

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

Discretionary grant giving (1st April 2018 to 31 March 2019) - 2nd funding round ending 15th Oct 2018

This form provides a written record of decisions to fund grant applications. The decision on WW1 and general revenue applications was taken on 29, 30 October 2018 and 7, 11 December and the decision on capital applications was taken on 7, 12 December 2018. 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.

One conflict of interest has been recorded.

Name of applicant	Amount Requested	Description	Average out of 15	Amount Recommended	Any Conditions of funding
Hertford Heath Village Hall Management Committee	£1,000.00	Delivery of weekly low-cost tai chi classes for up to 40 people over age of 50 at the village hall for 1 year. Grant will be spent on hiring instructor and subsidising cost to participants	11.00	£1,000	None
Children's Integrated Playschemes (CHIPS)-	£2,885.00	Delivery of extra sports and physical activity sessions for 160 children with additional needs at Sele Family Centre and Kingshill Infants School between April and October 2019. Grant to pay for instructor fees and entrance to cultural venue	11.00	£2,885	None

Herts Musical Memories	£2,950.00	Delivery of weekly singing groups for up to 82 people with dementia and their carers in Sele Farm Community Centre and Bishop's Stortford Baptist Church for 1 year with the aim of increasing participation and developing the service with partners. Grant to cover hire costs, marketing, publicity, admin/insurance and some project management. Grant would help keep fee low and ensure that no one is excluded because of their financial situation.	10.67	£2,950.00	None
Pro-Action Herts	£2,980.00	Delivery of a Youth Engagement Volunteer Programme - sports activities and accredited workshops to upskill 30 marginalised young people (aged 11 to 19) from the Ware Trinity estate at the Christ Church Hall in Ware and King George Playing fields between April and June 2019 to help tackle mental health and isolation and help them volunteer in their community.	10.33	£2,980	Ensure link with East Herts Community Safety Partnership and Anti Social Behaviour Officer. Monitor whether project reduces anti social behaviour figures.
Learners Community Library	£1,000.00	To start up a new monthly Access to Musical Intervention session and equipment loan service for up to 300 people with dementia, mild cognitive impairment and carers with the aim of becoming a Playlist for life Help Point at Herts and Essex Hospital in Bishop's Stortford (of which there is only 6 in England), addressing loneliness and isolation through a GP/community connector campaign. Revenue grant to be spent on admin support and publicity. Capital grant for equipment also applied for.	10.00	£1,000	None
Aspects School Partnership	£3,000.00	To provide additional early intervention counselling for 75+ pupils and parents (from partner schools in Bishop's Stortford) displaying signs of poor mental health, ensuring they receive support to prevent escalation.	10.00	£3,000	None

Para Dance UK Para Dance Sport and Inclusive Dance	£3,000.00	To train new dance instructors who will then set up 4 inclusive dance groups for 28 children (5-18) with special educational needs in the East Herts area between January and April 2019	9.67	£3,000	Individuals recruited must be from East Herts.
Ace Hounds Friendship Dogs – Recovery Dogs For Mental Health	£3,000.00	To expand a Visiting Dogs (animal assisted activity) Programme in Bishop's Stortford for up to 50 isolated, older people per year. Grant to pay for start up costs associated with staff to develop project, insurance, training and recruitment of volunteers	9.33	£3,000	Evaluation of impact on health and wellbeing to be conducted after each session.
Bishop's Stortford Parkinsons Support Group	£1,000.00	Delivery of a 6 month programme of activities (Boxing for Fitness, singing, healthy nutrition) for 20 club members living with Parkinsons and other neurological conditions and their carers at the Baptist Church in Bishop's Stortford. Grant to be spent on speakers, instructors, refreshments and hire of hall for 10 monthly meetings.	9.00	£1,000.00	Remind them that funding is not guaranteed each year and that it is important to consider other funding sources and how to be sustainable
9th Ware Brownies	£390.00	A year's rental of garage where play and activity equipment is stored for up to 32 brownies who meet at Great Amwell Scout Hut. Grant will ensure that subscriptions do not increase.	8.33	£390	None
Tidy Up Bishop's Stortford	£160.00	Organise 6 litter picking events in 2019, building civic pride and involving up to 300 people in Bishop's Stortford. Revenue grant to be spent on website costs, advertising and operational costs. Capital grant for equipment also applied for.	8.00	£160	Participant satisfaction survey and impact on health and wellbeing to be conducted after each event

Bishops Stortford Climate Group	£500.00	Organise 3 events next year to galvanise up to 250 people into taking action on climate change and redesign websites within 12 months of grant being awarded. Grant will enable group to function more effectively.	7.67	£235.00	Part fund. Evidence of a bank account in the organisation's name is required before grant paid.
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APPENDIX 2: TABLE OF ELIGIBLE BUT NOT SUPPORTED APPLICATIONS

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

Coram Life Education (Essex and EH Branch)	£3,000.00	Training a new part time educator in order to expand life education into schools in Bishop's Stortford and nearby villages.	There is health and wellbeing benefits but the grants panel considered that delivery of this programme - which clearly contributes to the curriculum and schools' Ofsted results - is the responsibility of individual schools and it would be unfair for the council to financially support these schools when others are paying for it themselves. The panel cited the grants policy which states that the council does not pay for services the state is obligated to provide. The panel was also uncomfortable awarding a grant since life education will become a mandatory part of the curriculum in 2020. Not a priority for the council.
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Hertford Heath Senior Citizen Club	£200.00	Christmas lunch for 20 members at a local pub Grant to be spent subsidising extra spaces, Christmas crackers and a chocolate treat.	No evidence of outcomes toward health and wellbeing priorities and not open to all the community. Not a priority for the council.
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Name of Applicant	Amount Requested	Description	Average out of 15	Amount Recommended	Proposed conditions of funding or reasons for not supporting
Christ Church Ware	£8,000.00	Part of a large redevelopment project, the new kitchen is part of improvements to the west end of the church to include building several new rooms, enlarging the doorway and providing facilities such as quiet places, meeting rooms. The new kitchen will be available to all hirers - but especially those that are providing services to people who are struggling with debt and single parents. A recent analysis counted 24 existing activities that impacted on health and wellbeing. Estimated 500 people per week to benefit.	12.3	£8,000.00	After improvements, evaluate the impact on health and wellbeing

Bramfield Village Hall Management Committee	£6,000	Reconfigure the bar area into a smaller room to create a multi purpose space generating more income and increasing usage. The room would be used independently of main hall for coffee mornings, Neighbourhood Watch, book discussion club and talks on wellbeing such as dementia friends, slimming plus private appointments for a visiting chiropodist or hairdresser. Up to 200 people would benefit.	12	£6,000.00	After improvements, evaluate the impact on health and wellbeing and how many new groups are set up
Sawbridgeworth Young People's Recreation Committee	£8,000.00	Replacement of 20-year-old damaged floor in main hall, staircase and mezzanine in order to continue Sawbridgeworth Youth Project and pre-school nursery among others in a safe environment free from potential trip hazards and attract new hirers. Up to 200 beneficiaries aged 4 to 17 per week	12	£8,000.00	Report on the number of new hirers that book as a result of improvements
Learners Community Library	£6,297.07	To start up a new equipment loan service and monthly Access to Musical Intervention session for up to 300 people with dementia, mild cognitive impairment and carers with the aim of becoming a Playlist for life Help Point (of which there is only 6 in England) at Herts and Essex Hospital in Bishop's Stortford, addressing loneliness and isolation through a GP/community connector campaign. Capital grant to be spent on purchasing specialised dementia education resources. A revenue grant for operational costs has also been requested.	10	£3,210.00	None
Ardeley Parish Council	£600	A Parish Book Swop box/service in the village of Ardeley for up to 50 people, starting January 2019. Aim is to encourage social connections.	9	£600.00	Evaluate the impact on health and wellbeing after a year

Active in the Community CIC	£5,575.00	Phase 2 of Hertford Cycle Hub in Hartham, installation of additional cycle racks, bike pump and rack, bike tool kit, public tool box and noticeboard to increase users of cycle paths and providing accessible resources at a central location for led rides and socialising. 1,100 potential beneficiaries	8.6	£5,575.00	Link in with local cycle clubs
Much Hadham Tennis Club	£5,500.00	To provide a club house to house a toilet and small kitchen and storage facilities on the village recreation ground. This will enhance member experience and support the club's offer of 10 free taster sessions during the season and sessions for children during Summer Busy Week. It is proposed that members will build the clubhouse themselves during Easter 2019, creating a sense of ownership	8.3	£5,500.00	After self build event, evaluate participant satisfaction and the impact on health and wellbeing. Record whether membership has increased after a year
Bishops's Stortford Men's Shed	£1,244.41	To provide an environment for men who are lonely, bereaved, depressed or otherwise in need of male company, where they can share skills; learn new ones: help each other and the community, by making items which can be used for aids to disabled people or to be sold for a small profit to cover costs. This grant will cover start up costs in the form of a generator and power tools for operation.	8	£1,244.00	None
Tidy Up Bishop's Stortford	£490.00	Organise 6 litter picking events in 2019, building civic pride and involving up to 300 people in Bishop's Stortford. Grant to be spent on 20 litter pickers, shovels, brooms and gloves. Revenue grant also requested.	8	£490.00	Participant satisfaction survey and impact on health and wellbeing to be conducted preferably after each event

309 (Sawbridgeworth) Squadron Air Cadets	£8,000	To replace the majority of the Cadets band equipment, enabling the squadon to continue to develop up to 30 cadets' musical ability and confidence each year and thereafter for the next 10 years and providing adolescents with a way to participate in key community events. The existing equipment is beyond economic repair and coming to the end of their working ability.	7.6	£8,000	Participant satisfaction survey and impact on health and wellbeing to be conducted a year after equipment purchased
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APPENDIX 2: TABLE OF INELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS

Buntingford Town Council	£1,000.00	To contribute to costs of stone slab or silhouettes for WW1 Anniversary event	Not eligible as purchase already been made and the council does not fund retrospectively
Perry Green and Green Tye Society	£400.00	To make a beacon for WW1 Anniversary event	Not eligible as purchase already been made and the council does not fund retrospectively