some of the decisions made by Cabinet are also however, subject to the budget setting process for 2019/2020 (the budget for 2018/2019 has already been approved.)</p>		
<p><i>The decisions made as a result of this report will usually be published within 48 hours and cannot be actioned until five clear working days of the publication of the decision have elapsed. This item is included on the Decisions Plan.</i></p>			
Consultation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Report No: GWP/SE/17/002 		
Alternative option(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Report No: GWP/SE/17/002 		
Implications:			
<i>Are there any financial implications? If yes, please give details</i>		See Report No: GWP/SE/17/002	
<i>Are there any staffing implications? If yes, please give details</i>		See Report No: GWP/SE/17/002	
<i>Are there any ICT implications? If yes, please give details</i>		See Report No: GWP/SE/17/002	
<i>Are there any legal and/or policy implications? If yes, please give details</i>		See Report No: GWP/SE/17/002	
<i>Are there any equality implications? If yes, please give details</i>		See Report No: GWP/SE/17/002	
Risk/opportunity assessment:		<i>(potential hazards or opportunities affecting corporate, service or project objectives)</i>	
Risk area	Inherent level of risk (before controls)	Controls	Residual risk (after controls)
See Report: GWP/SE/17/002			
Ward(s) affected:		All Wards	

Background papers:	Grant Working Party: 6 November 2017 Report No: GWP/SE/17/002
Documents attached:	None

**1. Consideration of Community Chest Funding – 2018/2019
(Report No: GWP/SE/17/002)**

1.1 Report No: GWP/SE/17/002 was considered by the Grant Working Party on 6 November 2017. The report provided a number of applications submitted for Community Chest funding in the 2018/2019 financial year.

1.2 Applications for Community Chest funding for 2018/2019 closed on 29 September 2017. A total of 18 applications were received from a wide variety of organisations as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report No: GWP/SE/17/002.

1.3 The Community Chest budget for 2018/2019 is £281,483 as follows:

Community Chest Budget :	£281,483
Funds already allocated	£7,000
Remaining Budget	£274,483

Applicants can apply for a maximum of two years.

1.4 As indicated above, £7,000 had previously been allocated in 2016/2017 for 2018/2019, as part of two-year funding agreements, as follows:

(a) Suffolk Accident Rescue Service (SARS):	£2,000
(b) Theatre Royal (Bury St Edmunds):	£5,000

1.4.1 These allocations were noted by the Grant Working Party and are duly recommended to Cabinet for noting.

1.5 There are a number of potential synergies between the applications and as such they were grouped in the following categories for consideration by the Working Party:

- Health
- Family Support
- Counselling
- Advice, Advocacy and Support
- Arts, Sports and Young People

1.6 Each application had been summarised in Appendix 1 within the appropriate category listed above, with the full applications attached as appendices to the report. Each application was required to be evaluated in accordance with the eligibility and selection criteria set out in Appendix 2, and was considered in turn, as follows:

1.7

Appendix attached to Report No: GWP/SE/17/002	Organisation	Amount Requested
Health		
6	Anglia Care Trust	2018/19: £10,000 2019/20: £10,000
3	St Nicholas' Hospice Care (Barrow)	2018/19: £1,712 2019/20: £1,713
5	St Nicholas' Hospice Care (Haverhill)	2018/19: £8,909 2019/20: £8,909
4	St Nicholas' Hospice Care (Bury St Edmunds)	2018/19: £6,532 2019/20: £6,533
Young People		
9	HomeStart Mid and West Suffolk	2018/19: £19,846 2019/20: £20,202
7	Abundant Life Church (Epic Dad)	2018/19: £24,154 2019/20: £24,154
10	Sharing Parenting, Clare	2018/19: £5,926
8	Suffolk Family Carers	2018/19: £18,005
Counselling		
12	Mentis Tree CIC	2018/19: £9,000
11	Relate Norfolk and Suffolk	2018/19: £5,000 2018/19: £5,000
Advice, Advocacy and Support		
15	Our Special Friends	2018/19: £6,000 2019/20: £6,000
16	Rural Coffee Caravan	2018/19: £3,145.20 2019/20: £7,034.68
13	REACH Community Projects	2018/19: £10,000 2019/20: £10,000
14	Citizens' Advice Bureau Suffolk West	2018/19: £182,000 2019/20: £182,000
Arts, Sports and Young People		
19	Sporting 87	2018/19: £6,000 2019/20: £6,000
18	The Restoration Trust	2018/19: £3,542 2019/20: £3,611
17	Suffolk Cinema Network	2018/19: £3,500 2019/20: £3,500
20	Haverhill Community Trust	2018/19: £6,030

1.8 **Consideration of Grants and Recommendations: Summary**

1.8.1 The Working Party considered the following applications fully met the eligibility and selection criteria and supported the allocation of the full amount for each project in 2018/2019, as applied for:

- (a) Mentis Tree CIC; and
- (b) Haverhill Community Trust.

1.8.2 The Working Party considered that the following applications met the eligibility and selection criteria; however as the Council had not previously granted Community Chest funding to these organisations before, Members felt that the allocation should be granted for one year only and not for two years, as applied for, in order that these organisations can firstly be given the opportunity to adequately demonstrate the benefits and success of their individual projects, or seek alternative funding sources in future years, as appropriate:

- (a) Anglia Care Trust (for a reduced amount of £5,000, see 1.8.4 below);
- (b) St Nicholas' Hospice Care (Barrow);
- (c) Suffolk Family Carers (for a reduced amount of £10,000, see 1.8.5 below); and
- (d) Sporting 87.

1.8.3 The Working Party considered that the following applications met the eligibility and selection criteria and were satisfied that funding should be recommended to be allocated for 2018/2019 and 2019/2020, as applied for:

- (a) St Nicholas' Hospice Care (Bury St Edmunds);
- (b) St Nicholas' Hospice Care (Haverhill);
- (c) HomeStart Mid and West Suffolk (for a reduced amount of £10,000 for each year, see 1.8.6 below);
- (d) Relate Norfolk and Suffolk;
- (e) Our Special Friends;
- (f) REACH Community Projects;
- (g) Citizens' Advice Bureau Suffolk West; and
- (h) Suffolk Cinema Network.

In respect of the above organisations, they would be asked to submit an evidence-based report (in addition to the usual monitoring reporting), detailing the benefits and success of their individual project in 2018/2019 so a re-assessment can be made before releasing funding for 2019/2020.

1.8.4 Regarding the application submitted by the Anglia Care Trust for support towards funding the delivery of a countywide outreach service aimed at reducing the negative impact of alcohol, the Working Party considered that funding should be awarded to cover individuals specifically residing in the St Edmundsbury area and that as several other organisations provided help with alcohol related issues, it was important to monitor and measure the success of this project and whether it had generated positive outcomes.

The Working Party recognised the benefits of the project and considered it met the eligibility and selection criteria; however, it felt that an allocation of £5,000 in 2018/2019 only instead of the £10,000 that had been applied for in 2018/2019 and 2019/2020, was a more appropriate amount for the reasons given above.

1.8.5 Regarding the application submitted by Suffolk Family Carers for support towards carer support and training programmes, the Working Party set aside an allocation of £10,000 in 2018/2019 instead of the £18,005 requested

pending receipt of satisfactory further information on the proposed project and previous successes. Whilst the Working Party recognised this important work (pending further information), they were reluctant to support the full application as it amounted to approximately 90% of the total project cost and they felt Suffolk Family Carers needed to access other funding sources.

- 1.8.6 Regarding the application submitted by HomeStart Mid and West Suffolk for support towards funding the ongoing development of a HomeStart service within Haverhill, the Working Party initially expressed concern that no match funding had been sought and therefore the organisation needed to be encouraged to seek alternative funding sources. The Council had supported other HomeStart projects in previous years; however these projects had not received the level of funding applied for in this instance.

The Working Party recognised the benefits of the project and considered it met the eligibility and selection criteria; however, it felt that an allocation of £10,000 in 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 only instead of the £19,846 that had been applied for in 2018/2019 and £20,202 in 2019/2020, were more appropriate amounts for the reasons given above.

- 1.8.7 The following applications were not supported on this occasion and have therefore not been recommended for funding:

- (a) Abundant Life Church (Epic Dad);
- (b) Sharing Parenting, Clare;
- (c) The Restoration Trust; and
- (c) Rural Coffee Caravan.

- 1.8.8 Reasons for this included:

- not meeting the eligibility and selection criteria;
- the quality of the application;
- lack of justification for the amount of funding requested and how it would be utilised;
- similar projects already existed in St Edmundsbury, therefore some projects could be consolidated with other existing organisations through effective collaborative working;
- whether the objectives of the project would benefit sufficient numbers of the community; and
- projects could be funded by alternative funding sources.

If the Working Party's recommendations are approved by the Cabinet, the officers will provide individual feedback to those applicants that have been unsuccessful.

- 1.8.8 Subject to approval, a total of £4,800 will remain available in the Community Chest Fund for 2018/2019, which if left unallocated in the 2018/2019 year, this balance can be carried forward to the 2019/2020 financial year.