

Community Chest Funding 2023 to 2024

Appendix 1 – Summary of Applications

Please see the below VCSE organisations which were supported for Community Chest funding in 2023/24

Organisation	Project	Request 2023/24
Advice and Advocacy		
Reach Community Projects, Haverhill	Funding to support a mobile Recourses hub in various venues on different days around the town. One of our advisers will take the food bank van to the venue. Potential venues include - Chalkstone Community Centre, Next door café, The Link and Cartwheels Day Nursey. Project supports Cost of Living challenges	£20,000
West Suffolk Citizens Advice, West Suffolk	Provision of information, advice and advocacy across the West Suffolk area, including financial capability work in the wider community. Project supports Cost of Living challenges	£250,000
Arts, Sports and Young People		
Catch 22, Suffolk Positive Futures	We are applying for funding to deliver 2 weekly free boxing sessions for young people, taking place in Mildenhall and Newmarket. The project would support young people living in these areas to become physically active each week which will improve their physical and mental wellbeing.	£9,600
Haverhill Community Trust, Haverhill	Funding to provide our national award-winning SignPost projects: Junior SignPost (13-16 years), Adult SignPost (16-25 years) and SignPost Toddler 'N' Me (young parents up to 25 years) - wellbeing support groups for those at risk of marginalisation or social exclusion due to poor mental health, e.g. anxiety, depression, low mood, low confidence or self-esteem, etc.	£11,620
Mildenhall and District Sea Cadets, Mildenhall	Purchase of a 9mts x 4mts secure shed so that we have the capacity to store the Kayaks/canoes, all safety equipment and some of the smaller boats and engines.	£12,100
The Gunners Football Club, West Row	To purchase removable goal posts, sandbags and corner flags to allow the pitch to be realigned in different aspects, enabling the overused areas to rest, recuperate and the grass allowed to grow again.	£7,250

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Arts, Sports and Young People		
The Racing Centre, Newmarket	To establish an ethnic minority health and wellbeing program in Newmarket locality to improve wellbeing. This will take the form of a group fitness classes, personalized wellbeing checks and support sessions around signposting and accessing services available locally.	£13,300
Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds	Creative Theatre Workshop delivered at Theatre Royal - half day drama and well-being workshop for Julian Support, Mind, Women's Aid, Mencap, Turning Point, Suffolk Art Link participants, co-designed with Julian Support participants, with refreshments. Project supports Cost of Living challenges	£5,993
Vogue Athletics, Newmarket	This project outfit fit-for-purpose gymnastics-style gym and community hub in Newmarket, accessible for all of Suffolk. We look to move our existing cheerleading & gymnastics club from Soham to Newmarket.	£30,000
Community Activities		
Bridge Community Church, Bury St Edmunds	Our community grocery will mean beneficiaries can come, obtain what they need for themselves and receive further help (e.g., budgeting, benefits form filling) within the building from trained volunteers to move out of dependency. Project supports Cost of Living challenges	£19,000
Cambridge Pringle Group, Haverhill	Purchase our own Shed is the desired outcome - rental costs, we also require tools, insurance, travel costs.	£38,750
St Mary's Church, Haverhill	We are applying for funds to update our kitchen due to end-of-lifespan equipment and update to current Food Handling requirements. Project supports Cost of Living challenges	£6,925

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Community Activities		
Suffolk Accident and Rescue Service (SARS), West Suffolk	Funding to support 6 SARS solo responders and a team vehicle to be permanently based within West Suffolk	£10,000
West Suffolk Hive CIC, West Suffolk	To provide educational and wellbeing sessions to families and children from 0-16 years old. We are committed to providing an inclusive service and have over the past 2 years developed our sessions to include bespoke SEND sessions for both schools' groups and families.	£7,811
Community Buildings		
Hundon Village Hall & Playing Fields Charity, Hundon	The funding is required to expand our voluntary 'Community Cafe' provision. It provides tea and cake/biscuits, and an opportunity for social interaction between attendees many of whom are elderly residents of the village. Project supports Cost of Living challenges	£5,480
Counselling, Specialist Services		
Bury Women's Aid, West Suffolk	To help finance our young people's support and Healthy Relationships Programmes (HRP) and associated work with sector professionals in Haverhill.	£8,400
Cruse Bereavement, West Suffolk	We are seeking support for local organisational costs to deliver personalised specialist support to an estimated 100 adults & children in West Suffolk.	£16,136

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Family Support		
Befriending Scheme, Haverhill	Funding to continue a Cookery skills group in Haverhill, every Wednesday 10am-3pm. The focus of the group is teaching basic cooking skills to vulnerable adults with learning disabilities.	£13,468
Families Together, Bury St Edmunds and Haverhill	Deliver Birth and Beyond to support young mums, under the age of 25 years, who are living in Acorn House, Bury St Edmunds and Coupals Court in Haverhill, who come under the umbrella of being homeless.	£9,991
Sharing Parenting – SEN Worker, West Suffolk	We have been working with parents around a growing need for SEN parent support in West Suffolk identified by local parents, schools and Community Workers. We seek funding for a SEN Project Worker building and developing groups in West Suffolk.	£27,146
St Nicholas Hospice Trust, West Suffolk	We are looking for a grant for Nicky’s Way, our bereavement service for children and young people. It was established in 1999 and is the only open access, specialist bereavement service for children in Suffolk. Support for children and young people aged 5 – 18 who have experienced the death of someone significant to them.	£20,000
Suffolk Family Carers, West Suffolk	Person centred intervention for 20 Young Adult Carers (YAC) in west Suffolk. Utilising Health Coaching strategies to work ‘with not for’ the YAC to move towards an agreed goal, on registration, the YAC receives a self-assessment, instigating them as active participant rather than recipient of support.	£20,068
Health & Wellbeing		
Art Branches CIC, West Suffolk	To provide a wellbeing creative service for patients in West Suffolk area who are affected by cancer. Cancer treatments can be both challenging mentally and physically to get through and we want to improve people’s chances of staying mentally well in the community through this treatment.	£9,524

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Health & Wellbeing		
Second Chance Stroke Association, Bury St Edmunds	Second Chance is the only Stroke Club in Suffolk offering the services of a professional Physiotherapist, and the only Stroke club in The Bury St Edmunds area. (Several have started but closed in the last 6-7 years due to difficulty of finding committed volunteers, and of course funding.)	£11,400
Support Groups and Support Services		
BME Suffolk Support Group (BSSG) CIC, Mildenhall	We are requesting core funding for part-time staff to manage the established 3 programmes in West Suffolk and an office space with storage for our Foodbank. Project supports Cost of Living challenges	£24,000
Bury Drop In, Bury St Edmunds	Funding to support a weekly self-help progression group, in addition to its face-to-face drop-in sessions, called Table 1. The group meets every Tuesday, from 9.30-1pm and supports a group of individuals to become more independent and develop their daily skills. Project supports Cost of Living challenges	£9,460
Gatehouse Caring, Bury St Edmunds	Our Homestore and Foodbank in reality often work in tandem as the gateway to our services: It is a good example of a 'Social Supermarket', Our work is not just to provide or sell cheap food but to help build more support and resilience to individuals and our wider community during this crisis. Project supports Cost of Living challenges	£20,000
Lightwave CIO, Red Lodge and Beck Row	The project will enable people to become "more resilient and more able to help themselves". Our activities and this project have been developed in discussion with the local community. Project supports Cost of Living challenges	£8,400

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Support Groups and Support Services		
Our Special Friends, West Suffolk	Funding for our Animal Companionship Practitioners (ACPs) to provide a Crisis Support & Prevention (CSP) service which assesses the needs of every case and provides whatever support is needed to bring about a positive solution.	£12,000
The Voluntary Network, West Suffolk	Befriending Service - Team of volunteers provides one to one support to those over 60 years old and would otherwise be isolated. Volunteers spend an hour per week to offer friendship and support, face to face visits or by telephone. accept referrals from GPs, Social Services, Family and other voluntary organisations.	£42,720
The Voluntary Network, West Suffolk	The Voluntary Network operates the Connecting Communities Contract, providing affordable and accessible community transport across West Suffolk. Our service provides support to any resident that "finds it difficult to use public transport", age, mobility or lack of scheduled services.	£62,010
Wood Monkey CIC, West Suffolk	The funding will be used to cover any disparity between income and expenditure whilst Monkey Workshops increases delivery from 70 to 100 pupil sessions per week.	£20,000

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Arts, Sports and Young People		
Abbeycroft Leisure - Explore Outdoor, West Suffolk	Delivery of Explore Outdoor sessions within schools that have the outdoor space and facilities and in public green spaces to support additional families across West Suffolk.	£24,790
Abbeycroft Leisure, Move More Outdoors, West Suffolk	Move More Outdoors to provide accessible health and physical activity within open communal spaces- (local parks and community centres) where an area(s) that is considered in low social deprivation as well as showing high inactive levels.	£12,418
CR8 Theatre Productions CIC	A key focus of CR8's future is to make all projects as financially accessible as possible. CR8 will focus on families from low-income households as well as making projects accessible to those with physical disabilities and severe learning difficulties, incorporating them into regular activities where possible, and if not providing specialist activities to still provide opportunities for engagement.	£20,000
The Bumblebee Children's Charity	We would use the funding to provide core costs and equipment to help keep our charity open. West Suffolk residents are over half of our users as there are no equivalent centres to help support them as we do.	£20,000
Community Activities		
Communities Together East Anglia, West Suffolk	We are seeking funding to deliver a programme of Community Cuppa and Pop-Up Chinwag activities in areas of West Suffolk that have high numbers of people aged 65+.	£16,578
River of Life Community Church, Haverhill	Delivery of Little Hub of Hope which aims to support anyone who is struggling with their mental health. Use of peer support, creativity support and promote wellbeing for those aged 18 plus, living in and around Haverhill	£7,000

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Family Support		
Home-start Suffolk, West Suffolk	To consolidate our service within West Suffolk, our priority would be to recruit the expanded team of volunteers, to then be available to work with families in within the district.	£16,600
Ormiston Families, West Suffolk	To support our Breaking Barriers service in West Suffolk, helping 14 children and young people aged four to 19 living in West Suffolk who have a parent or significant carer in prison. We help beneficiaries to improve their emotional wellbeing, school engagement, knowledge of prison and also strengthen relationships.	£12,000
Restitute CIC, West Suffolk	Funding to enhance practical assistance to support families who have a loved one (often a child or young adult) who has survived sexual abuse or violence. Monies would be allocated for Education, Employment, Health and Financial Services.	£25,332
Sharing Parenting – Community Outreach, Newmarket	Project Worker would work in the heart of the community. Linking families, schools, agencies & companies to support with financial hardship due to increased energy/food/petrol. Project supports Cost of Living challenges	£39,468
Still Good Food CIO, Bury St Edmunds	Funding to continue the employment of our part time staff. Their employment has enabled us to increase the volume & choice of food which we can pass onto our community on a Pay as you feel donation basis. Project supports Cost of Living challenges	£18,000
Health and Wellbeing		
Suffolk Mind, West Suffolk	Our project will support families and strengthen communities by providing open access to our mental health training courses. Under this project we will offer £40,000 worth of training for free to members of the public and local not for profit organisations who make up our wonderful West Suffolk community.	£38,520

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Support Groups and Support Services		
Anglia Care Trust, West Suffolk	We are applying for funding to deliver a new Community Integration Programme, aiming to provide community-based support to members of the West Suffolk Community who are not currently accessing appropriate support services for reasons such as social isolation, lack of motivation, lack of confidence and/or a lack of awareness of services and activities they are able to access.	£45,408

Please see the below VCSE organisations which following a sift process, were not supported for Community Chest funding in 2023/24

Organisation	Project	Request 2023/24
Arts, Sports and Young People		
The Bury St Edmunds Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society	In order to provide an opportunity to improve the society's financial recovery, we are looking to secure external funding for our next production. This funding will go toward paying for as marketing, printing, rehearsal venues and costumes.	£9,700
Community Activities		
Brandon Festival, Brandon	The funding for community festival for 2023 and 2024 to provide free entertainment and to bring all ages of the community together in a day of family fun, competitions, and entertainment.	£4,000
SOS Bus CIO, Newmarket	Funding for repairs, MOT, vehicle tax, insurances, fuel, training & other supplies. This would allow the Bus to become active and be useful in the community.	£7,669
Community Buildings		
Honington and Sapiston Village Hall, Honington & Sapiston	To subsidise the costs of twice monthly community meals to support low-income households who are struggling with the rising costs of living so that people suffering rural poverty do not become isolated. Project supports Cost of Living challenges	£6,300
Newmarket Town Council, Newmarket	Refurbishment of the Jubilee Clock Tower on Newmarket historic High Street. The Grade II listed building is requiring significant repair and restoration.	£20,000

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Community Buildings		
Risby Village Hall, Risby	Risby Village Hall are asking for funding to refurbish the toilet blocks in an environmentally friendly way. We want to make the toilets water and energy saving as well as up to date in appearance.	£10,000
Support Groups and Support Services		
Young Lives Vs Cancer, West Suffolk	Lives vs Cancer is here to help navigate this educational storm of cancer, to ensure young people facing cancer have an equal opportunity to achieve their full potential in the classroom and in the employment arena.	£1,000