Appendix 1 – Community Grant Award Recommendations 2025-26

The following recommendations are subject to the confirmation of the Council's budget in February 2025 and in some cases, the receipt of satisfactory information from applicant organisations (this could include additional activity information, finances, governance etc.)

- The funding and purpose will be detailed in grant agreements
- Figures in brackets in the activity column are the numbers of beneficiaries
- Where no funding is recommended, or not the full amount requested, it is due to one or more of the reasons stated in 4.7 of the report

Group	Activity	Full Cost	Request	2025/6 Community Grant Award	2025/26 Events Budget	Other Council Funding	2024-25 Comm Fund Award
Abbey People CIO - run and facilitate activities and events; networking; responding to identified needs within the local community.	Weekly youth club provision for children and young people from low-income families. Trauma informed provision. Safe recreational space. Leisure activities and life skills. Weekly 1 hr youth club for children aged 8-12. (50 city bens) Weekly 1 hr youth club for children aged 13-18. (50 city bens) (100:100 city bens).	£ 38,618	£ 8,648	£ 4,000			Funded as part of main grant
Abbey People CIO.	Community support activities. Twice weekly drop-in support sessions (240 city bens) 3 weekly food hub sessions (350 city bens) Weekly 2 hr community coffee mornings (50 city bens) Provision of community facilities at the Hub and East Barnwell community Centre. (640: 640 city bens).	£ 74,196	£ 21,252	£ 21,252			£25,000

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Allia Ltd - issues social investment bonds nationally to raise money for charitable activities and provides supportive workspace for social enterprises, charities and small businesses in Cambridge via Future Business.	Support for social enterprises which strongly support the city's grant priorities. 1. Start and Grow - training course programme for start-ups and established social/local enterprises. 2 courses, (40 bens). 2. Self-paced learning - online training resources available on demand, particularly targeted at those that have commitments meaning they are unable to attend scheduled courses. (40 bens) 3. Community days - bi-monthly educational events with a particular theme (e.g. South Asian heritage month, Black History Month, International Women's Day) open to tenants, programme participants, alumni and the public. (6 events, 150 bens). 4. Expert coaching support - online and/or in person 1:1 sessions. (40 bens) 5. Hackathon - event for city residents to tackle a key issue facing the city. (15 bens). (Total programme: 285:228 city bens).	£ 57,915	£ 41,532	£ 5,000			£21,000 (£7k from CG and £14k ¹ SPF)
Cambridge Community Arts - art, music and drama courses targeting people at risk of social exclusion due to mental and physical ill-health.	6 x 8 (weekly 3 hour) creative arts courses for low-income residents at risk of social exclusion. 6 supported volunteer placements. Collaboration with local artists/creatives. (54:54 city bens).	£ 39,630	£ 36,000	£ 20,000			£20,830

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¹ UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF)

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Cambridge Hindu Association - religious, social and cultural activity.	Over 50s Club. 22 x 4 hour meetings. Chair based exercises; transport for those with access issues; leisure trips. (65:53 city bens).	£ 10,080	£ 7,080	£ 1,650			£1,500
Cambridge Housing Society (CHS) Group - social enterprise and charitable housing association.	4 activities per week to promote the Corona Community service within the Housing Related Support partnership, for women supported by other housing providers. Health and wellbeing. Social engagement. Allotment project. Money Matters financial services. 1-2-1 support and partnership projects with other organisations. (25:24 city bens).	£ 27,952	£ 11,721	£ 5,000			£11,353
Cambridge Online - volunteer based educational charity providing disabled and disadvantaged people with access to computers, the internet, training and technology advice.	Digital inclusion sessions delivered face to face via outreach sessions across the city (8+ per week) and daily sessions at the Allia Future Business Centre providing digital skills training, job search assistance, learning, help with accessing services, reducing isolation, money saving and consumer advice and online safety, supporting digitally excluded people including older people and refugees. Device donation scheme - donation of up to 200 laptop/tablet/phones to people in need. Remote support services - remote technical assistance and training via telephone helpline, email and video conferencing. Low cost kiosks / advice services provided (up to 5) in sheltered housing schemes and	£ 125,500	£ 50,000	£ 10,000		15,000	£40,000

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	provision of consumer advice (975:913 city bens).						
Cambridge Sustainable Food - promotes affordable, good food; a sustainable local food economy; waste reduction; healthy diets; food poverty.	Monthly batch cooking sessions held in low income areas of the city to teach people how to make nutritious meals on a budget and reduce food waste whilst also bringing communities together. Participants will also have the opportunity to achieve a digital badge which will be available to employers and get involved with further training and skills development with CSF. (150:150 city bens).	£ 16,821	£ 11,821	£ 10,000			NEW - previous £15k for establishi ng social supermar kets
Cambridge Sustainable Food.	Provision of free healthy meals to families during the school holidays across City Council community centres, supporting other venues to do so and coordinating the holiday lunch providers network. Support provided in the form of provision of ingredients, volunteers (from CSF volunteer programme and businesses) or expertise. CSF will support a range of partners to deliver 2,000 lunches and of these will directly deliver 1,223 lunches with an average attendance of 45 people.	£ 17,353	£ 12,353	£ 8,000		£ 4,000	£12,000
Cambridge Sustainable Food.	Design and implementation of new Food Justice Alliance focussing on food security in the city. CSF will support this work by;	£ 16,589	£ 16,589	£ 15,500			£7,500

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	facilitating the development of a Cambridge Charter on Food Justice and Security; developing a Theory of Change to guide the Alliance's collective approach; restructuring the Alliance to one where the steering group identifies key actions and themes and aligns the best positioned partners to lead; host 6 steering group meetings; continue developing CSF's volunteer programme to support Alliance members and hosting an annual Food Poverty Conference (2000:2,000 city bens).						
Cambridge United Foundation - use power of sport and Cambridge United brand to have a positive impact on our local community across key themes of health, education and inclusion.	Recruitment of a full-time Children & Adults Disability Sports Officer. Officer to codevelop and deliver an expanded range of pan-disability sports activities. (122:100 city bens).	£ 42,168	£ 16,928	£ 16,928			£13,000
Cambridge Women's Resources Centre - specialised support, information and training for women to increase skills, confidence, self- esteem and employability.	Employability and wellbeing programme of workshops, courses and groups, enabling skills and confidence building for women and enabling them to re-engage in the community. Includes sessions and activities on computer support, preparing for interview, bike maintenance, first aid for finances, healthy relationships. Also support to run an active volunteering group, a walking group, an art drop in and an	£ 77,358	£ 77,358	£ 33,000			£33,000

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	engagement group about local community issues. (210:190 city bens).						
Cambridgeshire Older People's Enterprise – represents the older people of Cambridgeshire, ensuring their voices are heard.	Promoting the well-being and interests of older people. 6 bi-monthly newsletters, informative talks, support and signposting, social activities, outings (2,893:1,344 city bens).	£ 30,660	£ 7,000	£3,000			£3,000
Centre 33 - supports young people to overcome their problems through a range of free, confidential services - information and advice, counselling and mental health, and young carer's services.	Someone To Talk to service for young people aged up to 25 years providing free information, advice and guidance, assessment and advocacy with emotional and practical needs via open access telephone, video and face to face drops ins and one to one appointments. (2,270:1,500 city bens).	£ 136,412	£ 90,032	£ 50,000			£47,000
CoFarm Foundation - Cofarming in Abbey to reduce health inequalities and improve cohesion.	4 x 3hr open 'co-farming' sessions per week (April - October) with and for the local community. Volunteer co-farmers will learn how, and participate in, growing fresh fruit and vegetables sustainably and co create and manage their own community farm and market garden together. Co-farmers will also be involved in harvesting produce for distribution to city residents experiencing food insecurity. (1,800 total city bens: 450 city co-farmers and 630 households food	£ 120,301	£ 28,896	£ 20,000		£10,000²	£18,000 (also received £10k SCG)

² Sustainable City Grant Funding

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	recipients and 720 via community food hubs).						
Fitness Rush Community CIC.	12 month programme of weekly fitness sessions fitness and health courses for people in and around Abbey Ward resulting in Level 1 Active Healthy Living fitness qualification (64:64 city bens).	£ 20,000	£ 10,000	£			-
Groundwork East.	Delivery of Wellies in the Woods (WitW) x 5 programmes for families with under 5s. Each programme consists of 6 sessions of 1.5hrs per week across deprived Cambridge City wards targeted at those on low incomes, insecure housing, refugees and those with mental health support to engage with the natural world through wildlife walks, scavenger hunts, den building, storytelling etc. Supporting parental engagement in outdoor settings. (100:100 city bens).	£ 12,055	£ 12,055	£ 0 ³			NEW
Homestart Cambridgeshire - family group providing support to families with at least one child under 5 and when family life becomes difficult.	Targeted support based at Chesterton Methodist Church to support families with at least one child under 5. 38 sessions across the year during term time with 10 families a session. Supporting those who would struggle to attend more open community family groups sessions due to mental health, disability, low self-esteem or other	£ 11,912	£ 7,100	£ 7,100			£6,000

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³ Awarded funding to run a pilot in 2024-25.

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	disadvantage. And enables their children to socialise and engage in planned activities to support school readiness. (42:38 city bens).						
Junction CDC Ltd - arts centre where arts meets life. Audiences and artists explore contemporary art, popular culture and creative learning.	Free creative projects tackling social exclusion for young people with complex needs. Total Arts & Total Mini-Bytes. Fortnightly creative workshops for disabled children. 20 workshop sessions (15 participants). 20 total Arts Mini Bytes sessions (10 participants) per session. Contemporary Youth Choir: for young people aged 11-25. To improve mental health and confidence. Referrals from local charities for young people with complex needs. 1 hour weekly sessions. Travel bursaries. Free to attend (22 participants). 'Hands on Happenings' creative projects prior to watching a performance (2200 participants).	£ 138,603	£ 69,302	£ 40,000			£40,000
Kettle's Yard - place for art, music, learning and research. Exhibitions, concerts, collections and engagement.	To support 'Your Kettle's Yard': an inclusive and creative programme of activity to enable the most vulnerable and disenfranchised members of our local community to build cultural capital in partnership with Kettle's Yard. This programme will specifically seek	£ 57,573	£ 15,000	£ 13,500			£13,500

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	to engage those within the community who face significant barriers to accessing art including: • 'at risk' children, young people and their families • people experiencing isolation or loneliness • the long term unemployed (2,574:2,021 city bens).						
Kings Hedges Family Support Project - family support drop-ins for parents and their children up to the age of 3.	Family support drop-ins x 3 days x 50 weeks support required for Wednesday and Thursday groups all year and Mondays from January 2026 across three locations in most deprived wards with family support workers and trained play workers, seeing around 500 families a year (665:600 city bens).	£ 137,459	£ 60,928	£ 20,126			£15,000
Kite Trust (The) - support for LGBTQ+ young people in Cambridge to have better outcomes in life.	LGBTQ+ activities: 1-1 support for young people. Online sessions for intersecting identity groups (neuro-diverse and trans/non-binary). Signposting, support, information. Weekly group sessions for 13-25 year olds (split sessions: 13-18 and 18-25). Monthly physical activities. Monthly arts and cultural activities. (200:100 city bens).	£ 64,000	£ 32,000	£ 15,000			£12,500
Kite Trust (The).	Quarterly LGBTQ+ Forum meetings and coordination of LGBTQ+ History Month activities. (2,500:1,900 city bens).	£ 15,250	£ 12,250	£ 9,000			£9,000

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Level Water - bespoke, one-to-one swimming lessons for children aged 4 to 11 years with either a physical or sensory disability.	Expansion of the 'Learn to Swim' programme for disabled children aged 4 - 11. 1:1 bespoke tuition. Abbey pool Cambridge. The Hive Ely. (20:20 city bens).	£ 19,950	£ 7,470	£ 7,470			£4,000
Meadows Children & Family Wing - intensive support for local families with preschool children and those up to age 11 living in north Cambridge. Bring together and support each other on a range of issues: parenting, healthy living, confidence, domestic violence, relationships and friendships.	Family support programme for children and families. 1) 2 x weekly drop ins x 5.5 hrs (101 sessions) - outreach, advice, information, support, signposting, facilitated play projects 2) 'All about me' empowerment course for women with free crèche 3 x 7 weeks (445:350 city bens).	£ 83,377	£ 83,377	£ 35,000			£35,000
Meadows Children & Family Wing.	'Life After Abuse' package consisting of three elements for women and their children 1) 'The Freedom Programme' (empowering women to make life choices, improving skills and confidence and to understand their relationships) x 3 courses x 12 weeks x 12 women. With free creche 2) 'Freedom Forever Programme' (initiating change, assertiveness, housing, debt, budgeting, developing new networks) x 3	£ 84,121	£ 66,815	£ 18,000			£16,000 plus £3,000 ⁴

⁴ Community Safety budget

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	courses x 10 weeks x 12 women. With free creche. 3) Weekly specialised drop-in x 2 hours x 51 weeks for individual support to course attendees and for women on the long waiting list - including creche, food parcels/vouchers and poverty relief measures, Risk assessments, referral work. (507:392 city bens).						
Museum of Cambridge - social history museum; aims to tell the stories of all Cambridge people. Exhibitions, workshops, lectures, projects, activities, tearoom, shop.	Cultural programme of activities: 1. Year round creative interactive workshops for carers and children in areas of deprivation 'Little Feet, Big Impressions'. 2. Year round programme bi-weekly outreach 'pop up', handling object activities for families in areas of highest deprivation. 3. Storytelling from the Museum collection. 4. Heritage Craft school holiday programme for families living in areas of high deprivation. 5. Recruitment and training of Family Engagement Volunteers to support the implementation of the above activities. (1,415:1,400 city bens).	£ 30,974	£ 30,974	£ 30,974			£32,659
New International Encounter (NIE) - creating devised performances / projects that speak directly and dynamically to a wide audience especially	Tales from the Edge of Town: 2 x 2 creative writing taster workshops, in 2 primary schools. Autumn 2025. 8 x 2 hr workshops at targeted extracurricular clubs, Feb/March 2026. 2 performances for participants and the local community, Feb/March 2026. Key partner	£ 28,801	£ 11,000	£ 6,000			£5,000

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young people and families.	Galfrid Road Primary, plus one additional school. (140:140 city bens).						
North Cambridge Community Partnership (NCCP) - aims to improve the education and living standards of the local community by improving facilities, encouraging self-help and involvement and increasing community spirit.	Various activities:	£ 28,868	£ 12,619	£			£0

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Pink Festival Group (The) - run LGBTQ+ events to celebrate and showcase LGBTQ+ lives and support the development of Queer Arts.	Cambridge Pride - free, accessible one day event in June 2025 - a day of music, literature and performing arts, including a youth area designed by young people in conjunction with The Kite Trust, community area and wellbeing area (11,500:8,000 city bens).	£100,500	£10,000	£5,000			£5,000
Romsey Mill Trust - supports young people and families who experience multiple disadvantage. Outreach, training, learning opportunities, sports, arts, positive activities.	6 weekly open access groups at three locations, with each group meeting for 1.5 hrs weekly for 36 weeks, 60 1:1 sessions plus group trips. For socially and economically disadvantaged young people aged 11-18 years to address their disadvantage and help them to realise their potential (135:108 city bens).	£ 48,216	£ 18,000	£ 14,000			NEW
Romsey Mill Trust.	Babies and buddies group for young mums with babies under 14 months, providing advice and support network. 2hrs x 39 weeks, group trips and 1:1 support to address challenges, provide practical information and help with progression to further education or employment (20:16 city bens).	£ 14,663	£ 8,663	£ 5,500			NEW
Romsey Mill Trust.	Aspire Plus programme - a life and social skills programme for Autism disadvantaged young people aged 17-19; 3 x 2.5hr sessions for 37 weeks, 96 sessions of 1:1 support (67:35 city bens).	£ 44,500	£ 7,250	£ 7,000			£6,000

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Rowan Humberstone Ltd - empower learning disabled students to become independent by raising confidence, self- esteem and self-worth via arts and crafts activities.	Creative classes for adult students with a learning disability. 5 days a week, 50 weeks per year. Weekly 'Rowan Rangers' Forest School. (90:45 city bens).	£ 557,810	£ 20,000	£ 10,000			£7,500
Sew Positive - mend, repair, upcycle and repurpose clothes to calm the mind, improve mental health and well-being, and help the planet.	Funding for programme of 7 progressional sewing and textile based activities within the city to reduce social isolation and increase community cohesion. Match funded by application to United with Ukraine application. Includes 32 workshops, 8 all day sewing cafes, 2 warehouse sales. (140:140 city bens).	£ 48,202	£ 30,262	£ 10,000			£2,000
Strawberry Fair - a festival of music, entertainments, arts and crafts.	Organisation and delivery of the Strawberry Fair in June 2025. High-profile free event run entirely by volunteers. Funding sought for 3 outdoor stages, 2 tented stages, 3 additional performance areas and a Kidz Park. (33,000:22,100 city bens).	£ 190,321	£ 20,000	£ 1,000	£ 14,000		£15,000
Student Community Action - recruit and train student volunteers to provide social, educational and practical support to vulnerable and disadvantaged residents and other local statutory and voluntary agencies.	Student volunteering programme. Big siblings - 1-1 support for vulnerable or disabled children; Bounce - Saturday social club for vulnerable or disabled children; Ukraine school - help with homework on Saturday mornings; Taskforce - weekly visits to older people. Christmas and summer party. Support voluntary sector with Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)	£ 62,027	£ 10,000	£			£5,000

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	advice, training and form processing service (123:122 city bens).						
The Papworth Trust - delivering employment support programmes, that focus on skills development, opening pathways to work and increasing independence.	Routeways to work (RTW) programme providing work experience and employment support and guidance through the social enterprise bike shop (OWL bikes) (30:17 city bens).	£ 77,960	£ 10,000	£ 10,000			NEW
The Red Hen Project - support and services to target issues that prevent children and families thriving in north Cambridge via 1:1 casework and active outreach programmes especially targeting hard- to-reach families.	Schools' out programme offering 19 activities across school holidays to enable 270 individuals in families with complex needs in the CB4 area to access free and supported access experiences. (270:216 city bens).	£ 35,836	£ 18,000	£ 5,000			NEW
The Red Hen Project.	Poverty reducing services for 350+ individuals in North Cambridge 1:1 in homes. Project worker provides emergency care packs, money, finance and debt guidance, digital inclusion and Christmas support, access to resources, food redistribution. (270:216 city bens).	£ 35,234	£ 25,000	£ 20,000			15,000
The Red Hen Project.	Community drop-in support for 234 hours for families facing complex challenges with inequality and poverty in North Cambridge. Based at 3 locations: Good Shepherd Hall,	£ 40,297	£ 20,000	£ 10,000			£10,000

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	Arbury Community Centre and Chesterton Methodist Church, 2 hour sessions running Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during term time targeted at the hard-to-reach who don't access universal services. (350:280 city bens).						
Together Culture CIC – makes space to create and to become more creative, gathering people who want to help create a more equitable and ecological economy.	Let's Go Fly a Kite Festival to take place in February 2026 to celebrate the untold history of the Kite area. Festival will address town versus gown divide, bring people together to heal and find ways to work together to honour the legacy of the Kite and develop a Citizen Enterprise Zone as well connect with the redevelopment of the Grafton Centre. Events to include talks, meals, film screenings, exhibitions, family activities, establishment of new market garden, retelling of oral histories via an interactive theatre performance, kite making, flying and sing along on Midsummer Common (1,000:800 city bens).	£ 27,500	£ 15,500	£			NEW
UK Welcomes Refugees – shape the future of community-led resettlement in the UK.	Seeking Hong Kong in Cambridge - Cultural treasure Hunt, enabling exploration of connections between Hong Kong and UK through artefacts, explorations, workshops and tours around Cambridge. Aimed at bringing understanding and improving integration for the migrant Hong Kong community in Cambridge. (500:500 city bens).	£ 9,315	£ 9,315	£			NEW

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University of Cambridge Museums - collections available to the widest audiences via exhibitions, events, courses. Consortium of eight university museums. Programme to increase, deepen and diversify engagement.	Cultural activity programme: 15 sessions in 2 sheltered housing schemes (525 instances of participation); School Holiday support programme with Community Development Officers (250); Summer and Twilight at the museums events, activities and trails (8,769) Young Parents creative skills with Romsey Mill 10 sessions (12), Targeted access to work experience - North Cambridge Academy and Coleridge (12), workshops with unaccompanied asylumseeking children 6 sessions (8), inclusive offer for families SEND 6 openings, 6 creative clubs, 1 art pack, (458), Museums on Tour (5 pop up sessions, 3 community led events (450) Community panel (12) (9,971:9,97 city bens).	£ 121,546	£ 21,803	£ 15,000			£15,000	
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