

CABINET – Thursday 16 November 2023

Report of the Director of Housing and Wellbeing

Lead Member: Councillor Liz Blackshaw

Part A

CHARNWOOD GRANTS – ROUND TWO 2023/2024 CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS

Purpose of Report

To enable Cabinet to consider applications received for funding in round two of the Community Facilities and Community Grants programme for 2023/24.

Recommendations

1. That the following Community Facilities Grants be awarded:
 - £9,291 to 1st Nanpantan Scout Group towards completion of internal and external new build works
 - £3,600 to Bishop Beveridge Club towards installation of solar panels
 - £8,250 to Shepshed Cricket Club towards improving the toilet facilities and disability access

2. That the following Community Grants be awarded:
 - £2,000 to Age UK - Men & Women in Sheds (Charnwood Shed) towards general running costs. Awarded from Loughborough Grant
 - £2,888 to B-Buddies towards purchase of outdoor ramps for cycling activities
 - £1,128 to Communities Food and Wellbeing Hub towards providing Health & Wellbeing Events. Awarded from Loughborough Grant
 - £3,750 to Falcon Support Services E.M. Ltd towards the Charnwood Drop-In Service. Awarded from Loughborough Grant
 - £970 to Friends of Mountsorrel Castle Gardens towards improvements to the Castle Park in Mountsorrel

- £1,750 to Golf in Society towards purchase two golf buggies to enable wider access to the golfing facilities
- £1,000 to Grow Give Live towards street side planters for edible and flowering plants providing free of charge access to fresh produce to people in Syston
- £1,425 to Leslie Edwards Trust towards lipreading & communication skills classes in Loughborough & Birstall
- £2,044 to Menphys towards the start-up of Saturday Clubs in Charnwood £1,022 awarded through Community Grants and £1,022 from Loughborough Grant
- £1,500 to Modern Painters New Decorators towards work with disadvantaged communities in Charnwood through art, £500 awarded through Community Grants and £1,000 from Loughborough Grant
- £1,545 to Sileby Tennis and Pickleball Club towards the repurpose of a tennis court to create three dedicated Pickleball and kids mini tennis courts
- £1,500 to Without Walls towards to general running costs of Singing Cafes in Shepshed & Loughborough

3. The following application be declined as it did not score high enough:

- Starlight Youth Theatre request for 6 headset microphones.

The following applications were ineligible and did not meet the grants criteria:

- Ice Age Insights did not meet our criteria for wider-community benefit.
- Leicester Childrens Holidays did not provide sufficient information.
- Rotary Club of Loughborough Beacon did not meet our criteria for financial need for a grant.
- Spectrum Sensory Sports did not provide sufficient evidence of need.

4. That the Director of Housing and Wellbeing be given delegated authority to finalise the terms and conditions of the awarded Community Grants.

Reasons

1. To provide financial support to organisations which meet the criteria of the Community Facilities Grants programme.
2. To provide financial support to organisations which meet the criteria of the Community Grants programme.
3. To decline to provide financial support to organisations which did not score high enough or not meet the criteria for the award of a grant under the Community Grants programme
4. To enable the grants awarded to be finalised and appropriate information to be supplied to the Council about the outcomes of the project.

Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

The Council's Corporate Strategy 2020-2024 makes a commitment to deliver high quality living with a range of services to meet the needs of our diverse community. It makes a commitment to support our communities by delivering a range of services which not only help residents, but also empowers them to make a positive difference in their local areas and that community cohesion will remain a priority. In addition, it wants residents to live healthy and active lifestyles and to offer services to improve wellbeing, either directly or with our partners.

At its meeting on 11th March 2021, Cabinet agreed the revised Charnwood Community Grants, Community Facilities and Member Grants schemes following the 2021/22 budgets for the grant's schemes being agreed at Cabinet on the 11th February 2021. The previous grants schemes (Community Development and Engagement, Loughborough grants and the Sports grants) were reviewed and changes made, resulting in a proposed new combined grants scheme called Charnwood Community Grants. The Community Facilities Grant scheme was revised, removing the Feasibility study and allowing for the inclusion of certain sports related projects.

Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions and Scrutiny

The Community Facilities Grants and Community Grants considered in this report will be released, providing they are approved, once the applicants have met any required pre-payment grant conditions. Grant payment terms will be on a grant-by-grant basis, depending on the nature of the organisation / project and level of grant awarded. Payment may be made in stages, and copy invoices, or proof of project expenditure, requested.

Report Implications

The following implications have been identified for this report.

Financial Implications

Community Facilities Grant Funding

The Community Facilities Grants budget allocated in the 2023-2024 Capital Plan was £50,000. The opening balance for Round One 2023/24 was £50,000. Six grants were awarded in this round at a total of up to £28,859 leaving the opening balance for Round 2 of £21,141. Three grants were received for funding in Round Two and all were awarded a Facilities Grant by the grants panel, giving a combined total of up to £21,141, resulting in a full allocation of the budget.

Community Grant Funding

The 2023/24 budget for Community Grants is £50,000 which includes £15,900 ringfenced for Loughborough focused projects. Twelve applications were supported through the Community Grants scheme in Round One totalling £28,500, (£7,000 from the Loughborough grant), leaving a balance of £21,500 for Round Two, of which £8,900 is ringfenced for Loughborough projects.

Seventeen applications were received in Round Two. This report recommends that twelve applications are supported and awarded up to £21,500 (£8,900 from the Loughborough Grant), resulting in the full allocation of the budget. That one application is declined as it didn't score highly enough and that the four applications that were ineligible as they didn't meet the criteria, are not submitted to Cabinet for consideration.

There have been two pressures on this round of funding 1) over-subscription in that the total value of applications is far higher than the total value of funds available to allocate and the grants panel awarded amounts according to score and how they delivered against priorities 2) there were a number of applications to support new emerging needs including those affecting the more vulnerable members of the borough and those impacted by the cost-of-living crisis.

Risk Management

The risks associated with the decision Cabinet is asked to make and proposed actions to mitigate those risks are set out in the table below.

Risk Identified	Likelihood	Impact	Overall Risk	Risk Management Actions Planned
Grants do not deliver the objectives of the Grants scheme	Remote (1)	Minor (1)	Very Low (1)	The grants have been assessed against the criteria and will be supported with appropriate monitoring information.

Equality and Diversity

There is a requirement in the grants criteria for each organisation that applies to either have their own Equal Opportunities Policy or provide a statement that the organisation will abide by the Council's Equal Opportunities Policy.

In addition, an Equality Impact Assessment has been completed and attached at Appendix 3.

Crime and Disorder

Many of the grants awarded support the provision of activities and programmes for both children, young people and adults which contribute towards reducing the impact of crime and anti-social behaviour through the provision of diversionary activity and promotes stronger, cohesive and balanced communities.

Key Decision: Yes

Background Papers: None

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PART B

Charnwood Community Grants Criteria

1. At its meeting on 11th March 2021, Cabinet agreed the revised Charnwood Community Grants scheme following the 2021/22 budgets for the grant schemes being agreed at Cabinet on the 11 February 2021. The previous grants schemes (Community Development and Engagement, Loughborough grants and the Sports grants) were reviewed and changes made, resulting in a proposed new combined grants scheme called Charnwood Community Grants.
2. The main criteria include the following:
 - maximum grant award of £5000
 - criteria have been amended to make it accessible to sports clubs and sports organisations
 - provides funding for projects delivered by the voluntary and community sector
3. The application form has been shortened and been devised to ensure that only relevant questions are asked. The associated assessment process has been adapted to ensure that the scoring system is directly related to the questions on the application form, with each question having a maximum score of 5. The Grants Panel will assess the applications and score against each of the questions, with a maximum score of 35.
4. The scoring and assessment process allows the Grants Panel members to provide an overall score of the application itself as well as provide additional comments based on the knowledge they have of groups, emerging issues in the sector or localities as well as things they have picked out from the application which can be brought to the meeting for discussion.

It is proposed that the level of score achieved will reflect the level of grant recommended. A low score will result in no award being recommended, a medium score will result in some of the grant applied for being awarded, with high scoring applications receiving most, if not all the funding applied for.

Score	Level of funding
Low score	Nil
Medium score	Some of grant funding applied for
High score	Most or all of funding applied for

Community Facilities Grants

5. At its meeting on 11th March 2021, Cabinet agreed to the revised Charnwood Community Facilities Grants scheme. The Community Facilities Grant scheme was revised, removing the Feasibility study and small environmental project elements, and allowing for the inclusion of certain sports related projects.

6. The criteria include the following:
 - That the maximum amount awarded would be £20,000 for projects that link well into the Council's Corporate Plan and can achieve wider community benefits.
 - Inclusion of sports clubs and sports organisations who previously were not able to access this grants scheme.

7. For Round 2 of Facilities Grants a pilot scheme to provide an online application service and grants panel scoring process using lagan was implemented. The panel received all the information including the sustainability checklist but used the same scoring process as the Community Grants above (Please see point 4 above). The panel used the same criteria for scoring Facility Grants as before including the following:
 - Well-prepared schemes, with a realistic costing of the work, and projects that are well targeted, have good local support and strong input from volunteers.
 - Projects that link well into the Council's Corporate Plan and can achieve wider community benefits.
 - Applications from organisations with a strong local base and full accessibility to the community.
 - The need of the community for the facility and the need of the organisation for the funding.

Community Facilities Grant Applications

8. Three applications were received for the Community Facilities Grants in Round Two for 2023/24. The applications were assessed against the grants criteria and three applications were recommended for funding.

1st Nanpantan Scouts

9. The purpose of the organisation is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development through learning by doing, sharing experiences and beliefs, taking responsibility and making safe choices.

10. The application is for completion of internal and external new build works on a new community building that will provide a full accessible community space for Loughborough residents, for social, leisure and sporting activities.

11. The project will benefit young people and volunteers and establish the facility as a community space to meet an identified demand from residents in the area—currently there are limited facilities, some restricted to members only.

12. The project will achieve the following outcomes:
 - Increased opportunities for young people and local residents to take part in physical exercise and social activities
 - Decreased loneliness and anti-social behaviours

- Improved support network beyond schooling
- Increased opportunities for young people to develop life skills to support and complement their academic education
- A more energy efficient building, with improved glazing, insulation and heating to provide a more welcoming environment
- Provide new food bank collection point

13. Panel comments:

The panel recognises the new community building as a significant development in an area with no other access to community facilities and services. The applicant has demonstrated community consultation in support and a sound business case towards financial sustainability. There is evidence of high levels of existing usage and intention of new use across all age groups and social economic demographics.

14. £19,936.18 was requested. The application scored 25.5 therefore, the panel would like to recommend a partial award of £9,291 towards internal and external new build works.

Bishop Beverage Club

15. The purpose of the organisation is to promote the welfare of the aged in any manner which is now or hereafter may be deemed by law to be charitable, within the parish of Barrow upon Soar.

16. The application is for purchase and installation of solar panels.

17. The project will benefit the Club's continuation to provide a warm, welcoming and safe environment to those aged 60+ to assist in reducing social isolation for some of the most vulnerable residents of Barrow upon Soar and surrounding villages through coffee mornings, outings, film shows, talks, lunches, afternoon teas, games afternoons and provide welfare support.

18. The project will achieve the following outcomes:

- Installation of solar panels will provide an alternative, clean energy source and will vastly reduce the Club's reliance on regular energy supplies
- Lessening the impact of increased energy costs
- Create an income stream to improve the Club's financial sustainability

19. Panel comments:

The Panel feels that the organisation provided good evidence of need for protecting the club's existing community use and financial sustainability through energy cost savings. Although there are other community facilities in Barrow on Soar one the club is supporting a specific cohort of over 60-year-olds and their particular needs.

20. £4,500 was requested. The application scored 23 therefore, the panel would like to recommend a partial award of £3,600 towards the installation of solar panels.

Shepshed Cricket Club

21. The purpose of the organisation is as a local amateur sports club improve fitness of the community of Shepshed and surrounding residents and provide non-playing members opportunities to socialise.

22. The application is for the refurbishment the club's kitchen and toilets.

23. The benefits will be improved facilities for all visitors to the club. New toilets will provide disability access and separate kitchen area will provide new revenue for the club through increased room hire during the day when club would normally be closed.

24. The project will achieve the following outcomes:

- Increased opportunities to support the development of healthy activities for everyone in our community through sport and access to green spaces
- Increased social activities to build community cohesion and reduce isolation
- Use of local suppliers and keeping income within the local economy

25. Panel comments:

The panel recognises the club's commitment to engage with the local community through cricket and that improved kitchen and toilet including disability access will attract more uses of the facility by the wider community.

26. £10,000 was requested. The application scored 24 therefore, the panel would like to recommend a partial award of £8,250 towards improvements to the toilets, including disability access.

Community Grant Scheme Applications

27. Twenty applications were received for funding in Round Two for 2023/24. Four applications were ineligible and not scored by the panel but will be offered feedback and funding advice and support by the Voluntary and Community Sector Development Officer. Sixteen applications have therefore been assessed against the criteria. Fifteen applications have been recommended for approval, and one was unsuccessful as it didn't score high enough and is recommended for decline.

As a result of the pressures mentioned in Part A, the Grants Panel agreed to give priority to requests that provided wider community support to more vulnerable groups and/or support to mitigate the impact of the cost-of-living

crisis on VCS organisations and those they support. Therefore, some applications either received a lower award or were unsuccessful and declined. When allocating the grant amount the panel also considered the need to ensure that the grant awarded would support the projects viability and enable them to start or continue to offer their services.

Grow, Give, Live.

28. The purpose of the organisation is to create a community garden space within Syston, with the aims of promoting an understanding of sustainability through growing produce using organic principle, developing and strengthening links within the community by creating a welcoming inclusive environment and to promote individual wellbeing through connection with others, exercise and spending time in the outdoors.
29. The application is for planters for edible and flowering plants providing free of charge access to fresh produce to people in Syston.
30. The project will benefit residents in Syston. The current and planned planting activities are in areas that are fully accessible to the community, so produce can be taken by anyone. The gardening activities will be advertised for anyone to attend; community gardening like this fits well with the NHS 5 pillars of wellbeing, particularly connecting with other people and being physically active. The aim is to encourage people who may be socially isolated, or who want to improve their overall wellbeing.
31. The project will achieve the following outcomes:
- Encourage physical activity, nature connectivity and community connection
 - Food and flower production encourages healthy, mindful eating with minimal food miles
 - Increased caring for small areas of Syston that would otherwise be untended
 - Increased planting for pollinators
32. Panel comments:
- The panel feels this fledgling group has demonstrated excellent partnership working and volunteer involvement to develop a community garden and street-side planters for edible and flowering plants providing free of charge access to fresh produce to people in Syston.
33. £1,000 was requested. The application scored 28.5 therefore, the panel would like to recommend a full award of £1,000.

Falcon Support Services

34. The purpose of the organisation is to provide supported accommodation and community projects to those across Leicestershire. We have over 100 bed

spaces for those that are homeless or at risk of homelessness providing support to move from crisis to independence, addressing any support needs and teaching independent living skills so they can secure accommodation and move on to positively contribute to their communities. We also provide tenancy floating support to prevent tenancy's failing and stop the cycle of homelessness.

35. The application is for a contribution to the Charnwood drop-in service. To subsidized food costs for those who are rough sleepers/nil income/food poverty. We would like to be able to offer a healthy cooked me to everyone who is struggling to find suitable accommodation, low income or in food poverty.

36. The project will benefit those who are homeless, at risk of becoming homeless, those who do not have an income/low income and those who are suffering in food poverty. They will be offered the same service and opportunities to get involved in our other services. We work with individuals to get them out of crises so they hopefully are able to sustain their own accommodation and manage their finances.

37. The project will achieve the following outcomes:

- Provision of healthy meals in the drop-in centre
- Provision of Cook, Eat and Meet sessions.
- Continued help for people to move away poverty

38. Panel comments:

The panel recognises the crucial role FSS plays in meeting the increasing demand of homeless people on their services and would like to support the food provision through the drop-in centre.

39. £3,750 was requested. The application scored at 27.5 therefore, the panel would like to recommend a full award of £3,750.

Sileby Tennis & Pickleball Club

40. The purpose of the organisation is to provide a safe and friendly environment to play tennis and pickleball on dedicated courts.

41. The application is to repurpose a tennis court to create three dedicated Pickleball and Kids mini tennis courts.

42. The project will benefit players of all ages and abilities from all social, economic and ethnic backgrounds. The club will provide a place to play socially, to improve fitness, obtain coaching and play competitively.

43. The project will achieve the following outcomes:

- Increased engagement with people who have played little sport since school
- Increased uptake of younger players taking up sport for the first time

- Pickleball reduces barriers to playing sport as it can be played men and women and all age groups equally against each other
- Improved mental and physical wellbeing

44. Panel comments:

The panel recognises that this club has quickly become a well-known and popular with a reputation for delivering a high standard of outcomes. Due to high demand the group makes a good case for this phase of development that will widen community participation to improve mental and physical wellbeing.

45. £4,680 was requested. The application scored 26.3 therefore, the panel would like to recommend a partial award of £1,545 towards the costs of professionally cleaning the court area and paint the playing court area.

Menphys

46. The purpose of the organisation is to support disabled children, young people, and their families in Leicester and Leicestershire. The mission is to deliver a quality service that values the views and enables the voice of disabled children, young people, and their families.

47. The application is for Start-up of two Menphys Saturday clubs in Charnwood.

48. The project will benefit disabled children and young people aged 8-25 years and their families living in Charnwood and who currently travel to Leicester for Saturday Clubs.

49. The project will achieve the following outcomes:

- Promotes interaction with others and builds friendships
- Increase in confidence allows the children to grow up into more independent adults, empowering them to participate more in their local community and pursue educational and work opportunities
- Parents increased confidence to allow their children to try out new things on their own.
- Improved health, general well-being and physical activity

50. Panel comments:

The panel feels there is sufficient existing demand for this project and that the group has made a good case for the benefits to its clients living in Charnwood.

51. £4,088 was requested. The application scored 26 therefore, the panel would like to recommend a partial award of £2044 towards the establishment of one Saturday Club.

Lesley Edwards Trust

52. The purpose of the organisation is to promote social inclusion amongst hearing impaired people and their families in Charnwood and surrounding areas.

53. The application is for lipreading & communication skills workshops in Loughborough & Birstall. By learning to lipread and develop other communication skills our attendees feel they can participate more fully in social situations and/or employment.

54. The project will benefit people living with hearing loss in Charnwood.

55. The project will achieve the following outcomes:

- Increased companionship and improve cognitive functioning, memory, concentration & stamina
- Reduction in anxiety, depression & early-onset dementia
- Reduced social isolation, impacting heavily on mental health

56. Panel comments:

The panel recognises this group is providing specialist support to severely disadvantaged people to reduce social isolation and increase engagement in their local communities.

57. £4,320 was requested. The application scored 25.5 therefore, the panel would like to recommend a partial award of £1,425

Golf in Society

58. The purpose of the organisation is to use the health and wellbeing benefits of golf to transform the lives of people with long term challenging health conditions.

59. The application is for the purchase of 2 golf buggies. At present there are a small number of golfers who like to play on the golf course itself. However, they usually manage about 4-5 holes and then have to walk back to the clubhouse. This is a long way for some (half a mile) and very tiring. We urgently require two single use golf buggies so that our participants can enjoy playing more holes for longer.

60. The project will benefit people with: Dementia, Parkinson's Disease, Recovering from a stroke, Mental health issues, MS and other neurological conditions and their Carers.

61. The project will achieve the following outcomes:

- Empowering local people to come together and support each other generating a real sense of "community"
- Healthier and happier people with an increased sense of purpose and hope

- Reduction in health inequalities
- Reduction in social isolation amongst older people
- Reduction of inactivity amongst older people
- Increased opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in golf
- Increased support and respite for unpaid carers"

62. Panel comments:

The panel feels this group presents a compelling case for the benefits of golf to a wide range of people living with mental and physical wellbeing challenges. Likewise, the case for a golf buggy is well made for people with mobility issues in order to fully benefit from all the golfing facilities on offer.

63. £3,500 was requested. The application scored 25 therefore, the panel would recommend a partial award of £1750 towards the purchase of one golf buggy.

Age UK Leics. Charnwood Men & Women in Sheds

64. The purpose of the organisation is to promote the relief of elderly people in any manner which now is or hereafter may be deemed by law to be charitable in and around Leicester, Leicestershire, Rutland and adjoining counties.

65. The application is for a contribution to the general running costs to support the Charnwood Men & Women in Sheds project in Loughborough. It is a centre where the members come together to engage in activities such as carpentry, metal work, model making, repairs, crafts, pottery & gardening.

66. The project will benefit people over 50 years of age to prevent loneliness and isolation and to support mental and physical well-being by learning and sharing new skills, people who are living with life changing health conditions, people who have experienced bereavement, mental health problems, people who are living with dementia, informal carers who are supporting a person living with dementia.

67. The project will achieve the following outcomes:

- Reduce social isolation & loneliness
- Improve health & wellbeing
- Increase involvement in the community

68. Panel comments:

The Panel feels that this is a strong project with proven outcomes reducing social isolation. It is going through a period of financial transformation to reduce reliance on grant funding through exploring more commercial opportunities to raise funds. In the meantime, the panel would like to continue support of the project.

69. £5,000 was requested. The application scored at 24.5 therefore, the panel would like to recommend a partial award of £2,000 towards general running costs.

B-Buddies

70. The purpose of the organisation is to focus is on providing local communities with a wide range of cycling sessions for all ages and abilities from balance bikes, learn to ride, cycle skills, British Cycling Go ride Clubs plus Bikeability in schools and private individuals/groups.

71. The application is for to purchase a set of wooden mountain bike ramps to turn a flat piece of grass or tarmac into a mini mountain bike trail where we can teach lots of fun skills whilst engaging people of all ages and abilities.

72. The project will benefit all residents of Charnwood in particular children and adults from Lower Socio-Economic Groups (LSEG) and Ethnically Diverse Communities, through a combination of school and community provision. Sessions including British Cycling 'Pedal Parties' and 'Community Rides' will take place in a combination of school sites, leisure centre sites, and local community parks/open spaces.

73. The project will achieve the following outcomes:

- Increased opportunities for people of all ages and abilities no matter what the background to get out and about enjoying being on a bike having fun and staying healthy in body and mind
- More encouragement for people to out of their cars and onto bikes
- Improved air quality reducing the Co2 emissions
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74. Panel comments:

The panel recognises that B-Buddies has become a well-known and popular group with a reputation for delivering a high standard of outcomes. The group makes a good case for this phase of development that will widen community participation in cycling and related activities.

75. £4,850 was requested. The application scored at 24.5 therefore, the panel would like to recommend a partial award of £2,888 towards ramps.

Friends of Mountsorrel Castle Gardens

76. The purpose of the organisation is to improve, enhance and develop the green space known as Mountsorrel Castle Gardens in partnership with Charnwood Borough Council and Mountsorrel Parish Council. It is our aspiration to work together to maintain the site as a small, public open space that enhances the local landscape and benefits the local community, local businesses, visitors and wildlife alike.

77. The application is for equipment and plants to improve Castle Park Mountsorrel.

78. The project will benefit the local community within both Mountsorrel, Rothley, Quorn and the general public as a whole who will benefit from having access to welcoming, beautiful green space to enjoy whilst feeling safe. In addition to this, the refurbishment will also benefit the students of Homefield College by providing them with the opportunity gain independent life skills working alongside the volunteers from the Friends of Castle Gardens.

79. The project will achieve the following outcomes:

- Increased mental and physical well-being through environmental activities and the creation of a beautiful, public green space
- Increase volunteering opportunities and social activities for vulnerable people and people with disabilities
- New provision of an educational resource for local schools and clubs e.g. Brownies, Scouts etc.
- Reduced anti-social behaviour through engendering civic pride within the local community
- Increased independent life skills of students from Homefields College

80. Panel comments:

The panel recognises this is a newly formed group demonstrating good partnership working and volunteer support in order to enhance green spaces on behalf of the local community.

81. £2,550 was requested. The application scored at 24.5 therefore, the panel would like to recommend a partial award of £970

Community Food & Wellbeing Hub

82. The purpose of the organisation is to provide services, activities, advice and information to young people and their families, elderly people, people with disabilities and general public on low household income in Charnwood.

Through:

1. Education and training
2. The advancement of health or saving of lives
3. The prevention or relief of poverty

83. The application is for health and wellbeing events i.e. interactive, professionally facilitated conversations and demonstrations to improve:

1. knowledge and eating for health on a budget
2. emotional wellbeing and resilience
3. managing money
4. energy and reduce waste demonstrations

All events will address a healthy living topic in the appreciation of the impact on emotional and physical wellbeing.

84. The project will benefit young people and families, elderly people, people with disabilities experiencing social disadvantage, low-income & isolation.

85. The project will achieve the following outcomes:

- Increased understanding of health eating, nutrition, diabetes, menopause and emotional wellbeing
- Improved money management and budgeting
- Improved mental wellbeing
- Increased use of seasonal foods and reducing energy waste

86. Panel comments:

The panel feels that while this group is well known for its work at ward-level with disadvantaged communities and demonstrates good partnership working, this project is employing a new and unknown model that appears to be ambitious in its scope. However, the panel would like to support a pilot project should the group agree.

87. £5,000 was requested. The application scored at 23 therefore, the panel would like to recommend a partial award of £1,128.

Without Walls

88. The purpose of the organisation is to provide relief and pastoral care to vulnerable and needy people. There are two sides to the organisation in that it is a church charity running a community project. The church side has its own aims stated and the project is fully inclusive, and community based.

89. The application is to support singing cafes in Shepshed & Loughborough.

90. The project will benefit a broad range of people with many being elderly with various challenges from dementia, learning difficulties, others with autism, varying degrees of physical challenges. Most of the guests experience some degree of vulnerability and the carers also benefit from the service, keeping on top of their mental health, finding encouragement amongst us and making connections with others.

91. The project will achieve the following outcomes:

- Increased happiness and health, resulting in less reliance on primary care
- Increased opportunities to make new friends within the groups
- Reduced social isolation

92. Panel comments:

The panel recognises this group has developed a wide spectrum of beneficiaries beyond those with dementia they originally supported and demand continues to grow.

93. £5,000 was requested. The application scored 24 therefore, the panel would like to recommend a partial award of £1,500 towards general running costs.

The grant cannot fund the ineligible costs e.g. car leasing, funeral cards and flowers and the high refreshments costs could be reasonably expected to be covered by donations from beneficiaries.

Modern Painters New Decorators

94. The purpose of the organisation is to promote the arts for the benefit of our publics; (a) fostering a creative community locally and regionally, (b) creating opportunities for creative learning and collaborative ideas generation (c) co-producing high-quality free programmes of exhibitions, events and workshops in Loughborough and online, (d) playing a role in the civic makeup of the local community, alongside other creative and public services.

95. The application is for creative projects for disadvantaged people in Loughborough.

96. The project will benefit young people and young asylum-seekers, expanding local access to high-quality creative activities. This project aims to work with vulnerable young people belonging to disadvantaged communities under-represented amongst visual art audiences and experiencing social participation barriers who would not ordinarily access arts or cultural provision outside formal education.

97. The project will achieve the following outcomes:

- Improving young people's expression through different art-making. Improved visibility of their stories, validating their experiences and promoting their well-being. Improving initiative by developing their creative abilities and communication skills.
- Reducing the risk of social isolation of young people by using art spaces to connect them with peers, art professionals and volunteers to create positive role models. Enabling discussion and creative collaboration on wider issues that concern them.
- Increasing young people's self-confidence by developing their self-esteem by encouraging them to lead group decisions, nurturing positive aspirations and exhibiting their creative work alongside established artists.

98. Panel comments:

The panel recognises MPND's work with disadvantages communities in Charnwood through art.

99. £3,990 was requested. The application scored 24 therefore, the panel would like to recommend a partial award of £1,500.

100. The following application was unsuccessful as it did not score high enough and is recommended for decline:

- Starlight Youth Theatre scored 22

101. The following applications were ineligible as they did not meet the grants criteria:

- Ice Age Insights did not meet our criteria for wider-community benefit.
- Leicester Childrens Holidays did not provide sufficient information.
- Rotary Club of Loughborough Beacon did not meet our criteria for financial need for a grant.
- Spectrum Sensory Sports did not provide sufficient evidence of need.

Appendices

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