

SUBJECT:	<i>Chiltern Community Grant Awards 2018-2019</i>
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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
Amersham Museum	Mobile Museum	£2,000	£1,400	229
At The Edge	Youth Football and Cafe Club	£903	£633	90
Carers Bucks	Carers in Crisis Emergency Fund	£2,000	£1,400	185
Chalfont St Giles Youth Club	Increase service and facilities	£2,000	£1,400	445
Chalfont St Peter Youth Centre	Develop resources	£2,000	£1,400	300
Chesham Over 50's Positive Action Group	Continuation of annual activities	£400	£400	50
Chesham Photographic Club	Photographic competition	£250	£250	300
Chesham Station Garden Revival	Ongoing care and maintenance of station garden	£250	£250	000's'
Chesham Walkers are Welcome	Launch of app	£250	£250	4000

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

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).

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

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

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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.

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

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