

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

Officer Urgent Decision - Record

East Area Community Grand Funding

Decision(s) taken: To award a grant total of £16,994 to various community groups in the East Area ward.

Decision of: Community Funding & Development Manager

Date of decision: 08 April 2020

Matter for Decision: To agree funding for the grant applications received and proposed awards as outlined in the table below which are in line with the Area Committee Community Grants.

To agree the Agree the proposed awards detailed in Appendix 1 (attached) and summarised in the table below:

REF	Organisation	Reason	Amount
E1	Birdwood Area Residents' Association	Day trip	£110
E2	Friends of Mill Road Cemetery	Community events, running costs, maintenance	£178
E3	Kings Hedges Family Support Group	Mondays Together drop-in sessions	£5,000
E4	Merry Go Round Toy Library	Toy library sessions	£400
E5	Mill Road Winter Fair Association	Mill Road Winter Fair December 2020	£2,000
E6	Oblique Arts	8 weekly art workshops for people with learning disabilities	£1,500
E7	Oblique Arts	8 weekly art workshops for 11-16 year olds	£1,500
E8	Petersfield Community Trust	September event 2020 for residents	£1,306
E9	Romsey Mill Trust	40 weekly targeted youth sessions	£5,000
		Total	£16,994

Councillor Baigent enquired if any remaining money be allocated to the prototype flower bed project to be constructed on a one way street

Any alternative options considered and rejected:

connected to Mill Road as proposed as part of the EIP projects.

As this project fell under the EIP projects this did not come under the allocation of grants for community funding.

It was suggested by Councillor Robertson that as some of the funding recommended was at slightly lower levels than the net figures required for the projects; the total funds available comfortably exceeded the total proposed to award and would do so even if the full requests were agreed, that on this occasion, allow the full requests in all cases.

Officers considered this request in consultation with the Chair and summarised in general the amounts proposed were what was either needed or a reasonable level as some project had unrealistic supervision and overhead costs.

Any remaining funds should be used towards new initiatives and needs coming forwards due to COVID- 19, or later in the year rather than top up projects just because the funding was available.

In discussions with organisations about the awards things may have changed with them in the current climate of COVID-19 and therefore was necessary to be flexible under these exceptional circumstances and make the awards as recommended in the table above and increase only if there was a realistic need when further discussion had taken place.

Reason(s) for the decision including any background papers considered:

An urgent decision under paragraph 2 of section 9, Council Procedure Rules was necessary. The East Area Chair and Committee Members were consulted.

As previously stated it is necessary to be flexible with the awards and make the awards as recommended in the table above and increase only if there was a realistic need when further discussion had taken place.

Conflicts of interest and dispensations granted by the Chief Executive:

None

Other Comments:

None

Reference:

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