

## GRANTS AUTHORISATION FORM Officer Decision Written Record (Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014)

Discretionary grant giving (1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31 March 2020) - 1<sup>st</sup> funding round ending 29 April 2019

This form provides a written record of decisions on revenue and capital grant applications. The decision was taken on 4/9/19 and 9/7/19. The authorising officer was Jonathan Geall, Head of Housing and Health, in consultation with Cllr Suzanne Rutland Barsby, the Executive Member responsible for grant giving.

These applications are recommended funding because they take forward the council's health and wellbeing outcomes and priorities for grant giving.

The following projects have been through our due diligence checks, assessed in terms of benefit and have been discussed and agreed by the Grants Panel.

### REVENUE

<u>Name of Applicant</u>	<u>Amount requested</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Ave score</u>	<u>Amount recommended</u>	<u>Reason for decision and proposed conditions</u>
<a href="#">Braughing Parish Council</a>	£3,000.00	New wellbeing initiative to address loneliness and social isolation (a priority in the neighbourhood plan) of residents in all age groups, particularly those who are less mobile and can't drive and those who are caring for relatives by delivering existing and new activities for a small fee at a familiar local venue for up to 150 people in Braughing	12.67	£3,000.00	Fully fund as new ambitious programme tackling isolation and loneliness - engagement with meaningful activity can significantly influence health outcomes and matches parish council grant. Beneficiaries must be residents who are considered vulnerable (e.g. living with a long term condition) and a nominal fee must be charged for all activities. This to increase after 12 months. First class attended is free to participants. List of deliverables, publicity material and programme of outreach to be submitted prior to grant being paid out. Monitoring of attendance required and a plan detailing how the new activities will be sustained after the funding period has ended.

<a href="#">CVS for Broxbourne and East Herts</a>	£3,000.00	Wise About Food, Family Cooking project in Ware Trinity to bring families (up to 200 people in total) together to learn to cook low cost, healthy and nutritious meals. 2 workshops for teachers at Larkspur Academy (formerly Towers Rd School) and again for teachers at childrens centre.	12.67	£3,000.00	Fully fund as galvanising new activities in area of deprivation (capacity building) and enables healthier lifestyles. List of deliverables, publicity material and programme of outreach to be submitted prior to grant being paid out. Monitoring of attendance required and links/referrals to Ware Arts Centre
<a href="#">Diabetes UK</a>	£3,000.00	Six 1-day "Know your risk" health awareness events for up to 600 adults living in disadvantaged areas in East Herts	12.33	£1,500.00	Part fund as project is a new idea and concept needs to be tested. Project is about prevention of illness. It is recommended to fund 3 dates - in Havers, Sele and a rural area of disadvantage. List of deliverables, publicity material and programme of outreach, including links to local diabetes nurses, GP surgeries and local community groups to be submitted prior to grant being paid out.
<a href="#">Keech Hospice Care</a>	£3,000	Expansion of childrens hospice specialist team in East Herts called BraveHerts, increasing support to children and families by enabling second Community Nurse Specialist to be employed. 20 families in Hertford Castle would benefit plus others across district	11.33	£3,000.00	Fully fund as enhanced service in an area of disadvantage and will support children living with a long term health condition, subject to information on where services will be offered.

<a href="#">Herts Vision Loss</a>	£1,940.00	Monthly social clubs and events, facilitated by a qualified vision loss advisor and supported by a counsellor, in Hertford or Ware for up to 20 people to learn new skills such as cooking with confidence and to take part in fun social activities for example blind football and to have one to one counselling, should this be required (40 weeks of year).	11.33	£1,940.00	Fully fund as new activity enables access to healthy lifestyles for residents with a long term condition, subject to agreement that they must charge a nominal fee for all activities, advising participants that this will increase after 12 months, offer first class free. List of deliverables, publicity material and programme of outreach to be submitted prior to grant being paid out. Activities must be offered in area of disadvantage.
<a href="#">The Golf Trust</a>	£3,000.00	10 Adapted golf sessions in local care homes located in areas of disadvantage. During the weekly sessions we will introduce an element of sporting and local reminiscence to take up to 120 participants back to their youth.	11.33	£1,500.00	Part fund 5 sessions as it is a new idea and concept needs to be tested. Project will provide vulnerable people easy access to physical activity in areas of disadvantage. Grant subject to receipt of letters of interest from care home. Must also consider areas on Age UK Loneliness Heat Map or residential homes with limited activities on offer
<a href="#">Future Living Hertford</a>	£2,955.00	Disconnect to Connect - A digital detox camp/art therapy for up to 80 young people aged 12 - 16 years of age to address the impact of social media, screen time and smart devices on mental health and wellbeing of children in Hertford. The programme will include experts from various fields of art therapy, mental health, tuition and arts and crafts to make children more social in real time and not digital time. Delivered during school holidays over 12 months	11.00	£2,955.00	Fully fund as new activity enables healthy lifestyles - engagement with meaningful activity can significantly influence health outcomes - and widens access to culture for children who are inactive. Project must target children of Future Living clients and/or those on low income or in areas of disadvantage and link with Families First.

<a href="#">Cruse Bereavement Care Hertfordshire</a>	£1,052.00	Monthly therapeutic talking and walking group for up to 25 bereaved individuals in East Herts, led by individuals trained in group talking therapy.	10.67	£1,052.00	Fully fund as new activity enables bereaved individuals easy access to physical activity with peers in the natural environment and this may prevent onset of mental health problems List of deliverables, publicity material, dates/starting points of walks and information on how walks will be sustained to be submitted prior to grant being paid out.
Much Hadham Sunday Lunch Club (Bishop's Stortford Community Initiative serving as banker)	£1,080.00	<u>Linked capital and revenue project.</u> Develop new health & wellbeing clubs to get older people together and tackle isolation and loneliness (£1080) and expand lunch club. Improvements to storage and serving space (£1,000) so pavillion kitchen is a safer, more efficient environment. Up to 50-60 people in 70s and 90s.	10.67	£818.00	Part fund as budget considered to be inflated. Project tackles isolation/loneliness - engagement with meaningful activity can significantly influence health outcomes. Must charge a nominal fee or ask for a donation for all activities and refreshments, advising that this will increase after 12 months, offer first class free. List of deliverables, publicity material and programme of outreach., plus information on sustainability to be submitted prior to grant being paid out.
<a href="#">Home-Start Royston &amp; South Cambridgeshire   Family Support Charity</a>	£3,000.00	Weekly Buntingford Family Group offering planned activities for up to 14 socially isolated & excluded families (with child under age 9 and below) to meet peers, improve self-esteem and wellbeing (56 children and adults in total)	10.33	£707.00	Part fund as project is for existing clients only, there is no mention of expanding membership and budget considered to be inflated. Project supports vulnerable families and enables healthy lifestyles. Require them to create publicity campaign to recruit new families.

<a href="#">Retune - Connecting Creativity With Wellbeing</a>	£1,800.00	Well-known guests will discuss the link between their creative art and mental wellbeing in podcasts we host for 280,000 young people in East Hertfordshire. Each podcast costs £300	10.33	£600.00	Part fund 2 podcasts as it is a new idea and concept needs to be tested. Project has potential to prevent mental health problems among young people. List of deliverables, publicity material and dates, plus information on sustainability to be submitted prior to grant being paid out.
<a href="#">5th Ware (Christ Church) Scout Group</a>	£510	<u>Linked capital and revenue project.</u> Training of 2 leaders to be archery instructors (£510) and purchase of archery equipment (£667) to enable delivery for scouts and at community events in Ware	10.33	£255.00	Part fund training of 1 leader on the condition that the applicant holds a recruitment drive, offering an archery taster session. Project enables healthier lifestyles and opportunity to learn a new skill to members of scout group and wider community. A fee must be charged when delivering to other organisations and at community events to enable sustainability.
<a href="#">Groundwork   East</a>	£2,000.00	Free informal outdoor wild play sessions for between 45 and 70 parents and their children aged 0-12, exploring Castle Park in Bishop's Stortford through games and activities.	10.00	£560.00	Part fund delivery costs only as project is for general population and budget considered to be inflated. Project enables access to healthy lifestyles for children.
<a href="#">Carers In Herts</a>	£1,950.00	8 week Mindfulness course for up to 16 unpaid family/friend carers in Bishop's Stortford. This will reduce stress and anxiety, and help carers to carry on caring	9.67	£893.00	Part fund as project is for existing clients only and there is no mention of reaching out to others. Project enables access to a healthy lifestyle, especially mental health promotion, for vulnerable residents.

<a href="#">Buntingford Scout Group</a>	£3,000.00	6 week summer holiday activity for 150 to 200 children in Buntingford at Layston 1st School, encouraging them to take part in new activities	8.67	£720.00	Part fund as project is for general population, budget considered to be inflated and activity would happen without council support. Project enables access to healthy lifestyles. Subject to confirmation that scout insurance will cover non members and that applicant engages with the Buntingford Family Group.
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## APPENDIX 2: TABLE OF ELIGIBLE BUT NOT SUPPORTED APPLICATIONS

This application achieved the 50% threshold and was considered for a grant but was not successful.

<a href="#">Northfield Freeholders Association</a>	£150.00	Street party over the summer to include up to 30 residents of Northfield and Green Lane (Braughing) only	8.67	Not supported. Achieved 50% but showed less evidence of impact on health and wellbeing priorities and prevention of ill health. Due to unprecedented demand, it is not a priority. Event is not open to all residents in the community and duplicates actions being taken by Braughing Parish Council.
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## APPENDIX 3: TABLE OF INELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS

These applications did not achieve the 50% threshold.

<a href="#">Stansted Abbots &amp; District Evergreen Club</a>	£885.00	Two social outings for up to 33 members, hire of coach	Not a priority as the activity would happen without council's financial support and benefits existing members only. No evidence of outcomes toward health and wellbeing priorities and not open to all the community. Recommend they reapply with a proposal to increase membership and revitalise club.
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<a href="#">Buntingford Tennis Club</a>	£500.00	Increase participation in tennis within Buntingford by offering a half price membership for up to 20 new people (£35).	Not a priority. Panel agreed group had been funded before for similar project and increase in membership not sustained. Recommend they are welcome to reapply with new proposal.
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## **CAPITAL**

### **TABLE 1: ELIGIBLE AND SUPPORTED APPLICATIONS**

The following projects have been through our due diligence checks, assessed in terms of benefit and have been discussed and approved by the Grants Panel. See recommendations for funding below and proposed conditions.

<b>Name of Applicant</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>AVE SCORE</b>	<b>Amount Recommended</b>	<b>Proposed conditions of funding</b>
<a href="#">Datchworth Parish Council</a>	£8,000.00	Improvements to outdoor play and exercise equipment in Datchworth, starting with Phase 1 Turkey Farm Recreation and leading to children being physically active. Up to 210 could benefit.	13.33	£4,000.00	Part fund as project is not targeted. It enables healthy lifestyles and improves infrastructure, ensuring assets are there to support children.
<a href="#">St Margaretsbury Recreation Ground</a>	£7,159.60	Improvements to power supply to enable new floodlighting for football, tennis and cricket facilities to maximise availability of these to the community. Up to 300 people to benefit	13.00	£3,580.00	Part fund as project is not targeted. It enables healthy lifestyles and improves infrastructure, ensuring popular asset is fit for purpose. Subject to applicant reaching out to residents from the Folly estate.

<a href="#">Watton at Stone Scout and Guide Group</a>	£6,800.00	Creation of a new external equipment store which will result in a safer larger area in scout hut for activities. A solution to increased demand and waiting lists. Up to 110 children to benefit.	12.00	£6,800.00	Fully fund as enables more healthy lifestyles opportunities among children (engagement with meaningful activity can significantly influence health outcomes) and improves infrastructure ensuring popular asset is fit for purpose. Grant will clearly enable applicant to increase membership and meet evidenced demand.
<a href="#">The Welbeloved Club   A monthly Sunday lunch club for people aged 65+ who are feeling lonely or socially isolated.</a>	£1,800.00	New transportable cooking facilities in order to expand monthly social lunches and support more isolated older people in Sawbridgeworth and potentially other locations. Up to 100 benefit per month and with grant would increase to 150 per month	12.00	£1,800.00	Fully fund as project addresses social isolation and loneliness among older people and provides the necessary equipment to enable and expand this popular service into rural areas of identified need, building community cohesion. Subject to agreement to deliver in an identified area of rural need.
<a href="#">Bishop's Stortford Canoe Club</a>	£4,390.00	A new year round programme of structured group courses on flatwater kayaking for up to 80 beginners (adults and teenagers) by purchasing novice kayaks, paddles and buoyancy aids to increase participation.	11.67	£4,390.00	Fully fund as project enables healthy lifestyles and will widen access to sport for adults and young people who are vulnerable or inactive. As a Paddle-Ability Top Club, the applicant will also target adults with disabilities. Part match funds £9640 grant from Sport England.
<a href="#">Ware Arts Centre (Southern Maltings)</a>	£7,745	Expanded kitchen in order to run a community café and training young people with learning difficulties. This	11.67	£7,745.00	Fully fund as providing activities for residents in areas of deprivation and



		will enable Southern Maltings to become a multi purpose sustainable community hub with income generation potential. Focus on working with people from Ware Trinity. Up to 500 to benefit.			will enable healthy lifestyles among people with long term conditions. It provides the right infrastructure to galvanise activities and help venue become a community hub and support social prescribing
<a href="#">Herts Vision Loss</a>	£660.00	A talking piece of software to support IT related activities and to allow the groups to access the internet/you tube etc in an accessible way.	11.33	£495.00	Part fund equipment only, not consumables. New equipment will ensure charity has the right infrastructure/tools to support their clients and build social connectedness
<a href="#">Much Hadham Bowling Club</a>	£6,700.00	Renew the surrounds of outdoor green, ensuring a stable playing area for use by all regardless of age or physical mental ability. The ditches of the green are breaking down and pose a health and safety issue to the club. If the work is not undertaken the bowling green will be unsafe to use and thereby causing the club to close .	10.67	£3,350.00	Part fund as less impact on health and wellbeing outcomes has been demonstrated. Project enables healthy lifestyles among older adults and improves infrastructure, ensuring sports facility is there to support residents and not cause harm. Subject to applicant setting up a regular Carers on the Green or Young Carers Go Bowl project. Check if they can claim back VAT
<b>Much Hadham Sunday Lunch Club (Bishop's Stortford Community Initiative serving as banker)</b>	£1,000.00	<u>Linked Capital and Revenue project.</u> Improvements to storage and serving space (£1,000) so pavillion kitchen is a safer, more efficient environment. Extend the monthly lunch service and develop other health & wellbeing clubs to get older people together and tackle isolation and loneliness. Up to 50-60 people in 70s	10.67	£500.00	Part fund as the benefit of an improved serving hatch on health and wellbeing outcomes has not been fully explained. Wider project tackles isolation/loneliness - engagement with meaningful activity

		and 90s.			can significantly influence health outcomes. Must charge a nominal fee for all activities, advising that this will increase after 12 months, offer first class free. List of deliverables, publicity material and programme of outreach, plus information on sustainability to be submitted prior to grant being paid out. Subject to approval of parish council for work going ahead
<a href="#">5th Ware (Christ Church) Scout Group</a>	£667.00	<u>Linked capital and revenue project.</u> Purchase of archery equipment (£667) and training of 2 leaders to be archery instructors (£510) and to enable delivery for scouts and at community events in Ware	10.33	£334.00	Part fund on the condition that they charge a fee to deliver archery at community events (ensuring sustainability) and hold a recruitment drive, offering an archery taster session. Project enables healthier lifestyles and opportunity to learn a new skill to members of scout group and wider community.
<a href="#">Celtic Harmony   The Award Winning Education Charity</a>	£3,512.79	Install wooden flooring in 4 round houses to widen audience participation and develop visitor experience of quality cultural heritage provision in the field of prehistory. Up to 1,500 to benefit	9.67	£878.00	Part fund as many of the beneficiaries are outside the district; it is not targeted and value of project in terms of improving health and wellbeing is less clear. Project will support healthy lifestyles to a degree and enable easier access.

<a href="#">Stocking Pelham Cricket Club</a>	£1,000.00	Replacment of worn out floor covering in order to keep up standards and maintain safety of people using the clubhouse, which also serves as a community centre. Up to 160 residents of village to benefit	9.67	£500.00	Part fund as value of project in terms of improving health and wellbeing is not clearly demonstrated and it is not targeted. Project will enable healthy lifestyles and ability to safely take part in activities close to home
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**TABLE 2: ELIGIBLE BUT NOT SUPPORTED APPLICATION**

This application achieved 50% scoring threshold and was eligible to be considered for a grant.

<a href="#">Hockerill Sports and Social Club</a>	£7,800.00	Improvements to outdoor green space by laying a patio area outside clubhouse, resulting in a more welcoming facility, enhanced social element and increased hires	8.67	Not supported. Scored 50% but due to unprecedented demand is not a priority on this occasion . Does not deliver the council's health and wellbeing outcomes in any significant way.
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**TABLE 3: INELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS**

These applications did not achieve the 50% scoring threshold.

<a href="#">First Much Hadham Scouts</a>	£4,000.00	Replacement of windows, cladding and reinsulate, plus new fire doors to ensure a functional building to hold activities for up to 70 children aged 6 to 14.	Not a priority, does not deliver council's health and wellbeing outcomes in any significant way
<a href="#">Hall on the Green</a>	£8,000.00	Improvements to village hall car park to enable more cars to be parked and facilitate outdoor activities including basketball, netball and table tennis (18 children)	Not a priority, does not deliver council's health and wellbeing outcomes in any significant way