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## AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS

**To:** North Area Committee 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
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**Wards affected:** Arbury, East Chesterton, King's Hedges, West Chesterton

### 1. Executive Summary

1.1 This report details applications received to date for 2019-20 funding for projects in the North area and makes recommendations for awards. It provides information on the eligibility and funding criteria.

### 2. Recommendations

The North Area Committee Councillors are recommended to:

- 2.1 Consider the grant applications received and proposed awards, detailed in Appendix 1, in line with the Area Committee Community Grants criteria, detailed in paragraph 3.4.
- 2.2 Agree the proposed awards detailed in Appendix 1, summarised in the table below:

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Award
N1	A Toys Life and Beyond CIC	Toy swap and recycling project	0
N2	Bermuda Community Room	37 winter teas and suppers	£450
N3	Brown's Field Adult Art Group (Chesterton Community Association)	30 art sessions	£800
N4	Cambridge Community Church	4 week Shine empowerment and 3 week follow up course	£900

N5	Cambridge Victoria Homes	Twice weekly exercise sessions	£350
N6	Chesterton Community Association	Summer trip for families and older people	£500
N7	Chesterton Festival Committee	Chesterton Festival Community Fun Day 2019	£2,500
N8	Friends of Histon Road Cemetery	Information and activities	£350
N9	Histon Road Area Residents' Association	"A Community Remembers" community project	£1750
N10	Kings Hedges Brownies	Two trips	£375
N11	Kings Hedges Family Support Project (The)	Two weekly drop-in sessions	£4,000
N12	Kings Hedges Guides	Summer trip	£300
N13	Kings Hedges Rainbows	Day out at Milton Country Park	£100
N14	Meadows Centre Bowlers	Weekly 2 hour indoors bowls session	£500
N15	Meadows Children and Family Wing (The)	Play worker for older siblings at holiday drop in sessions	£4,000
N16	North Cambridge Community Partnership	Programme of community activities	£4,000
N17	Nuffield Road Allotment Society Limited	Poly tunnel	0
N18	Red Hen Project (The)	Weekly drop-in and 3 summer outings	£800
N19	Romsey Mill Trust	24 boxing sessions, 3 day trips and 40 weeks 1:1s for young people	£4,000
N20	YOPEY (Young Person of the Year)	Weekly befriending scheme at Langdon Care Home	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 2019-20 grants were publicised via neighbourhood workers, voluntary organisations, in local publications and by posters and publicity leaflets. Recent applicants are also invited to apply. Officers

also held a briefing 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 2019-20 as detailed in the Community Grants report to Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee January 2019. This has been allocated in accordance with the approved population and poverty formula = population + (2x benefit population).

The amount available for each area is as follows:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Community Grants %</b>	<b>Total available £</b>
<b>North</b>	<b>34.62</b>	<b>24,235</b>
East	30.42	21,295
South	25.15	17,605
West Central	9.81	6,865
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>70,000</b>

#### 3.4 Area Committee 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, East, South or West Central) by reducing social or economic inequality via one of the following funding priorities:

- sporting activities
- arts and cultural activities
- community development activities
- reducing poverty 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

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

- 3.6 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.
- 3.7 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
- 3.8 All awards are subject to grant agreements and monitoring reports. We consider proportionate requirements dependent on the size of the organisation, project and award.
- 3.9 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.
- 3.10 In October 2019 any area committee funding remaining will be considered to support any applications received to ensure effective use of the funds available.
- 3.11 A list of awards to date for 2018-19 is attached as Appendix 2.