

Community Chest Funding 2024 to 2025

Appendix 1 – Summary of Applications

Please see the below VCFSE organisations which were supported for Community Chest funding in 2024/25

| Organisation | Project | Request 2024/25 |
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| Advice and Advocacy | | |
| Reach Community Projects, Haverhill and Newmarket | Funding towards our debt advice work. We work with local people in Haverhill and Newmarket (and all the villages in between) supporting them with their debt. We provide a relational service where we will 'hand hold' a client from the start to the end of the process. | £15,000 |
| 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. | £294,455 |
| Arts, Sports and Young People | | |
| Haverhill Community Trust - Signpost project, Haverhill | To enable us to deliver our national award-winning Signpost projects: Junior Signpost, Adult Signpost and Signpost Toddler 'N' Me (young parents). SignPost offers early intervention for those suffering from low mood, lack of confidence and those who feel isolated. | £11,880 |
| Haverhill Men's Shed, Haverhill | We are requesting funding for use of the premises. We have agreed a rental rate for the financial year 2024/5 with Centre Workshop. The layout / facilities and location are very favourable for the use of Shed Members. | £10,052 |
| Haverhill Scout and Guide Management Committee | To fit out our new kitchen and accessible toilet and shower on completion of the build. This will allow the young people attending Scouting and Guiding to learn basic cooking skills which they can share with their own families. | £20,000 |
| The Offshoot Foundation | We would like the funding to provide an arts activity (filmmaking) for young people across West Suffolk that will culminate in a screening of their work at the end of each project. | £16,314 |
| The Racing Centre, Newmarket | The funding requested will boost the Centre's ability to deal with our beneficiaries will help to streamlining the referral processes between these organizations. The Centre uses a ticket system to insure a warm handover between organisations. This allows the maintenance of an audit trail of the information pertaining to an individual. | £18,084 |

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| 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. | £18,000 |
| Rural Coffee Caravan | To make 30 visits to 10 different locations in west Suffolk i.e. 3 visits to each. These could be Timworth, Ampton, Beck Row, West Row, Stanningfield, Wickhambrook, Wkepstead, Cowlinge, Alpeton, Troston But they could also be locations identified by WSC. | £13,361 |
| Suffolk Accident and Rescue Service (SARS), West Suffolk | Grant to support the costs of maintaining our activity levels in the West Suffolk area, as we project an increase of 36% in our West Suffolk activity by the end of March 2024. | £10,000 |
| The Stable Cafe and Community Space (Christchurch local Ecumenical Project), Newmarket | Funding for facility and staffing cost for the café in order to sustain an affordable community café that is welcoming to all. | £20,000 |
| Counselling, Specialist Services | | |
| Bury Women's Aid, West Suffolk | Working in partnership with Anglia Care Trust and Flagship Homes, we will deliver the following services in Newmarket using a trauma informed approach to support those experiencing DA and improve clients' sense of empowerment, self-esteem, and social inclusion as well as reducing stigma and social isolation. | £ 20,300 |
| HOPE after Suicide Loss, West Suffolk | The aim for the coming year is to consolidate and maintain survivor-led specialised services following our recent re-structuring. New funding will enable us to increase our capacity to up to 75 survivors. | £15,000 |

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| St Nicholas Hospice Care, 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. | £20,000 |
| Suffolk Rape Crisis | The funding would help provide outreach and counselling support to women and girls aged 14+ who have experienced any form of sexual violence at any time in their lives. | £20,000 |
| Family Support | | |
| Brave Futures | We are applying for funding to provide support to nine children/young people who need our support in the West Suffolk area, this will include Thetford, Brandon, Haverhill, Mildenhall, Newmarket, Bury St Edmunds and surrounding areas. | £12,618 |
| EPIC Dads | EPIC Dad Family Wellbeing Project. We are partnering with St Mary's Academy in Mildenhall to offer weekly wellbeing support to dads, mums, carers, and families in the local community. This project is something positive and practical to help families through the current cost-of-living crisis. | £12,000 |
| Home-start Suffolk, West Suffolk | This project is split between volunteer training, volunteer expenses & staff time for delivering an outcomes-based home-visiting offer to 45 families. Our priority will be to recruit a larger team of volunteers, to then be available to work with families in West Suffolk. | £16,962 |
| Still Good Food CIO, Bury St Edmunds | This funding is to support the salary costs of 4 part time staff. Our staff have enabled us to increase the volume, choice & accessibility of food which we make available to our community for a (£3) donation. | £22,300 |

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| Family Support | | |
| Suffolk Family Carers, West Suffolk | Support for parent carers in West Suffolk. Emotional support and information, Advice and guidance to ensure parent carers in west Suffolk are aware and connected to the support systems in their local community and where appropriate aware of national support networks which enable them to thrive. | £11,283 |
| The Befriending Scheme, Haverhill | Funding to continue to work with the Leiston Community Centre in Haverhill to run our popular and successful Haverhill Cookery Hub, running every Wednesday, between 10 am and 3 pm. | £15,557 |
| Health & Wellbeing | | |
| Second Chance Stroke Association, Bury St Edmunds | Funding to support increased facility and physiotherapist costs which will reduce a financial impact on our service users with mental, speech or more likely physical disabilities. | £11,000 |
| Suffolk Mind, West Suffolk | We will utilize this funding to enhance our provision of crucial mental health training and education for the benefit of children and young people who reside in West Suffolk. We are focussing on one secondary school, and three feeder Primary Schools in order to support young people during their transition into higher education. | £18,556 |
| Support Groups and Support Services | | |
| Bury Drop In, Bury St Edmunds | This funding is to support the salary costs of 4 part time staff. Our staff have enabled us to increase the volume, choice & accessibility of food which we make available to our community for a (£3) donation. | £9,916 |

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| Free Food Haverhill | Funding would be used to purchase and run a van to collect and distribute food meaning that more/larger collections would be possible, more food would be saved from landfill and more food would be distributed for free. | £16,532 |
| Gatehouse Caring, Bury St Edmunds | Any funding would be used to directly support the Homestore and Foodbank and some attendant and limited administrative costs. Demand for our Foodbank continues to escalate, and we support at least 50 people each week via Vouchers or direct provision of food. | £55,000 |
| Lyward Colley Trust CIC | The sole aim for which we are applying for funding is to enable us to reach the needs of more local children and young people. We have an amazing facility at our workshop and have the capacity to accommodate more students. To do this we need financial support to increase our staffing. | £12,498 |
| Music Prescription CIC | A series of creative workshops across Suffolk for people in recovery from substance misuse, providing a positive creative experience and offer performance opportunities. Activities in West Suffolk will be at Artheads, Bury St Edmunds. Tuition on a range of instruments Drums, guitars, keyboards, percussion and sampling equipment. | £9,930 |
| Our Special Friends, West Suffolk | We are requesting funding towards the salary of our Animal Companionship Coordinator (ACC), which complements the work of our Animal Companionship Practitioners (ACPs) and Volunteer Support Manager (VSM), both previously funded by the Community Chest. | £20,000 |
| The Lightwave CIO, Red Lodge and Beck Row | Our project aims to assist people to cope with the ongoing cost of living situation through sustaining our foodbank, providing advice, assisting with utility company queries, household budget advice, administer support funds and employment support. | £8,100 |

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| The Voluntary Network, West Suffolk | To provide, develop and maintain Community Transport, Befriending Service and, other community projects. Our activities have always prioritised the reduction of Isolation. Our beneficiaries are predominantly older people, over time isolation has affected a broader range of our community and our services have adapted accordingly. | £55,455 |
| West Suffolk Vineyard Church | Our project is to help the local community, especially through the cost-of-living crisis. The themes are a) help with food, b) help with children, family fun & relationship. | £14,106 |

Please see the below VCFSE organisations which were not supported for Community Chest funding in 2024/25

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| Arts, Sports and Young People | | |
| Abbeycroft Leisure – Family Park Cooking, West Suffolk | Deliver Family Park Cooking sessions for Parents & Children after School. Each family takes part in an outdoor cooking masterclass and receives a food box that contains the ingredients and recipes for 5 meals for 4 people, plus activity packs to encourage creative time together. | £18,379 |
| Jiggins Memorial Village Hall and Playing Field | The Jiggins Memorial Trust is seeking funding to support the continuation of a village Youth Club. The Youth Club opened on the 6th July 2023 although work has been ongoing for several months, planning, advertising and consulting with young people prior to the club opening for young people to attend. | £5,113 |
| Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds | Deliver weekly high quality Early Years activities for low-income and vulnerable families in Haverhill. Teaching reading and play skills (marketed as a 'Creative Play' session in order to encourage attendance). | £5,642 |
| Vogue Athletics, Newmarket | This project outfit fit-for-purpose gymnastics-style gym and community hub in Newmarket, accessible for all of Suffolk. | £25,000 |
| Community Activities | | |
| Brandon in Bloom | Project split into three parts. 1. add water butts along High Street and key areas to collect rainwater to be used to water our community areas. 2. painting of BT Openreach utility boxes 3. creating raised beds at the Friendly Bench. | £4,375 |
| Haverhill Community Trust – Volunteer Centre, Haverhill | To provide support and direction to a small team of volunteers who will help staff the Volunteer centre and assist potential volunteers find appropriate placements. | £11,000 |

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| Community Activities | | |
| St Mary's Church Community Project, Kennett & Kentford | This grant application is to support the creation of toilet facilities at the Community Hub in St Mary's church. The facilities will include disabled toilet, sink and changing table. | £40,000 |
| Community Buildings | | |
| Moreton Hall Youth Action Group Ltd | The main objective of this project is to build a splash pad/fountain and community space for families and children in the Moreton Hall area of Bury St Edmunds. others to meet and enjoy in a nice environment, it will be free to access making it accessible to all. There is no similar provision in the locality. | £10,230 |
| Counselling, Specialist Services | | |
| Cruse Bereavement, West Suffolk | Funding to deliver this vital, free service for people from West Suffolk, though the provision of specialist 121/group support. | £ 8,242 |
| Family Support | | |
| Families Together, West Suffolk | The funding is to further develop two strands of the well-attended Healthy Parents; Healthy Child project to support families on their journey of change: the Chill, Chat & Play perinatal mental health group and an educational Peep group. | £14,135 |
| Zebras Children & Adults Charity C.I.O | We are seeking funding to support our much-needed fruit and vegetable for family's project which is already helping hundreds of residents living in West Suffolk. The funding to support the most vulnerable families living in Brandon and surrounding areas. | £35,414 |

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| Health and Wellbeing | | |
| Art Branches CIC, West Suffolk | To provide a wellbeing creative service for patients in West Suffolk area who are affected by health inequalities and cost of living rises. Health inequalities 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. | £10,298 |
| Support Groups and Support Services | | |
| Boomerang Pet Food Bank | We are looking for funding for a safe and secure unit for 12 months. This unit will be used for sorting and storing donated goods, this will include pet food, bedding and accessories as well as items donated for be sold on to raise much needed funds. | £22,000 |
| British Red Cross | We are applying for a contribution towards a new van for our Mobility Aids Service, which will allow us to directly reach and support more people in West Suffolk. | £12,000 |