

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

Discretionary grant giving (1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 to 31 March 2018) - 1st funding round, ending 2 October 2017

This form provides a written record of decisions to fund grant applications. The decision on revenue applications was taken on 8 November 2017 and the decision on capital applications was taken on 28 November 2017. The authorising officer was Jonathan Geall, Head of Housing and Health, in consultation with Cllr Eric Buckmaster, the Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing.

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

Details of alternative options are included in Tables 2, 3 and 5.

No conflicts of interest have been recorded.

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

|                             | Amount Requested | Description   | Average out of 14 | Amount Recommended | Proposed Conditions of funding  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---|-------------------|--------------------|---|
| EH Citizens Advice Service  | £2,875.00        | Employment of CAB Advisor in Ware Trinity for 1/2 day/week for 6 months   | 13.33             | £2,875.00          | Fully fund. No extra conditions   |
| Mental Wellbeing in Schools | £2,400.00        | Employ 2 mental health practitioners to run sessions at Herts & Essex High School for pupils with challenging circumstances | 10.67             | £2,400.00          | Fully fund, subject to satisfactory evidence of professional affiliations and addition of 3rd member on trustee board |

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| Mencap Bishop's Stortford         | £3,000.00 | Fund Saturday Club for children w learning difficulties (Jan to Mar 2018)               | 10.33 | £3,000.00 | Fully fund. No extra conditions  |
| Hertford Town Council             | £950.00   | Delivery of Hertford Support Day showcasing 15 support groups on Maidenhead St on 2 Dec | 9.67  | £950.00   | Fully fund. No extra conditions  |
| Herts Boat Rescue                 | £350.00   | Purchase 2 rescue ladders   | 9.67  | £350.00   | Fully fund as East Herts is at high risk of flooding; potentially could involve many vulnerable residents. Condition is that they arrange a photo opportunity                                |
| Buntingford Cougars Football Club | £1,956.00 | Hire indoor football facilities and equipment for winter training                       | 8.67  | £0.00     | Scores low but funding available so propose fully funding, subject to them meeting further conditions relating to widening beneficiaries. Applicant withdrew request for a grant on 6/12/17. |
| Total recommended awarded         |           |   |       | £9,575.00 |  |

**TABLE 2: ELIGIBLE BUT NOT SUPPORTED REVENUE APPLICATIONS**

These applications scored at or below the 50% scoring threshold.

|                                     | Amount Requested | Description and decision   |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|--|
| Stanstead Abbotts Ceilidh Society   | £3,000.00        | Application to provide music events and purchase equipment. Scored 50% or less. Link to health and wellbeing outcomes not as strong as others. |
| Bishop's Stortford Life Saving Club | £600.00          | Pay for lifesaving classes at Grange Paddocks. Scored 50% or less. Did not provide as much supporting detail as others.                        |
| Sawbridgeworth Memorial Hall        | £1,500.00        | To run three cultural events. Scored 50% or less. Link to health and wellbeing outcomes not as strong as others.                               |

**TABLE 3: INELIGIBLE REVENUE APPLICATIONS**

|                              | Amount Requested | Description and decision   |
|------------------------------|------------------|--|
| St Margaretsbury Tennis Club | £1,800           | To prune trees next to tennis courts. Stand alone grounds maintenance works are not eligible, does not take forward health and wellbeing outcomes. |
| Courtyard Arts               | £939.00          | To support Big Draw Day on 21/10/17. Not eligible as event will happen before decision will be made on application.                                |

**TABLE 4: ELIGIBLE AND SUPPORTED CAPITAL APPLICATIONS**

|                                      | <b>Amount Requested</b> | <b>Description</b>  | <b>Average out of 14</b> | <b>Amount Recommended</b> | <b>Proposed conditions of funding or reasons for not supporting</b> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Leaside Community Centre             | £8,000.00               | To increase usage and create a more useful suitable community space by Installing new flooring and partition in side room, enabling 1 to 1 counselling (part of larger improvement project) | 11.33                    | £8,000.00                 | Fully fund. No extra conditions                                     |
| Sawbridgeworth Congregational Church | £1,300.00               | Cater for increased demand of "Make Lunch" initiative (free hot meals to low income families over holidays) by purchasing larger cooker   | 11.00                    | £1,300.00                 | Fully fund. No extra conditions                                     |
| Tewin Parish Council                 | £8,000.00               | To enable increased use of sports pavillion by enlarging hall/meeting room  | 10.33                    | £8,000.00                 | Fully fund. No extra conditions                                     |
| Watton at Stone Cricket Club         | £8,000.00               | To enable more participation in cricket (incl new ladies team) by installing all-weather practice nets to be used by club members and community on ad hoc basis                             | 10.00                    | £8,000.00                 | Fully fund. No extra conditions                                     |

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| Buntingford Scouts             | £8,000.00  | To enable more children to take part in scouting activities by creating a flexible outdoor space that can become an indoor space with drop down canopy sides | 9.00 | £8,000.00  | Fully fund. No extra conditions   |
| Bishops Stortford Cricket Club | £4,000.00  | To increase and retain members by improving changing pavilion, upgrading to modern standards and ensuring high quality facility                              | 8.67 | £4,000.00  | Low scoring. Fully fund subject to them providing an activity next year for Herts Year of Physical Activity   |
| Future Living                  | £4,354.80  | Creation of a new community garden to create a safe space for clients and members of the public, in front of Vale House and next to Courtyard Arts           | 8.33 | £4,354.80  | Low scoring. Fully fund subject to confirmation of budget (done) and that they deliver an activity in the garden for Herts Year of Physical Activity. |
| Stanstead Abbots Parish Hall   | £7,306     | To ensure hall remains in a safe and usable condition by installing energy efficient electrical wiring and emergency lighting in hall and small meeting room | 7.00 | £2,423.70  | Low scoring so part fund pending agreement of conditions.   |
| Total                          | £75,954.80 |  |      | £44,078.50 |   |

**TABLE 5: ELIGIBLE BUT NOT SUPPORTED CAPITAL APPLICATIONS**

These applications scored at or below the 50% scoring threshold.

|                               | <b>Amount Requested</b> | <b>Description<br/>Proposed conditions of funding or reasons for not supporting</b>  |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Celtic Harmony                | £3,650.50               | Application to install heating and electricity to round houses. Scored 50% or less so below scoring threshold. Link to health and wellbeing outcomes weak; does not appear to cover East Herts areas of disadvantage.  |
| Aston Parish Council          | £2,170.00               | Application to install roundabout in play area. Scored 50% or less so not eligible for funding. Isolated piece of equipment, not development of wider play space. Insufficient evidence of need. Did not provide as much supporting detail as others.  |
| CVS Broxbourne and East Herts | £6,898.00               | Application to purchase storage shed and tables/chairs. Link to health and wellbeing outcomes weak; insufficient evidence of need financial or otherwise. Did not provide as much supporting details as others.  |
| Ware Samaritans               | £7,000.00               | Application to install stair lift. Scored less than 50% so not eligible for funding. Business case on how installation of lift would achieve health and wellbeing outcomes weak. No evidence of need financial or otherwise. Did not provide as much supporting details as others.           |
| Hertford Shires Rotary Club   | £1,500.00               | Application to upgrade children's play area at Ware Lido. Scored less than 50% so not eligible for funding. Council does not fund projects where items are purchased on behalf of another  |
| Anstey Parish Council         | £3,875.00               | Application to install roundabout in play area. Scored 50% or less so not eligible for funding. Business case to support project weak. Isolated piece of equipment, not development of wider play space. No evidence of financial need. Did not provide as much supporting detail as others. |
| Much Hadham Village Hall      | £1,900.50               | Application to replace tiled floor in hall extension and purchase LED lights. Scored 50% or less so not eligible for funding. Project would not achieve health and wellbeing outcomes; no consultation done on proposed project. Did not provide as much supporting details as others        |