

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<i>Chiltern Community Grant Awards 2018-2019</i>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<i>Councillor Elizabeth Walsh – Cabinet Member for Community, Health &amp; Housing</i>
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<b>WARD/S AFFECTED</b>	<i>All</i>

## 1. Purpose of Report

To agree funding grant awards for the Council's 2018/2019 Community Grant Aid Scheme.

### RECOMMENDATION

Cabinet to agree the allocation of funding awards from the 2018/19 Community Grant Aid Scheme as detailed in Appendix 1.

## 2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 Chiltern District Council's Community Grant Aid Scheme plays an important role in supporting a diverse range of local voluntary organisations to improve services and facilities for local residents. The grant scheme has helped build and enhance Chiltern's already strong community infrastructure as well as raise the Council's standing as a supporter of the local voluntary sector.
- 2.2 The scheme also attracts additional external funding and supports local voluntary and community organisations to deliver a diverse range of services enabling local residents to;
- 2.2.1 Connect with others in the community
  - 2.2.2 Be Active by participating in sports or community activities
  - 2.2.3 Take Notice of what is going on in the community
  - 2.2.4 Learn new skills or pass on their skills to others
  - 2.2.5 Give through volunteering

### 3. Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 Chiltern's active voluntary sector ensures that the Community Grant Aid scheme always attracts a high volume of applications. Therefore, to fairly prioritise applications only projects that directly support the Council's key corporate objectives, namely, improving community safety, promoting healthy communities, promoting cohesive communities, conserving the environment and promoting sustainability are considered for funding.

### 4. Content of Report

- 4.1 This year's scheme attracted a record number of forty five applications (Appendix 1) that collectively requested funding totalling £67,738. The cumulative value if all the applicants' schemes were delivered totalled £250,098 which would be achieved by applicants accessing funding from other grant awarding bodies, running internal fundraising events and utilising their own internal reserves.
- 4.2 To provide a fair and consistent approach, all applications were assessed and evaluated with their overall quality categorised as being Green, Amber or Red. Using this assessment approach resulted in the Council awarding £32,240 to thirty eight different community organisations.
- 4.3 All application forms were placed in the Members' Room (04.08.17) along with a summary report highlighting each applicant's key strengths and weaknesses along with associated Councillor comments.
- 4.4 The total grant fund available for Chiltern's Community Grant Aid scheme is £32,240 which includes a £2,000 contribution from the Community Safety and £240 from the Council's internal Communities budgets. The high volume and improved quality of applications has resulted in the decision making process being even more challenging.
- 4.5 All applications were arranged into three distinct categories. Those attaining the **Green** standard (Appendix 1, Table 1), strongly support four of the Council's key objectives, have support from their local ward councillor(s) and have successfully secured additional external funding. It is proposed that applicants achieving Green status receive 70% of their requested grant apart from those requesting £500 or less who will receive 100% funding. Applicants achieving **Amber** status (Appendix 1, Table 2), support three of the Council's objectives and have support from their local ward councillor(s) receive up to 50% of their grant request. Applicants classified as **Red** status (Appendix 1, Table 3) 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.

## **5. Consultation**

5.1 The community grant process involves on-going consultation with the local voluntary sector to ensure that it is fit for purpose and meets community needs. Also the Council's Services Committee feedback is involved in the evaluation process with the group's views passed onto Cabinet to formally endorse and agree.

## **6. Options**

6.1 Not to accept the report's recommendations and propose alternative options of grant awards to community groups.

6.2 Endorse the report's recommendations in accordance to the evaluation process agreed by Cabinet.

## **7. Corporate Implications**

7.1 Financial – There is sufficient funding available within the community grant, community safety and general community budgets to fund the recommendations detailed in this report. Additionally collectively the proposed range of applications lever in a significant amount of external funds into the local voluntary sector.

7.2 Environmental – A range of the community grant applications have a positive impact in helping protect the local environment.

7.3 Equalities - Support to the voluntary sector and helps assists the Council in targeting disadvantaged communities.

## **8. Links to Council Objectives**

### ***Work towards safer, healthier and cohesive local communities***

#### *Improve Community Safety*

- Work with partners to reduce crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour

#### *Promote healthier communities*

- Address the needs of the elderly and those who are vulnerable

*Promote cohesive communities*

- Support the voluntary sector and promote volunteering

***Strive to conserve the environment and promote sustainability***

## 9 Recommendation

Subject to Cabinet approval allocate community grant awards as detailed in Appendix 1.

### Appendix 1 Recommended Community Grant Aid Awards for Chiltern District Council 2018/2019

#### Table 1 – Community Grant Aid Applications Achieving Green Status

Receive 70% of requested grant. Strongly support four or more of the Council's key objectives, have support from local ward councillor(s) and have successfully secured additional external funding. Apart from those requesting £500 or less who receive 100% funding.

Organisation	Project	Requested Funding	Funding Recommended	Number of Beneficiaries
<b>Amersham Museum</b>	Mobile Museum	£2,000	£1,400	229
<b>At The Edge</b>	Youth Football and Cafe Club	£903	£633	90
<b>Carers Bucks</b>	Carers in Crisis Emergency Fund	£2,000	£1,400	185
<b>Chalfont St Giles Youth Club</b>	Increase service and facilities	£2,000	£1,400	445
<b>Chalfont St Peter Youth Centre</b>	Develop resources	£2,000	£1,400	300
<b>Chesham Over 50's Positive Action Group</b>	Continuation of annual activities	£400	£400	50
<b>Chesham Photographic Club</b>	Photographic competition	£250	£250	300
<b>Chesham Station Garden Revival</b>	Ongoing care and maintenance of station garden	£250	£250	000's'
<b>Chesham Walkers are Welcome</b>	Launch of app	£250	£250	4000

<b>Little Chalfont Good Companions Club</b>	Continuation of the club	£500	£500	30
<b>Pond Park Community Association</b>	Continuation of the group	£2,000	£1,400	3000
<b>Relate MTB</b>	Quality, professional counselling	£1,800	£1,260	220
<b>Rennie Grove Hospice Care</b>	Engaging and empowering volunteers to support patients with life-limiting illnesses	£2,000	£1,400	50
<b>Voices and Choices</b>	Community Advocacy Programme	£1,000	£700	40
<b>Total</b>		<b>£17,353</b>	<b>£12,643</b>	<b>8,939</b>

**Table 2 - Community Grant Aid Applications Achieving Amber Status**

Receive 50% of requested grant. Support three or more of the Council's key objectives and have support from local ward councillor(s).

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Requested Funding</b>	<b>Funding Recommended</b>	<b>Number of Beneficiaries</b>
<b>Amersham Bowls Club</b>	Purchase of a motorised Bowls Green Iron	£2,000	£1,000	150
<b>Bellingdon and Ashridge Village Hall</b>	Repair and Renovate the Village Hall floor	£2,000	£1,000	500
<b>Chalfont Park Sports Association</b>	Equipment replacement	£2,000	£1,000	500
<b>Chalfont St. Peter Community Centre</b>	Renovate warning systems	£2,000	£1,000	1260
<b>Chalfont Wasps</b>	Develop and improve services and facilities	£2,000	£1,000	500
<b>Chartridge Sports Club</b>	Refurbishment of Chartridge Sports Club Pavilion	£2,000	£1,000	500
<b>Chesham Cricket Club</b>	Equipment to support women's soft ball cricket team	£1,000	£500	30
<b>Chesham Stags Netball Club</b>	Sessions to encourage non-	£1,840.80	£920	100

	active women to try netball			
<b>Chesham Waterside Over 50's Stretch and Flex</b>	Weekly exercise class for over 50's	£750	£375	24
<b>Chesham Youth Centre</b>	Develop Table Tennis Club	£600	£300	25
<b>Chiltern Child Contact Centre</b>	Volunteer training	£1,600	£830	100
<b>Chiltern Samaritans</b>	Schools Outreach programme	£2,000	£1,000	2200
<b>Chiltern Voice</b>	Update equipment	£2,000	£1,000	110
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Requested Funding</b>	<b>Funding Recommended</b>	<b>Number of Beneficiaries</b>
<b>Hawridge and Cholesbury CE School</b>	Install an all-weather canopy with furniture	£2,000	£1000	50
<b>Holmer Green Youth Club</b>	Training programme for young people	£1,255	£627	130
<b>Little Chalfont Community Library</b>	Repave the uneven paving	£2,000	£1,000	4000
<b>Little Missenden Festival</b>	Festival costs	£1,500	£750	1500
<b>Medi SOS Grab Bags</b>	Medi-SOS Grab-bags	£1,990	£995	500
<b>Milton's Cottage</b>	Creative writing, literacy and heritage education project	£1,750	£875	100
<b>Prestwood Village Association</b>	Marketing Prestwood Village Association	£1,170	£585	6000
<b>Prestwood Youth and Community Action</b>	2nd Year of the "Way Ahead" Project	£1,200	£600	20

<b>Restore Hope</b>	Christmas celebration event	£1,980	£990	130
<b>Seer Green Baptist Church</b>	Hall refurbishment	£2,000	£1,000	200
<b>Wednesday Stretch and Flex Chesham</b>	Gentle exercise for over 50's	£500	£250	25
<b>Total</b>		<b>£39,135.8</b>	<b>£19,597</b>	<b>18,654</b>

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**Table 3 - Community Grant Aid Applications Achieving Red Status**

**Do not strongly support the council's objectives, have limited or no match funding, have limited/no support and/or can secure funding form another source receive no funding.**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Requested Funding</b>	<b>Funding Recommended</b>	<b>Number of Beneficiaries</b>	<b>Reason</b>
<b>Chalfont Otters Swim Club</b>	Making swimming available to more people	£2,000	£0	100	Application does not demonstrate community benefit
<b>Chiltern Youth Club (working as Amersham Youth Activities)</b>	Youth workers to run summer programme	£2,000	£0	30	Duplicated application- will be directed to other funds
<b>Great Missenden and Prestwood Revitalisation Group</b>	Prestwood High Street car park improvements	£2,000	£0	200	Directed to Capital pot- incomplete application
<b>Jordans Village</b>	Installation of a Hearing Loop for Village Hall	£350	£0	5000	Contrary to policy- DDA compliance
<b>Knotty Green Allotments</b>	Equipment	£1,900	£0	100	Contrary to policy- Parish Council
<b>Prestwood FC</b>	Annual maintenance of the pitch	£1,500	£0	100	Ongoing operational costs- to be covered by subscription and other fundraising
<b>Prestwood Sports and Leisure Association</b>	Free classes for young people	£1,500	£0	12	Contract and lease requirement for GLL
<b>Total</b>		<b>£11,250</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>5542</b>	



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