

Appendix 1 – Community Grants Funding Recommendations 2026-27

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Abbey People CIO - run and facilitate activities and events; networking; responding to identified needs within the local community.	Community support projects. Access to affordable food and essentials. Housing, benefits and wellbeing support, signposting, referrals. 150+ Food Hub sessions. 40+ drop-in advice sessions and Circles of support. Weekly Community Coffee Mornings. Gardening group. 100+ Christmas Hampers to individuals and families. Weekly Youth Clubs. (740:740 city bens).	68,944	38,000	28,000	27,000	25,252		Also in receipt of Discretionary Rate Relief. Council officer time provided with planning / prep for the handover of new community centre, support re temp use of premises, regular support from Community Development officers for events / programmes
Cambridge Acorn Project - therapeutic and structural support to children and families affected by trauma, abuse, and financial hardship.	A programme to provide long-term, therapeutic support for children and young people affected by trauma and domestic abuse through a set of targeted interventions. (150:150 city bens).	24,939.00	17,293.00	8,646.00	5,000.00	5,000.00		
Cambridge City Foodbank (The) - provides emergency food parcels and affordable food through Foodbank Welcome Centres and Fairbite Food Clubs, working with local partners to tackle the root causes of poverty and build community resilience.	Funding for a volunteer development coordinator (20 hrs p/w) for 12 months. To improve volunteer management, training and widen participation for 220 Cambridge City Foodbank volunteers. (220:176 city bens).	45,546.00	20,000.00	16,962.00	-	NEW	Poor alignment with grant scheme outcomes and/or priorities not adequately met	Regular mtgs with officers. Funding from the sharing prosperity fund to focus on capacity building and connections across voluntary sector support network

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Cambridge Hindu Association - provides religious, social and cultural activity.	Over 50s Club. Fortnightly sessions. Chair-based exercises, informative talks and leisure trips. (65:53 city bens).	12,480	8,730	4,540	1,800	1,650		
Cambridge Housing Society Ltd (The) - social enterprise and charitable housing association.	3 social and leisure activities per week, and 10 pieces of one-to one support (2 and 5 sessions). Activities to improve the wellbeing of women supported by other housing providers. Social engagement and creative activities, leisure outings. Allotment project. (30:27 city bens).	26,900	11,900	10,000	5,000	5,000		Also in receipt of a Homelessness Prevention Grant
Cambridge Online - promotes digital inclusion by providing access to technology, training, and support—especially for disabled, disadvantaged, and older people—to help them gain essential digital skills and stay connected.	Digital inclusion and support projects. For elderly, low income / unemployed, and those with additional needs. (780 beneficiaries) Remote support and drop-ins, online webinars. Confidential support for individuals requiring specialist advice (phishing, online scams, etc.) (1,000 beneficiaries). Free digital equipment and resources to those in need: mobile phones, tablets and laptops, MiFi and SIM cards. (280 beneficiaries). (2,060:2000 city bens).	72,000	40,000	35,000	35,000	25,000		

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Cambridge Sustainable Food CIC - works to create a fair, environmentally responsible, and inclusive local food system by promoting healthy eating, reducing food waste, tackling food poverty, and supporting sustainable food businesses and community initiatives.	Infrastructure Support. Supporting and amplifying the work of over 100 partners. Holiday Lunch Programme. 2,500+ meals to families through direct delivery and support for four local providers. 4 network meetings to evaluate and strengthen future provision. Annual Food Justice Conference. Continuing coordination of the Food Justice Alliance. Networks for food justice and sustainability in the city. Citywide 'Food Ladders' approach, engaging members in food justice and resilience. Quarterly learning sessions on priority issues (e.g., youth, cost of living). 4 Food Partnership network meetings to strengthen collaboration among volunteers and community food organisations. Distribution of surplus food to social projects; reducing food waste and improving access to healthy, affordable food. Provision of warehouse and delivery services. Volunteer Network.	277,631	66,283	-	42,283	33,500		<p>£42,283 plus £24k from Com Dev budget = total £66,283.00 per year for 3 years starting 2026/27</p> <p>Also in receipt of Discretionary Rate Relief</p> <p>Also in receipt of a Sustainable City Grant</p> <p>Officer time provided related to project management of new capital kitchen scheme at meadows</p> <p>Officer time provided for food justice alliance work programme. In kind time and venue support for conference</p> <p>Cambridge Sustainable Food is receiving funding and support via the sharing prosperity North Cambridge project</p>

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	Creation of a volunteer 'leadership training' pathway and a youth volunteering scheme.							
Cambridge Vietnamese Refugee Community - supports Vietnamese refugees and their families by preserving cultural heritage, fostering community integration, and providing social and educational assistance to help them rebuild their lives in the UK.	Social and cultural events for the Cambridge Vietnamese community. Mid-Autumn and Tet Lunar New Year celebrations. Social engagement and leisure outings to reduce social isolation and promote community connectedness. (250:130 city bens).	18,993	11,127	5,083	1,500	-		
Cambridge Women's Resources Centre - provides a safe, trauma-informed space offering education, training, emotional and practical support to empower women—particularly those affected by domestic abuse, poverty, or involvement with the criminal justice system—to create positive change for themselves and their families.	Inclusion and equality projects for women to improve wellbeing, reduce poverty, increase confidence and employability: 48 one-to-one tailored employment support sessions; 10 walking groups; 16 allotment sessions (approximately 50 women.); 48 weekly yoga sessions (approximately 60 women); 48 art group sessions; 39 crochet sessions; 10 collaborative art projects (approximately 120 beneficiaries); 48 Sewing 'Make and Mend' sessions; Free Shop: offering pre-loved	41,715	41,715	34,135	35,000	33,000		Also in receipt of Discretionary Rate Relief, a Homelessness Prevention Grant and a Resettlement Community Grant Fund award

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	clothing, toiletries and sanitary products. (250:213 city bens).							
Centre 33 - provides free, confidential emotional and practical support to young people up to age 25—covering mental health, housing, sexual health, caring responsibilities, and more—through drop-in hubs, outreach, and digital services to help them thrive and fulfil their potential.	Someone To Talk to service for young people aged up to 25 years. Information, advice and guidance for a wide range of emotional and practical needs. Assessment and advocacy services via open access telephone. Video, in-person drops ins and one-to-one appointments. (2,270:1,500 city bens).	142,475	94,033	65,000	55,000	50,000		Also in receipt of Discretionary Rate Relief and a Homelessness Prevention Grant
Connected Lives - strengthens family wellbeing by offering early intervention, attachment-based parenting courses, stay-and-play sessions, and community hubs to build resilience, healthy parent-child relationships, and social connections.	Sustaining of the current provision of the stay and play session and baby clothes hub. Development of the 8 weeks parenting course. Equipping the baby clothes hub in new storage boxes. Funding of the "Connected Teens" programme, focusing on understanding and raising teenagers. (584 city bens).	33,935	20,760	15,840	10,620	5,000		supported provided by com dev / community centres relating to the work being delivered holistically at Trumpington pavilion

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Fitness Rush Community CIC uses a mobile fitness facility to deliver free, tailored exercise and wellbeing support to individuals and communities facing barriers such as financial hardship, isolation, or homelessness—helping improve physical health, mental wellbeing, confidence, and access to fitness qualifications.	52 weekly drop-in exercise sessions with resistance bands. Mobile fitness van for the first 8 sessions. (30:25 city bens).	8,540	8,540	4,270	-	-	Organisation was ineligible Concerns regarding quality/viability /poor level of detail provided about the activity	
Home-Start Cambridgeshire - provides free, confidential, practical and emotional help to families with at least one child under five—addressing challenges like isolation, mental health issues, postnatal illness, bereavement, and poverty—so children can have the best possible start in life.	38 weekly group sessions for families facing challenges. Families at least one child under five. (42:35 city bens).	12,157	7,500	6,963	7,000	7,100		Receiving funding and support via the sharing prosperity north Cambridge project
Inspire 2 Ignite CIC - provides hands-on industry experiences, entrepreneurial programmes, and partnerships with local businesses to young people aged 12 - 24, helping them build	6 one-day Industry Experience sessions. For 16–24-year-olds who are NEET, or at risk of becoming NEET. Connecting participants with employers and 'real-world' workplaces. To raise aspirations, build	15,955	10,000	5,000	-	-	Organisation was ineligible	

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skills, confidence, and pathways into meaningful careers.	confidence, and improve pathways into employment, training, or entrepreneurship. (84:60 city bens).							
Junction CDC Limited - operates a vibrant venue for live music, theatre, comedy, and creative learning, working with young people and communities to deliver inclusive cultural experiences while reinvesting event income into its social mission.	Free creative projects tackling social exclusion, and referrals for young people with complex needs. 21 sessions: 'Total Arts'. 16 participants per session. 21 Total 'Mini-Bytes' sessions. Fortnightly creative workshops for disabled children. 6 participants per session. 20 sessions: Contemporary Youth Choir (CYC) for under-represented young people aged 11-25. 24 participants per session. 1-hour weekly sessions. Travel bursaries. (67:41 city bens). 14 Beats, Trials & Tribulations ('Open Mic Club') sessions: 21 participants per session. Project for young aspiring musicians. Collaborations with industry professionals, performance skills development. (67:67 city bens).	138,692	40,667	40,667	34,687	40,000		Rent concession and is in receipt of Discretionary Rate Relief

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Kettle's Yard - a space 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 to engage those within the community who face significant barriers to accessing art including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'at risk' children, young people and their families • people experiencing isolation or loneliness • the long term unemployed (2366:2130 city bens). 	57,573	15,000	13,500	13,500	13,500		
Kings Hedges Family Support Project (The) - provides free drop-in sessions, parenting advice, and practical support for families with young children—helping to reduce isolation, build confidence, and promote healthy family relationships through play, social connection, and access to community resources.	50 family support drop-in sessions. 3 days a week. Supporting families in the most deprived wards. Family support workers and trained play workers. Socialising and play provision for parents and children. Parental support, signposting and referrals for a wide range of issues, including: housing, financial advice and mental health issues. (762:685 city bens).	135,896	60,000	48,500	22,000	20,126		Receiving funding and support via the sharing prosperity north Cambridge project

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Kite Trust (The) - promotes the wellbeing and creativity of LGBTQ+ young people through support groups, individual mentoring, training, and education, while building inclusive communities to tackle inequalities and empower youth.	LGBT+ activities: 1-1 support for young people. Online sessions for intersecting identity groups (neuro-diverse and trans/non-binary). Signposting, support, information. 39 weekly youth group sessions (13-18 and 18-25 years). 10 monthly sports, arts and cultural activities. (200:100 city bens). 1-1 sessions for young people expressing need 39 weekly online groups. 200:100 city bens). 4 quarterly Forums for stakeholder organisations and individuals to foster greater connectedness and increase the impact of activities. (20 participants). (220:200 city bens).	62,000	31,000	20,000	24,000	24,000		
Living Sport Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Sports Partnership Limited - works to improve health and wellbeing by increasing opportunities for physical activity and sport, connecting communities, influencing policy, and delivering inclusive programmes.	4, 6-week courses. Introductory strength and balance courses for older residents. Functional fitness MOT. To improve health, wellbeing and mobility. (40:40 city bens).	9,712	9,352	4,676	-	-	Concerns regarding quality/viability /poor level of detail provided about the activity	

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Makani Cambridge CIC - spaces for racialised and marginalised communities to heal, thrive, and lead through cultural activities, leadership programmes, and participatory research—centering collective care, equity, and social transformation.	36 community activities such as 12 Dabekh and Drumming circles, movie nights, mate lounges, Eid party and Summer celebration party. Specialised assistance to children and young people (aged 9 to 19) diagnosed with autism and attending mainstream schools in Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire. (200:150 city bens).	10,130	10,130	6,050	-	-	Organisation was ineligible	
Meadows Children and Family Wing (The) - provides family support, drop-in sessions, confidence-building courses, and domestic abuse recovery programmes—creating a safe, welcoming space where families and women can access practical help, social connection, and activities to reduce isolation and improve wellbeing.	51, 2-hr weekly face-to-face specialist drop-in sessions providing support for 30 women and child survivors of domestic abuse. Creche. 3 12-week 'Freedom' courses for up to 12 women and approximately 12 children. Recovery from trauma, learning, improving safety, general health and wellbeing, inclusion and a sense of belonging. 3 10-week 'Freedom Forever' courses for up to 12 women and approximately 12 children. 'Moving forward', improving safety, general health and wellbeing, inclusion. 51 2 hr weekly therapeutic 'Together Group' sessions	105,512	83,354	55,849	18,000	18,000		Rent concession & receiving funding and support via the sharing prosperity north Cambridge project

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	for up to 72 women and child survivors of domestic abuse. 51 weeks of phone support for a total of 276 women with 252 children between them. (720:482 city bens).							
Meadows Children and Family Wing (The) -	51 twice weekly family support drop-in sessions. To improve social and economic equality, general health, wellbeing, inclusion and a sense of belonging. 3 8-week 'All About Me' courses for up to 12 local women. To improve health and wellbeing, increase skills and confidence for progression into volunteering, training, education or employment. (269:185 city bens).	85,068	62,950	48,884	35,000	35,000		Receiving funding and support via the sharing prosperity north Cambridge project

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Move2Mingle CIC - promotes physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing through inclusive yoga, Pilates, and nutrition programmes, while fostering social connection and support among participants.	Fitness programme delivering two scheduled daily sessions tailored to different fitness levels. Sessions in CB1 community centres to ensure local engagement. Yoga, relaxation, pilates, mindfulness, group check-ins, nutrition coaching and cooking demonstrations. (250:200 city bens).	84,400	25,000	15,000	-	-	Organisation was ineligible	
Museum of Cambridge - dedicated to preserving and sharing over 300 years of local social history through a collection of everyday objects and stories that reflect the lives of ordinary people in Cambridge and the surrounding Fens.	A year-long programme of creative heritage workshops for city residents. Museum-based and outreach activities. Exploring local history, and promoting a sense of belonging. To improve social and economic equality. Exhibition to mark the 90th anniversary of the Museum using stories from their collection. '90 Years of Cambridge History' (match-funded by the Art Funds Reimagine programme). (1760:1560 city bens).	62,691	33,730	30,515	30,515	30,974		Rent concession and Discretionary Rate Relief
New International Encounter - creates innovative performances and participation projects using physical theatre, live music, storytelling, and multilingual ensembles, while	Tales from the Edge of Town. Co-creation and story-writing with Year 5 school pupils who may experience barriers to arts and culture. 4 x 2 hr taster workshops at two schools; 8 x 2 hr workshops outside school	28,701	12,000	7,000	12,000	6,000		

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engaging local communities and young people through collaborative cultural initiatives.	hours for targeted children; 4 performances by professional actor/musicians for participants and the local community; 8 x 2 hr workshops at targeted extra-curricular clubs, Feb/March 2026; 2 performances for participants and the local community, Feb/March 2026. Key partner Galfrid Road Primary, plus one additional primary school. (140:140 city bens).							
Pink Festival Group (The) - celebrates and supports the LGBTQ+ community by organising inclusive events like Cambridge Pride, fostering diversity, equality, and advocacy through volunteer-led, accessible cultural activities.	Parade and free, accessible one-day celebration event in June 2026. Music, literature and performing arts, market stalls, family and youth zones. Over 100 local community organisations and volunteers. Improving wellbeing with social connectedness. Celebrating diversity, strengthening inclusion and visibility of the LGBTQIA+ community. (11,500:8,000 city bens).	111,245	10,000	8,000	5,000	5,000		
Red Hen Project (The) - provides long-term, one-to-one family support and community activities for families with primary-age children—	Programme of 22 structured holiday activities. From April 2026 to March 2027. For families affected by poverty, isolation, poor mental health or special	40,234	20,000	15,000	5,000	5,000		Red Hen is receiving funding and support via the sharing prosperity north Cambridge project

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helping to improve school attendance, parenting confidence, and wellbeing while tackling issues like poverty, isolation, housing, and mental health through trusted relationships and inclusive group sessions.	educational needs. Engagement for more than 350 individuals in families with complex needs in the CB4 area. Reducing social and financial inequality, improving children's wellbeing, strengthening family and community connections. Free and supported access to experiences in safe, engaging environments. Easter holiday (4), Summer holiday (12), 3 Half Terms (6). (350:280 city bens).							
Red Hen Project (The)	Approximately 117 open-access weekly drop-in sessions for local families. Parent and carer support to raise happy, healthy and independent children. Respectful and inclusive help for those who experience challenges and who may struggle to access support elsewhere. Welcoming environments to build trusting relationships. Provision of a safe space for children and families to find support on a wide range of issues. Social connectedness and building independent support networks.	43,928	22,000	15,000	10,000	10,000		

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Red Hen Project (The)	Poverty-focused project workers. Funding to deliver over 1500 hours (200 days) of poverty-reducing services in the community, for individuals in need in North Cambridge. Tailored and flexible interventions to alleviate immediate financial crises, reduce ongoing pressures, and build independence for beneficiaries. (350:350 city bens).	40,803	32,000	25,000	25,000	20,000		
Romsey Mill Trust - supports vulnerable and disadvantaged young people, children, and families—through programmes like alternative education, parenting support, autism services, and youth work—aiming to overcome disadvantage, promote social inclusion, and help individuals build skills and confidence for positive futures.	Contribution towards running and the continuity of the Youth Development Programme in Cambridge. Supporting young people (aged 11–18)who face social and economic challenges. (140:120 city bens).	63,186	16,500	14,000	14,000	14,000		Also in receipt of Discretionary Rate Relief and have a rent concession on Mill Road and Ross Street Community Centres Receiving funding and support via the sharing prosperity north Cambridge project

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Romsey Mill Trust	Contribution towards running and the continuity of the Young Parent Programme (Babies & Buddies) in Cambridge. Support for young parents (aged 20 and under) who face social and economic challenges. (28:22 city bens).	15,754	10,754	7,796	5,500	5,500		Also in receipt of Discretionary Rate Relief and have a rent concession on Mill Road and Ross Street Community Centres Receiving funding and support via the sharing prosperity north Cambridge project
Romsey Mill Trust	Contribution towards the running costs for the provision of the Youth Clubs, with specialised assistance to children and young people (aged 9 to19) diagnosed with autism and attending mainstream schools in Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire. (33:14 city bens).	32,334	7,516	7,221	7,516	7,000		Also in receipt of Discretionary Rate Relief and have a rent concession on Mill Road and Ross Street Community Centres Receiving funding and support via the sharing prosperity north Cambridge project
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 per week, 50 weeks per year. And weekly 'Rowan Rangers' Forest School. Music, drama, art, craft and social activities to reduce social isolation, develop skills and potential, independence and wellbeing. (100:47 city bens).	856,400	30,000	15,000	11,000	10,000		Receiving funding and support via the sharing prosperity north Cambridge project

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Sew Positive - uses sewing, upcycling, and mending to improve mental health, reduce social isolation, and tackle textile waste by offering creative workshops and courses that build supportive, sustainable communities.	Twice weekly activities. Creative engagement, events, activities and trips for adults and families experiencing disadvantage. To improve mental well-being and community cohesion. For those facing a range of barriers to participation: including social isolation, mental and physical health conditions, unemployment or economic hardship. Sewing, up-cycling and mending. (200:80 city bens).	43,000	15,000	15,000	5,000	10,000		Also in receipt of a Resettlement Community Grant Fund award
Signal Box Centre (The) - community hub offering accessible spaces for local residents to host events, classes, and activities—while providing free community programmes and working with partners to improve wellbeing and social connection.	Community activities to improve wellbeing including: Dance Week: 5 afternoon/evening sessions hip hop dance activity for all ages; Tots Hip Hop and Movement: 36 weeks (termly). For pre-schoolers and parents/carers; Adult/Community Hip Hop: 10 weekly sessions (autumn term.); After-school Stay & Play: 36 weeks (3 terms) of drop-in sessions for primary-school aged children and their parents/carers; Signal Box Singers: 52 weekly drop-in sessions for all; Tech Tuesdays: 12 monthly drop-in sessions	16,674	16,674	10,000	5,000	-		In regular conversation regarding community centre / com dev work

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	for those in need of 'digital literacy' support; Window box gardening (320:320 city bens).							
St. Martins Church PCC - provides regular worship, pastoral care, and community activities—such as groups for families, seniors, and youth—while maintaining its historic building and promoting its mission to serve God and support local people of all ages and backgrounds.	46 weekly breakfast club sessions (Tommy's Café). To reduce loneliness and social isolation for low-income families and individuals. 35 bens. Craft Café: 26 fortnightly 2-hr Saturday sessions. For adults. To improve wellbeing and foster supportive community relationships and inclusion; Carpet bowls: Weekly sessions for adults. To support health and wellbeing, social inclusion and reduce social isolation; Community Lunch Club: Monthly sessions for adults. Lunch and social engagement. (86:85 city bens).	11,923	9,243	7,561	3,000	2,250		light touch engagement with community development

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University of Cambridge Museums - a consortium of eight museums and the Botanic Garden that collectively offer free public access to collections spanning art, science, history, and culture, while serving as hubs for research, teaching, and community engagement.	Inclusive cultural activity programmes. Activities in the University of Cambridge Museums and in community settings across the city. To increase social inclusion and connectedness through creative engagement with the museum's collections. Over 175 sessions with 1400 engagement opportunities. Inclusive activities for older residents, families with SEND children and young parents. 2,800 volunteering opportunities. (9,998:580 city bens).	158,315	21,025	18,000	15,000	15,000		
Villiers Park Educational Trust - empowers young people aged 14–19 from underrepresented backgrounds to overcome barriers in education and careers through tailored programmes that raise aspirations, develop academic and employability skills, and create pathways to leading universities and high-level opportunities.	Skills development and confidence in leadership, collaboration and problem-solving, for disadvantaged young people aged 13-14 years. Creating pathways to future opportunities, building confidence and raising aspirations. 4 sessions and an overnight stay. (60:50 city bens).	29,810	24,742	21,030	5,000	-		

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Available Budget

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