

**CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL
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COMMUNITY GRANT AWARDS 2014

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RECOMMENDATIONS

**Cabinet to agree the allocation of funding from the 2014/15
Community Grant Aid Scheme**

Relationship to Council Objectives

Objective 2 – Safe, healthy and cohesive communities

Implications

- (i) This is a key decision.*
- (ii) Within the policy and budgetary framework.*

Financial Implications

There is sufficient Community Grant funding available to meet the recommendations in this report.

Risk Implications

None

Equalities Implications

Support to the voluntary sector assists the Council in targeting disadvantaged communities.

Sustainability Implications

Support to the voluntary sector assists the Council in targeting disadvantaged communities and in building sustainable communities, through empowering community action. Projects funded through the community grants programme support community participation that impacts positively a number of key objectives including community cohesion, health and wellbeing, the local environment and community safety.

Background

- 1 Chiltern District Council's Community Grant Aid Scheme has been in operation for over ten years, supporting a diverse range of local voluntary organisations. The scheme was updated further in 2012 resulting in a simplified application process, increased member involvement and a more consistent scoring process.
- 2 The scheme supports the Council in delivering the Five Ways to Wellbeing programme. Through supporting local voluntary and community organisations to deliver a diverse and exciting range of services for local residents, older and younger people through enabling people to;
 - i. Connect with others in the community
 - ii. Be Active by participating in sports or community activities
 - iii. Take Notice of what is going on in the community
 - iv. Learn new skill or pass on their skills to others
 - v. Give through volunteering
- 3 Many of the projects directly support the Council's key corporate objectives, for example, improving health and well-being, reducing anti-social behaviour, developing volunteers, enhancing the local environment and supporting local economies.

Evaluation Process - 2014/15 Community Grant Aid Scheme

- 4 This year's scheme attracted forty five applications that collectively requested funding totalling £68,057. The cumulative value if all the applicants' schemes were delivered totals £255,478, which would be achieved by applicants accessing funding from other grant awarding bodies, running internal fundraising events and utilising reserves.
- 5 To provide a fair and consistent approach, all applications were assessed and evaluated with their overall quality categorised as Green, Amber or Red. Using this assessment approach results in the Council awarding £31,578 to thirty five different community organisations.
- 6 All application forms have been placed in the Members Room (since 24 July) along with a summary report highlighting each applicant's key strengths and weaknesses along with associated councillor comments
- 7 The total grant fund available for Chiltern's Community Grant Aid scheme is £32,000 which includes a £2,000 contribution from the Community Safety budget. The higher volume and improved quality of applications has resulted in the decision making process becoming even more challenging.
- 8 All applications were arranged into three distinct categories. Those attaining the **Green** standard strongly support a broad cross section of

the Council's key objectives, have strong councillor support and have successfully secured additional external funding. It is proposed that applicants achieving Green status receive 60% of their requested grant apart from those requesting £500 or less who will receive 100% funding. Applicants achieving **Amber** status partially support the Council's objectives, have councillor support and contribute funding towards their project receive up to 45% of their grant request. Applicants classified as **Red** status do not strongly support the Council's objectives, have limited or no match funding, have limited/no councillor support and/or can secure funding from an alternative source receive no funding.

- 9 Details of how the applying organisations are categorised is detailed in Tables 1, 2 and 3.

Table 1 - Applications Awarded Green Status

Organisation	Project	Requested Funding	Funding Recommended	No of Beneficiaries
Alzheimer's Society South Bucks Office	Dementia Café - Chiltern wide Support/Social Group	£1,500	£900	30
Amersham Museum	WW1 commemorative community walks	£856	£514	1000
Bucks Army Cadet League	Purchase 10 tents to support outdoor pursuits for local young people	£1,047	£628	50
Chalfont St Peter Chamber of Commerce	Purchase decorations and equipment to hold on-going community events in CSP High Street.	£2,000	£1,200	1000s
Chalfont St Peter Youth Centre	Diversionsary Activities including WW1 Commemorative events, volunteer development & film project	£2,000	£1,200	400

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Chartridge Residents Association	Develop a new group to run a range of community activities, including coffee mornings, quiz nights and village fair	£930	£558	1624
Chenies & Chalfont District Guides	Community 'Star Quest' event to celebrate 100 th anniversary of the Brownies	£1,000	£600	150+
Chesham in Bloom	New tree seat in Chesham High Street	£2,000	£1,200	1000s
Chesham Youth Club	Away adventure trip to Caldicott outdoor activity centre for local young people	£1,155	£693	12
Chesham Over 50" Positive Action Group	Intergenerational trip to Lichfield War Museum involving pupils from local schools	£2,000	£1,200	60
Chesham Town Council	A series of Community events in partnership with the British Legion to Commemorate WW1.	£651	£500 (award minimum grant)	1000s
Chiltern Moving Arts	A range of Indian dance work-shops and film competition	£2,000	£1,200	150

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Chiltern Youth Action	Appoint a co-ordinator to oversee the placement of young people to support and befriend older vulnerable residents.	£2,000	£1,200	25
Chiltern Youth Projects	Deliver outreach summer diversionary programme, involving outreach youth workers	£2,000	£1,200	100+
Friends of Chesham Cemetery	Refurbish the Hearse House and develop a permanent exhibition to commemorate WW1	£2,000	£1,200	100
Holmer Green Youth Club	Replace old damaged furniture	£1,680	£1,008	250
Little Chalfont Community Association	A grant of £2,000 is sought to help purchase four new benches in the new Community Park	£2,000	£1,200	000 's'
Little Chalfont Good Companions Club	Social Activities for Vulnerable Older Residents	£500	£500	40
Little Missenden Festival	Community Festival	£1,000	£600	1500
Movers and Shakers Chesham	Heritage projects that celebrates the history of the Pakistani community in Chesham	£2,000	£1,200	TBC

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Prestwood Youth & Community Action Group (PYCAG)	Train and develop volunteers and offer external trips for young people attending youth club activities	£1,748	£1,049	30
Pond Park Community Association	Deliver a range of community activities including older people's social group, youth club activities and mother and toddlers Group	£1,622	£973	2500
Relate Mid Thames & Buckinghamshire	Grant used to subsidise access by disadvantaged families to the Chiltern Wide Counselling Service.	£2,000	£1,200	30
Seer Green Lunch Club	Purchase new cookers to allow monthly lunch club for older people to continue	£1,600	£960.00	50
Village Older People's Action Group (Chalfont St Peter)	Support social activities for older people from CSP and surrounding villages	£2,000	£1,200	100
Total		£41,137	£23,883	

Table 2 - Organisations Awarded Amber Status

Organisation	Project	Requested Funding	Funding Recommended	No of Beneficiaries
Amersham Artisans Society	Coaching workshops for	£2,000	£900	50

	local artists culminating in a large exhibition in Amersham			
Buckinghamshire Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers	WW1 Commemorative Exhibition resulting in a commemorative mosaic displayed at CDC offices	£1,800	£810	00's'
Chesham 4Fairtrade	Community festival to support local businesses and encourage residents to purchase goods and services that carry the 'Fair Trade' label.	£1,000	£450	400
Chesham Cricket Club	Complete refurbishment of the club house including fire safety and sports coaching equipment	£2,000	£900	500
Great Missenden Choral Society	To special concert to commemorate WW1	£2,000	£900	400
High Wycombe Ladies	Cricket Coaching programme at Alfreton school for teenage girls with special needs	£2,000	£900	50
International Women of Chiltern	International Women's Day Event	£1,700	£765	100
Little Missenden Parish Council	In conjunction with British Legion, LMPC is planning to develop a poppy shaped wild	£1,250	£563	5000

	garden to commemorate WW1			
Misbourne Symphony Orchestra	Commemorative WW1 tea concert linking with Amersham Museum	£1,500	£675	400
Little Chalfont Community Library	External shelter area	£1,848	832	1,000
Total		£15,250	£7,695	

Table 3 - Organisations Awarded Red Status

Organisation	Project	Requested Funding	Funding Recommended	Justification
Amersham Action Group	Family Focused Christmas Fun Day to support local traders	£2,000	£0.00	Amersham Action Group already receive £2k core funding from CDC
Amersham Field Centre	Two community events, for schools and families to learn about and interact with the natural environment	£856	£0.00	No councillor support
Amersham School	Schools Handball League	£1,800	£0.00	No account details enclosed, no financial contribution and no councillor support
Bucks Play Association	To support the operation of six toy libraries across Chiltern	£2,000	£0.00	Limited evidence of need, not supported by councillors
Buckinghamshire	Encourage	£400	£0.00	Funded

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& Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils	Chiltern villages to enter the Bucks 'Best Village Competition'			through the community budget
Chesham Asian Welfare Society	Establish a new radio station to increase awareness of local services and activities/events locally.	£1,470	£0.00	Mixed councillor feedback, opportunity to link with new Chess FM station to avoid duplication.
Chesham Museum	Purchase a new donations box to help support future exhibitions and events	£800	£0.00	Funding available from Chesham Action Partnership and Chesham Town Council Community grant schemes
Chiltern Child Contact Centre	Recruitment of a new co-ordinator to support separated parents interact and stay in contact with their children	£500	£0.00	Support will be provided to enable the advert to be promoted across the local voluntary sector through existing networks.
Holmer Green Football Club	Post and railings for the club's senior football pitch	£2,000	£0.00	Does not support council priorities and no councillor support
Penn & Tylers Green Football Club	Upgrading and development of the club's football pitches	£2,000	£0.00	Does not support council priorities, no councillor support, large capital project, £2k would have limited impact
Total		£11,670	£0.00	

Conclusion

- 10 The high volume and diversity of applications demonstrates the importance of the Council's community grant aid scheme to local voluntary community groups. This increased level of demand has placed additional pressure on the Council's limited resources with £68,057 being requested from an available budget of £32,000. To reduce reliance of Chiltern District Council funding all applicants will also be invited to attend a Community Impact Bucks funding advice surgery session to help lever in more external funding.
- 11 Members are asked to agree the proposed allocation of funding as detailed in Tables, 1, 2 and 3 of this report.

Background Papers:

Appendix 1 - 2012/13 Community Grants Member Summary +Report
