

Item

AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS 2018-19

To: **East Area Committee - 5th April 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 East area, makes recommendations for awards and provides information on the eligibility and funding criteria.

2. Recommendations

The East 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 £
E1	Abbey People	2 trips, Pumpkin Festival, Christmas event	2,000
E2	Abbey People	Annual Big Lunch	2,000
E3	Cambridge United Community Trust	Multi sports sessions for children and young people	3,500
E4	Friends of Mill Road Cemetery	Support for volunteers to carry out maintenance & hold community events	165
E5	Menagerie Theatre Company	Drama workshops for young mothers	1,500
E6	Merry-Go-Round Toy Library	Toys	300
E7	Oblique Arts	Theatre projects for adults with learning disabilities	2,250
E8	Petersfield Area Community Trust (PACT)	Annual summer event; quarterly community meetings; AGM and resident's survey	2,750
E9	Power 2 Inspire	Inclusive sports project	1,513
E10	Romsey Mill Trust	Weekly term time youth sessions	4,880

Budget available	£20,858
Total awards	£20,858
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 - East Area Committee Community Grants - Applications and Recommendations 2018-19

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Aim + disadvantage outcome	Beneficiaries	Budget	Bid	Award
E1	Abbey People	Two summer outings (each two coaches), Pumpkin Festival and Christmas event for local residents	Reduce isolation, build connections, increase neighbourliness, helps those that cannot afford to go on holiday	400 Abbey. All ages	Full cost: £3,250 Income: £1,200	£2,050	£2,000
	Officer comment	Recommend: £2,000 contribution					
	Previous 2 years funding: 17-18: £2,000 £2,000 16-17: £2,250 £2,300						
E2	Abbey People	Annual Big Lunch event for local people	Reduce isolation, build connections, increase neighbourliness, have fun! Free as many families cannot afford days out	700 Abbey. All ages	Full cost: £3,600 Income: £650	£2,950	£2,000
	Officer comment:	Recommend: £2,000 contribution					
	Previous 2 years funding: 17-18: £2,000 £2,000 16-17: £2,250 £2,300						
E3	Cambridge United Community Trust	Free twice weekly, 2 hr after school multi-sport sessions for 38 weeks in local parks and playgrounds	Promote health and wellbeing of children. Remove financial constraints preventing children from disadvantaged families attending sports activities. Promote a sense of community by encouraging volunteers from the local community to help run the sessions - increase participation/sustainability	60 (30 Abbey, 20 Coleridge, 5 Petersfield, 5 Romsey). Children and young people aged 5-16	Full cost: £4,800 Income: none	£4,800	£3,500
	Officer comment:	Recommend: £3,500 contribution					
	Previous 2 years funding: No applications from Area Committee						

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Aim + disadvantage outcome	Beneficiaries	Budget	Bid	Award	
E4	Friends of Mill Road Cemetery	Support for volunteers to carry out maintenance & hold community events	Continue to maintain a green space in a densely populated Petersfield ward. Activity helps dispel the view that the Cemetery is a place to be avoided. Provide organisational stability by allowing events and activities to take place	500+ Petersfield, 100+ Romsey	Full cost: £165 Income: £0	£165	£165	
		Officer comment:	Recommend: £165					
		Previous 2 years funding: 17-18: £135 16-17: £197						
E5	Menagerie Theatre Company	Weekly drama workshops for young mothers with school age children	Provide a free, non-pressured, creative, safe, regular and structured local activity. Reduce social inequality through arts and cultural activities. Remove barriers through workshops and signposting opportunities for employment and volunteering. Improve wellbeing, community and social participation	30 Abbey. All women	Full costs: £7,447 Income: £2,500	£4,947	£1,500	
		Officer comment:	Recommend: £1,500 contribution					
		Previous 2 years funding: 17-18: did not apply 16-17: £4,000 + main grant						

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E6	Merry-Go-Round Toy Library	Replacement and purchase of new toys for toy library	Reduce social and economic inequality by providing a fun, relaxed and safe environment for preschool children and carers to play, develop and learn	140 (92 Romsey, 16 Abbey, 16 Coleridge, 16 Petersfield)	Full cost: £986 Income: £680	£306	£300
		Officer comment:	Recommend: £300 contribution				
		Previous 2 years funding: 17-18: Did not apply 16-17: £392					
E7	Oblique Arts	Theatre project for adults with learning difficulties/disabilities 12 weekly workshops; rehearsals; 2 showcase events; performance at Disability Arts Festival; touring photography exhibition	Reduce social inequality; develop self-confidence and ability to work as a team. Positively contribute to cultural life of the city, encouraging wider interaction	11 (1 Abbey, 3 Coleridge, 2 Petersfield, 4 Romsey), 1 Cherry Hinton.	Full cost: £9,410 Income: £6,910	£2,500	£2,250
		Officer comment:	Recommend £2,250 contribution				
		Previous 2 years funding: 17-18 £600 (East) £1,560 (West Central)					
E8	Petersfield Area Community Trust (PACT)	Annual summer event on 2 September 2018 on St Matthew's Piece; quarterly community meetings; AGM and resident's survey	Bring together people from different generations and backgrounds. Reduce social isolation and build stronger community connections and a sense of neighbourliness. Encourage community participation + involvement;	875 (50 Abbey, 800 Petersfield, 25 Romsey). All ages	Full cost: £4,565 Income: £750	£3,815	£2,750
		Officer comment:	Recommend: £2,750 contribution for summer event only				
		Previous 2 years funding: 17-18: £3,611 16-17: £3,238					

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Aim + disadvantage outcome	Beneficiaries	Budget	Bid	Award	
E9	Power 2 Inspire	Eight week inclusive sports sessions followed by an inclusive sports day at Abbey Meadows Primary School and an inclusive sports festival	By holding inclusive events and removing many barriers to participation, aim to create an environment where mainstream clubs embrace diversity and people begin to change their perceptions of what they can do, where they can do it, and who they can do it with	447 Abbey. All ages, including those with disabilities	Full cost: £4,467 Income: none	£4,467	£1,513	
		Officer comment:	Recommend: £1,513 for projects to be agreed with Active Lifestyles team					
		Previous 2 years funding: Did not apply						

E10	Romsey Mill Trust	Targeted weekly term time youth sessions, plus 10 week healthy relationship course for girls plus 2 x 2 night residential trips	Reduce social isolation, increase confidence and self-esteem. Engage in positive activities to change perception of who they are and aspirations for the future. Improve life skills, mental and physical wellbeing and health, develop character and increase resilience and self-efficacy when facing challenges and managing relationships	45 (20 Abbey, 8 Coleridge, 2 Petersfield, 15 Romsey). At risk young people age 14-19	Full cost: £18,047 Income: £8,248 + reserves	£4,880	£4,880
	Officer comment:	Recommend: £4,880					
	Previous 2 years funding: 17-18: £4,913 (East) 16-17: £4,268 (East)						

Appendix 2: 2017-18 Awards

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Award £
E1	Abbey People	2 summer trips; Christmas lights switch on	2,000
E2	Abbey People	Abbey Big Lunch	2,000
E3	Cambridge & District Citizens Advice Bureau	Outreach service	4,000
E4	Friends of Mill Road Cemetery	Support for volunteers to carry out maintenance & hold community events	135
E5	Hammer and Tong	Film making workshops for young people	2,000
E6	Hemingford and Romsey Roads	Community event	800
E7	Oblique Arts	Creative writing workshops at Edge Cafe	600
E8	Petersfield Area Community Trust (PACT)	4 events – Big Lunch, Summer and Christmas events, Take Part Petersfield	3,611
E9	Romsey Mill	2 weekly young people's groups	4,913