

Item

AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS 2018-19



To: **North Area Committee - 1st March 2018**
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Non-Key Decision

1. Executive Summary

1.1 This report details applications received to date for 2018-19 funding for projects in the North Area, makes recommendations for awards and provides information on the eligibility and funding criteria.

2. Recommendations

The North Area Committee Councillors are recommended:

- 2.1 To consider the grant applications received, officer comments and proposed awards, detailed in Appendix 1, in line with the Area Committee Community Grants criteria, detailed in paragraph 3.5.
- 2.2 To agree the proposed awards detailed in Appendix 1 and summarised in the table below:

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Award £
N1	Bermuda Community Room	36 winter teas and suppers	£850
N2	Cambridge Sustainable Food	Family cookery workshops and training	£2,500
N3	Chesterton Community Association (for Brown's Field Adult Art Group)	30 art sessions.	£1,000
N4	Chesterton Community Association	Summer trip for families and older people	£495
N5	Chesterton Festival Committee	Chesterton Festival 2018 - Community Fun Day	£2,500
N6	Friends of Histon Road Cemetery	Information and activities	£400
N7	Good Sounds	Weekly singing sessions	£350
N8	Grove Community Swimming	Saturday morning family swimming sessions	£150
N9	King Hedges Brownies	Two trips	£400
N10	Kings Hedges Family Support Project	Thursday Group: weekly drop-in sessions	£3,604
N11	Kings Hedges Guides	Trip to Clip 'n' Climb	£275
N12	Meadows Bowlers	Weekly 2 hour indoors bowls session	£300
N13	Meadows Children and Family Wing	3 x 6 week disadvantaged women's workshop programme	£3,000
N14	North Cambridge Organisers	2 trips; activity sessions; disco.	£1,500
N15	Not Quite Over the Hill Club	4 outings; weekly meetings	£100
N16	Oblique Arts	Eight creative workshops for the homeless and a public exhibition.	£0
N17	The Red Hen Project	2 summer outings	£1,600
N18	Romsey Mill Trust	Termly boxing and self-esteem sessions, art workshops, outdoor activities and trips	£4,000
N19	St George's Over 60s Club	Fortnightly meetings for older people	£100
N20	Sunshine Group	Day trips using Dial a Ride	£200

Budget available	£ 23,324
Total awards	£23,324
Budget remaining	£0

3. Background

3.1 Funding has been devolved to Area Committees for local projects meeting the Community Development, Sports and Arts strategic priorities since 2004. This process is managed by the Grants Team in Community Services who promote the funding and bring applications for consideration to one meeting of each of the area committees annually.

3.2 The 2018-19 grants were publicised via neighbourhood workers, in local publications and voluntary organisations' newsletters and by posters and publicity leaflets. Recent applicants are also invited to apply.

A briefing was offered to explain the application process and eligibility criteria and priorities.

3.3 There is a total of £70,000 available across the four area committees for 2018-19 made up as follows:

- £60,000 Community Grants
- £10,000 Safer City

3.4 The budgets have been divided between the area committees in accordance with population and poverty calculations. The Safer City allocation has provided an additional £2,500 for each area committee. The amount available for each area is as follows:

Committee	Community Grants %	Community Grants £	Safer City £	Total available £
North	34.71	20,824	2,500	23,324
East	30.60	18,358	2,500	20,858
South	24.89	14,935	2,500	17,435
West Central	9.81	5,883	2,500	8,383
Total	100	60,000	10,000	70,000

3.5 Area Community Grant Priorities and Outcomes

Projects and activities should have a targeted approach and make a difference to people in one of the areas (North, South, East or West Central) by either:

- reducing social or economic inequality or
- tackling crime, the fear of crime or anti-social behaviour

and by undertaking one of the following funding priorities:

- sporting activities
- arts and cultural activities
- community development activities
- legal and/or financial advice (*organisations applying to give legal advice and support must have The Advice Quality Standard (AQS) or equivalent*)
- employment support
- capacity building of the voluntary sector to achieve the above
- community projects aiming to tackle crime, the fear of crime or anti-social behaviour

3.6 Applications are invited from voluntary organisations, community groups and groupings of local residents that are able to meet basic accountability requirements.

3.7 The maximum any one organisation can apply for is £5,000 per area committee and grants cannot be made retrospectively. Full details of the eligibility criteria are available on request.

3.8 Where no funding is proposed it will be due to one or more of the following not being adequately met:

- grant scheme priorities
- grant scheme outcomes
- identifying need
- quality or viability of the project

or

- proposals were the remit of another service or organisation such as the County Council, Health, Housing etc
- organisations did not demonstrate the beneficiaries could not fund the activity themselves, or that reserves could not be used to fund the activity

- 3.9 All awards are subject to funding agreements and monitoring reports. We consider proportionate requirements dependent on the size of the organisation, project and award.
- 3.10 Applications made after the main grants round will be considered on an individual basis until all the funding is spent. Officers will make decisions on awards up to £5,000 as approved by the Community Services Scrutiny Committee in January 2014.
- 3.11 In October 2018 the area budgets will be merged and any funding remaining will be allocated across the areas as applications are received, to ensure effective use of the funds available.
- 3.12 After the end of the financial year we will collect the monitoring reports for awards made during 2017-18 and circulate a summary to members. A list of awards to date for 2017-18 is attached as Appendix 2.

Appendix 1 - North Area Committee Community Grants - Applications and Recommendations 2018-19

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Aim + disadvantage outcome	Beneficiaries	Budget	Bid	Award	
N1	Bermuda Community Room	36 winter teas and suppers for local residents	Bring together residents of all ages, nationalities and gender. Reduce social isolation. Provide a social activity for older people, those on a low income and / or with health problems who find travelling in winter months difficult	85 (55 Arbury, 30 King's Hedges). Mainly older people	Full cost: £2,145 Income: £444 + reserves	£882	£850	
	Officer comment	Recommend £850 contribution						
	Previous 2 years funding: 17-18: £850 16-17: £450							
N2	Cambridge Sustainable Food	Weekly group cookery workshops x 41 for families at Buchan Street + training of attendees to run the group and support/teach other low-income families	Provide a supported environment where a group of families can develop skills to run their own community cookery workshop group. New families attending the sessions will benefit from decreased social exclusion and increased confidence and skills	5 families: 5 adults, 10 children. All King's Hedges	Full cost: £8,031 Income: £2,315 + reserves	£4,948	£2,500	
	Officer comment:	Recommend £2,500 contribution						
	Previous 2 years funding: Not applied							
N3	Chesterton Community Association (for Brown's Field Adult Art Group)	30 x 2 hour art sessions	Reduce isolation, help with bereavement, provide break for carers and for those who would struggle to afford access to the arts	14 (13 East Chesterton, 1 West Chesterton). All older; some carers	Full cost: £2,366 Income: £303 + reserves	£1,896	£1,000	
	Officer comment:	Recommend: £1,000 towards rent and materials and a contribution towards tutor costs						
	Previous 2 years funding: Not previously applied for this activity							

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Aim + disadvantage outcome	Beneficiaries	Budget	Bid	Award	
N4	Chesterton Community Association	Summer seaside trip for families and older people	Provide an affordable day out for children and families	76 (25 East Chesterton, 4 West Chesterton, 4 Arbury, 40 King's Hedges) + 3 Abbey	Full cost: £855 Income: £360	£495	£495	
								Officer comment: Recommend: £495 for coach hire
								Previous 2 years funding: 17-18: £490 16-17: £460
N5	Chesterton Festival Committee	Chesterton Festival 2018; specifically the Community Fun Day on Saturday 23rd June	Celebrate the diversity of Chesterton and to encourage people to come and explore local social, educational, recreational and other activities	3,000 (200 Arbury, 1,100 East Chesterton, 400 King's Hedges, 900 West Chesterton) + 300 Abbey, 100 Petersfield	Full cost: £4,267 Income: £1,300 + reserves	£2,500	£2,500	
								Officer comment: Recommend £2,500 contribution. Award to target disadvantaged residents
								Previous 2 years funding: 17-18: £2,500 16-17: £2,500
N6	Friends of Histon Road Cemetery	Information and activities: newsletters, website, publicity, meetings and events	Protect and enhance the Cemetery for public benefit, ensure public access and work with City Council to these aims. Sustain active community involvement	2,000 (300 Arbury, 400 East Chesterton, 800 West Chesterton) 500 Castle	Full cost: £2,871 Income: £1,000 + reserves	£1,200	£400	
								Officer comment: Recommend: £400 contribution (and £800 from West Central Area Committee)
								Previous 2 years funding: 17-18: £400 (North), £800 (West) 16-17: £400 (North), £500 (West)

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Aim + disadvantage outcome	Beneficiaries	Budget	Bid	Award	
N7	Good Sounds	Weekly singing sessions; travel expenses to performances in residential homes. Based at Akeman Street	Group is open to all but actively encourage those with mental health issues. Helps to reduce isolation and build confidence and self-esteem; allow those on low income to participate in an activity that they may not otherwise be able to afford; encourages mutual support; cohesion	11 (8 Arbury, 3 King's Hedges) 2 Trumpington. 7 over 60	Full cost: £1,112 Income: £384 + reserves	£550	£350	
	Officer comment:	Recommend: £350 contribution towards rent for weekly singing sessions only						
	Previous 2 years funding: 17-18: £350, 16-17: £500							
N8	Grove Community Swimming	2 x 1 hour swimming sessions on Saturday mornings for targeted families	Make swimming fun and affordable to those who are young and their parents and carers; provide a relaxed environment in which to get used to the water. Provide reduced cost entry to people who cannot afford the costs of travel and entry to a Council pool	130 (35 Arbury, 30 East Chesterton, 35 King's Hedges, 30 West Chesterton). Primary aged children and parents/carers	Full cost: £2,210 Income: £1,642 + reserves	£700	£150	
	Officer comment:	Recommend: £150. Need to demonstrate an increase in the number of targeted families						
	Previous 2 years funding: 17-18: £1,000							
N9	King's Hedges Brownies	Two trips – one to a farm and one to Kidzania indoor activity centre, London	Raise the girls' self-esteem and aspirations; provide inspiration for the future. Allow them to get close to farm animals and for some to see farm animals for the first time. Allow children from low income families to do what most children in Cambridge take for granted	30 (15 Arbury, 15 King's Hedges)	Full cost: £1,545 Income: £865 + reserves	£400	£400	
	Officer comment:	Recommend: £400						
	Previous 2 years funding: 17-18: £400 16-17: £400							

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Aim + disadvantage outcome	Beneficiaries	Budget	Bid	Award	
N10	King's Hedges Family Support Project (The)	Thursday Group: weekly drop-in sessions x 4 hours at Brown's Field Centre for families with babies and pre-school children	Reduce isolation through peer support and making new friends. Improve awareness of healthy eating and lifestyles, opportunities for active play and exercise, help prepare children for school and nursery. Improve parenting and family life choices. Offer support on financial issues, CV's and volunteering	675 (200 Arbury, 220 East Chesterton, 220 King's Hedges) 35 Abbey. 350 children, 325 adults	Full cost: £34,000 Income: £27,842 + reserves	£5,000	£3,604	
	Officer comment:	Recommend: £3,604 as a contribution towards costs						
	Previous 2 years funding: not applied							
N11	King's Hedges Guides	Trip to Clip 'n' Climb	Many of the Guides are from low income families and would not be able to afford the activity. For many this would be the only opportunity to try the activity. It also keeps the older Guides active in Guides, rather than hanging around the streets	30 (10 Arbury, 2 East Chesterton, 18 King's Hedges)	Full cost: £425 Income: £150	£275	£275	
	Officer comment:	Recommend: £275						
	Previous 2 years funding: 17-18: £200 16-17: £250							
N12	Meadows Centre Bowlers	Hall hire for weekly 2 hour indoor bowls session at the Meadows	Reduce isolation; keep fit	17 Arbury. Older people, several with disabilities	Full cost: £1,700 Income: £1,200	£500	£300	
	Officer comment:	Recommend: £300 as a contribution towards costs						
	Previous 2 years funding: 17-18 £500 16-17 £500							

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Aim + disadvantage outcome	Beneficiaries	Budget	Bid	Award
N13	Meadows Children and Family Wing (The)	3 x 6 week women-only courses with crèche, to address self-esteem and confidence and feel empowered to look at future opportunities (eg returning to work or education)	Empower women to take control of their lives at home and/or work. Reduce isolation for local families, bring together a range of different cultures within the local community and reduce inequality for those on low incomes	63 (30 Arbury, 6 East Chesterton, 21 King's Hedges, 6 West Chesterton)	Full cost: £5,000	£5,000	£3,000
	Officer comment:	Recommend: £3,000 towards costs					
	Previous 2 years funding: 17-18: £3,000 16-17: £5,000 + receive main grant						
N14	North Cambridge Organisers	2 trips - to the zoo and Sea Life Centre; activity sessions at Buchan Street; disco for families	The families are not able to access trips and events such as these due to the cost. Provide a network of support for the parents and opportunities for the children to socialise	100 (50 Arbury, 50 King's Hedges). Low income and isolated families	Full cost: £6,725 Income: £160	£5,000	£1,500
	Officer comment:	Recommend: £1,500; £1,000 for coach costs (not entry fees) and £500 for activities					
	Previous 2 years funding: new group						
N15	Not Quite Over the Hill Club	4 outings; weekly meetings - speakers, entertainers and hall hire	Bring older people together with a mutual interest	54 (40 Arbury, 10 East Chesterton, 4 King's Hedges), 21 Abbey.	Full cost: £4,180 Income £2,974 + reserves	£500	£100
	Officer comment:	Recommend: £100 contribution towards costs. Group has reserves					
	Previous 2 years funding: 17-18: £200 16-17: did not apply						

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N16	Oblique Arts	Eight creative workshops for the homeless culminating in a public exhibition	Break down barriers and encourage equality between members of the community. Improved self-esteem and confidence and increased engagement in the community	1,200 (200 Arbury, 400 East Chesterton, 200 King's Hedges, 400 West Chesterton), 600 East, 300 South, 650 West Central	Full cost: £1,633 Income: £165	£1,468	£0
	Officer comment	Recommend: £0 - activity not eligible – is citywide and for homeless					
	Previous 2 years funding: 17-18 £600 (East Area) + £1,560 (West Central Area)						
N17	Red Hen Project (The)	2 summer trips for disadvantaged local families	Allow low income families to have a day out in the summer, which would not otherwise be possible due to cost, lack of transport, confidence, self-esteem, parenting abilities plus social isolation and having children with special needs.	200 (80 Arbury, 40 East Chesterton, 80 King's Hedges). Children and parents/carers	Full cost: £3,000 Income: £1,400	£1,600	£1,600
	Officer comment:	Recommend: £1,600					
	Previous 2 years funding: 17-18: £1,600 16-17: did not apply						
N18	Romsey Mill Trust	Termly boxing and self-esteem sessions, art workshops, 6 individual day trips to do outdoor activities and 1:1's providing support	Reduce social isolation, increase confidence and self-esteem and engage hard-to-reach young people in positive activities to change their perception of who they are and aspirations for the future, which will help develop their character and increase their resilience and self-efficacy	12 (7 Arbury, 4 East Chesterton, 1 King's Hedges). Vulnerable and at risk 13-18 year olds	Full cost: £12,166. Income: £4,955 + reserves	£4,963	£4,000
	Officer comment:	Recommend: £4,000					
	Previous 2 years funding: 17-18: £3,000 16-17: £2,500 + receive main grant						

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Aim + disadvantage outcome	Beneficiaries	Budget	Bid	Award
N19	St George's Over 60s Club	Fortnightly meetings for older people	Reduce isolation, provide variety of speakers to educate and inform	40 (12 Arbury, 14 King's Hedges, 14 West Chesterton). All aged 60 +	Full costs: £1,254 Income: £820 + reserves	£200	£100
	Officer comment:	Recommend: £100 contribution as have reserves					
	Previous 2 years funding: 17-18: £200 16-17: did not apply						
N20	Sunshine Group	2 trips using Dial a Ride (Hunstanton and Huntingdon Garden Centre)	Members cannot afford to go to the seaside. It is a social activity and gets members, some of whom are in their 80's, out of their houses	14 East Chesterton. All aged 60+, some 80+	Full cost: £290 Income: £74	£216	£200
	Officer comment:	Recommend: £200 contribution					
	Previous 2 years funding: 17-18: £200 16-17: £300						

Appendix 2: 2017-18 Awards

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Award £
N1	50+ Friends	Monthly meetings and bi-monthly cooking sessions	260
N2	Asian Women's Group	Weekly meetings	100
N3	Bermuda Community Room	20 winter teas and 15 winter suppers	850
N4	Cambridge & District Citizens Advice Bureau	Extension of 2016 outreach service	4,000
N5	Cambridge Gymnastics Academy	Weekly freestyle gymnastics class	3,000
N6	Chesterton Community Association	Summer outing for families and older people	490
N7	Chesterton Festival	Chesterton Festival 2017	2,500
N8	DEARA (Darwin, Erasmus, Akeman Street Resident's Association)	Street party	500
N9	Friends of Histon Road Cemetery	Information and activities	800
N10	Good Sounds	Weekly singing sessions	350
N11	Grove Community Swimming	Free-play swimming sessions	1,000
N12	Illuminate Charity	Confidence and personal development coaching	1,000
N13	King's Hedges Brownies	Two trips to Woburn Safari Park and bowling in St Ives	400
N14	King's Hedges Guides	Climbing activity session	200
N15	Meadow's Bowlers	Weekly indoor bowls sessions	500
N16	The Meadow's Children & Family Wing	3 x 6 week disadvantaged women's programme	3,000
N17	Not Quite Over the Hill Club	Mystery tour, holiday seaside outings	200
N18	Romsey Mill	Media video project	3,000
N19	Royal British Legion Arbury	Day trip to Lowestoft	450
N20	St George's Over 60's Club	Transport; volunteer petrol expenses; annual event costs	200
N21	Sunshine Group	Day trips using Dial-a-Ride	200
N22	The Red Hen Project	2 summer outings	1,600
N23	Young People's Puppet Theatre	Puppet theatre project in Shirley School	0