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## AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS

**To:** East Area Committee – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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**Wards affected:** Abbey, Coleridge, Petersfield, Romsey

### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report details applications received to date for 2021-2022 funding for projects in the East area and makes recommendations for awards. It also provides information on the eligibility and funding criteria.

### 2. Recommendations

The East 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<br>£ |
|-----|--|--|------------|
| E1  | Bird Box Gallery (via Birdwood Area Res Assoc) | Month-long visual arts festival                  | £1,405     |
| E2  | Birdwood Area Residents' Association (BARA)    | Autumn day trip for residents                    | £180       |
| E3  | Cambridge Community Arts                       | Two 8-week creative art courses                  | £3,500     |
| E4  | Friends of Mill Road Cemetery                  | Running costs of the Friends                     | £192       |
| E5  | Groundwork East                                | Green Skills employment programme                | £4,500     |
| E6  | Kings Hedges Family Support Project (The)      | 2 weekly drop-ins at Fields Children Centre x 50 | £5,000     |

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| E7           | Mill Road Winter Fair Association       | Running costs associated with putting on the Fair  | £2,500         |
| E8           | Oblique Arts                            | 6 weekly art workshops and exhibition for 13-17year olds                                     | £1,500         |
| E9           | Petersfield Area Community Trust (PACT) | Christmas event, coffee mornings. 2 opening events and ideas survey for new Community Centre | £1,096         |
| E10          | Romsey Music Project (The)              | Programme of art music events and activities   | £400           |
| E11          | St Martin's Church                      | Summer community street party for local residents  | £860           |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |   |  | <b>£21,133</b> |

### 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 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 2021-22 as detailed in the Community Grants report to Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee 28<sup>th</sup> 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:

| <b>Committee</b> | <b>Community Grants %</b> | <b>Total available £</b> |
|------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| North            | 34.41                     | 24,087                   |
| <b>East</b>      | <b>30.19</b>              | <b>21,133</b>            |
| South            | 25.58                     | 17,906                   |
| West Central     | 9.82                      | 6,874                    |
| <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 (*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 Applications made at a later date will be considered on an individual basis. 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:** East Area Committee Community Grants – Applications and Recommendations 2021-22

## **5. Inspection of papers**

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