

Item

AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS

To: North Area Committee – 4th March 2021

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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 2021-2022 funding for projects in the North area and makes recommendations for awards. It also 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 awards proposed which are 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	Brownsfield Adult Art Group (c/o Chesterton Community Association)	40 x 2-hour art sessions	540
N2	Friends of Histon Road Cemetery	Information and activities	600
N3	Headway Cambridgeshire	48 inclusive activities including sport and drop-in coffee sessions	3,000
N4	Histon Road Area Residents’ Association	One day exhibition March 2022	0

N5	Kings Hedges Family Support Project	2 weekly drop-ins x 50 at North Cambridge Children's Centre and 1 x 50 at Brown's Field	5,000
N6	Meadows Centre Bowlers	Weekly 2 hour indoors bowls session	375
N7	Meadows Children and Family Wing (The)	Active healthy lifestyles project	5,000
N8	Oblique Arts	6 art workshops and 1 exhibition for neurodiverse young people	1,500
N9	Red Hen Project (The)	Three summer day trips and family worker support	4,500
N10	Sin Cru	Range of activities - social prescribing project pilot	0
TOTAL			20,515

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 2021-22 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 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 2021-22 as detailed in the Community Grants report to Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee 28th January 2021. 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:

Committee	Community Grants %	Total available £
North	34.41	24,087
East	30.19	21,133
South	25.58	17,906
West Central	9.82	6,874
Total	100	70,000

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 (*the Advice Quality Standard (AQS) or equivalent required*)
- 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 outcomes and/or priorities
- identifying need
- quality or viability of the project

or

- proposals were the remit of another service/fund or organisation
- 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 If the recommendations are approved, there will be £3,572 remaining. Applications made at a later date 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 2021 any area committee funding remaining will be considered to support any applications received or projects to ensure effective use of the community grant funds available.

4. Appendices

Appendix 1: North Area Committee Community Grants – Applications and Recommendations 2021-22

5. Inspection of papers

If you have a query on the report contact:

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