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COMMUNITY AND YOUTH GRANTS 2020/2021

Report of the Assistant Local Area Manager on behalf of the Hedge End, West End and Botley Community Grants Panel

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee

- (1) approves the grants as set out in Appendix 1 to the report;
 - (2) approves the allocation of £13,210 for additional youth funding; and
 - (3) approves £4,000 towards local youth grants to be awarded in 2021/22.
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Summary

The Grants Panel recommends that grants be allocated to local organisations operating in the Hedge End, West End and Botley local area for 2020/2021.

Statutory Powers

Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 i.e. the Local Authority's general power of competence, including power to act for the benefit of its area or persons resident or present in its area.

Strategic Implications

1. The recommendations in this report support the Council's approach to localism (Local First) by allocating devolved resources to meet local needs. The recommendations align with the Corporate Plan objectives of Tackling Deprivation, Enabling Healthier Lifestyles and Wellbeing, Supporting an Excellent Environment, Improving Town and Local Centres and Enabling the Right Skills and Employment mix.

Introduction

2. Councillors will recall that this committee has devolved responsibility for the provision of revenue grants to local organisations. This year 31 different applications were received with a total value of £13,456.95. 3 of these grants (West End Garden and Allotment Association, QE2 Activity Centre and Wildern Leisure Centre) were approved at the January 2021 Local Area Committee and for completeness these are included in Appendix 1 to this report. Also 14 of these grant applications were submitted under the Borough wide grant scheme of which grants can be applied for up to a maximum

amount of £1000. However the Panel agreed that these applications generally benefitted the local area, rather than the Borough as a whole and as such awarded the successful applications the maximum amount which is up to £500.

3. This year the panel agreed that although some of the applications did not appear to fully meet the criteria from the committee, it was agreed that it was very important to support local groups, especially under the current Covid 19 difficulties.
4. The panel also agreed to encourage more applications this year due to the current pandemic and as such offered an extension of the grants' application process for an additional 3 weeks to help local groups 'get back on their feet'. This was promoted as one off 'bounce back' grants on the Council's website, social media and through the Town and Parish councils. As such an additional 6 applications were received under this initiative.
5. This Committee's Grant Panel comprising of Councillors Garton, Jurd, Gomer and Trace reviewed the applications.

The Panel's decisions

6. The Grants Panel gave careful consideration to all of the applications to ensure a broad distribution was spread throughout the three local parished areas.
7. The Panel also considered the objectives of the organisations, the numbers attending; whether they were from the Hedge End, West End and Botley (HEWEB) area, the total costs of the project and whether funding was or could be sought from elsewhere. Additionally the applications were assessed against the following criteria including; business plans and details on how the grant application meets Eastleigh Borough Council's priorities (Green Borough, Healthy Communities and Prosperous Place).
8. A substantial number of applications were made by Wildern School (D.@rt Centre/Leisure Centre) and it was agreed that the activities provided on the campus catered for residents within all three parished areas.
9. The Panel have stated that an agreed percentage of the grants should go towards offering free or subsidised places as all successful applications have been awarded the maximum amount of up to £500 each and as such, a plan for expenditure and template for how the funds have been used will be requested later this year.
10. It is recommended that grants be approved as contained in Appendix 1 to this report.

Additional Youth Funding

11. Members will recall that there was a budget to joint fund a HEWEB Youth Leader position, but this position no longer exists and last year members agreed to split the budget evenly between 3 projects covering the local area. The panel discussed how to allocate this funding for 20/21 and agreed to follow the same principles. In addition the panel supported the employment of a consultant to review youth engagement across HEWEB.
12. The panel made the following recommendations: £2000 for consultancy (youth participation/youth council/detached work/training) and the remaining budget of £11,210 to be allocated in the same proportions as last year:
 - Hedge End Town Council £4,380
 - West End Parish Council £4,380
 - Botley Parish Council £2,450 (note BPC has £1,500 unspent from previous year due to the delay in transferring the Boorley Park community facilities).
13. The Panel requested that the same conditions were attached to these payments as for the other community and youth grants. Namely that a proportion of the money was used to subsidise attendances and that reports would be submitted detailing how the money had been spent. This would also need to be recorded at the relevant Parish/Town Council meetings.
14. It is also recommended that £4,000 is allocated in the 2021/22 revenue budget for youth grants.

Financial Implications

15. The total grants awarded in this report amounts to £10,522 and can be contained within the approved budgets.

Risk Assessment

16. The recommendations made by the Grants Panel do not hold significant risks. All grant applications are subject to the completion of a detailed application and supporting documents including submission of financial details. A follow up check will be made to ensure the funds have been spent in line with the approved grant within 12 months of the award.

Equality and Diversity Implications

17. The report complies with our policy to ensure that the voluntary and community sectors are treated fairly and equitably. The Council has had due regard to the aims of the Equality Act. The recommendations in this report promote equality of opportunity, in particular for children and young people, children and young people with disabilities and disabled people (including mental health). As part of the application process, applicants are required to submit an Equal Opportunities statement.

18. **Climate Change and Environmental Implications**

The community grants encourage and aim to change residents' behaviour by supporting projects which incorporate green initiatives, for example, the chess sets and other game equipment supplied to the West End Parish Thursday Morning Coffee Club will be made from sustainable materials and the day rucksacks, compasses and map holders which have been awarded to the 3rd West End Guides will help young people engage with being outdoors and help teach them the importance of the environment and preserving their local community.

Conclusion

19. The recommendations made in this report complement the Council's corporate priorities as well as this Committee's local priorities. Subject to the approval of this Committee along with the conditions that have been recommended as set out in Appendix 1, the grants will be awarded in March 2021 to recognise and celebrate the extent of community work being undertaken in the local area.

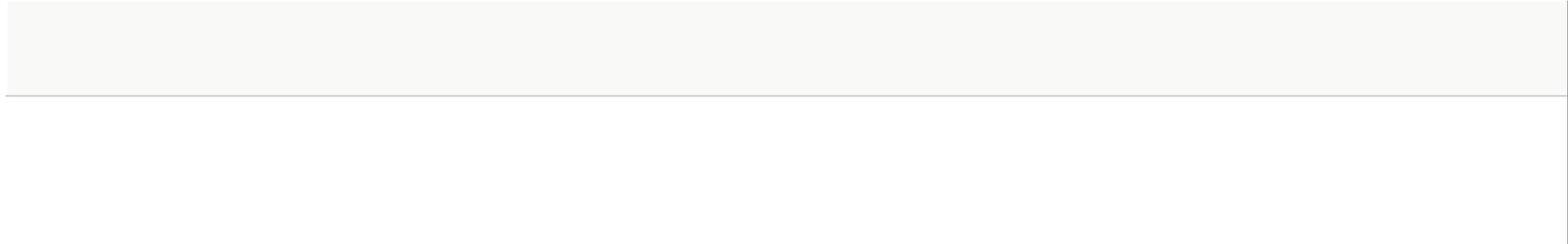
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - SECTION 100D

The following is a list of documents which disclose facts or matters on which this report or an important part of it is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. This list does not include any published works or documents which would disclose exempt or confidential information.

31 grant applications were received and are held on file for further inspection. Information is available from Siobhan Strand, Assistant Local Area Manager.



Community Grants 2020/21

Organisation Name	Project Description	Amount applied for	Grant awarded	Notes
Botley Floral Club	We would need to engage a qualified teacher or teachers to provide members with a specific objective by way of a personal tuition in a particular form of floral art. The requested grant sum would enable us to do so and with a larger sum a more involved subject could be covered.	£150	£150	Subject to receiving an equal opportunities statement.
the d.@rt centre Wildern School	To pay for shortfall and ensure the most vulnerable and socially isolated are able to attend the groups.	£240	£240	
the d.@rt centre Wildern School	Supplement materials and resources across 72 sessions by £7 per session.	£500	500	

Wildern Community d.@rt and leisure centre	Taster sessions tutors £200 Refreshments £100 Materials for Craft taster sessions £100	£400	400	
the d.@rt centre Wildern School	Publicity = £300 Support tutor costs= £200	£500	500	
the d.@rt centre Wildern School	£320 tutor costs £80 course materials	£400	400	
the d.@rt centre Wildern School	Materials costs = £500	£500	500	
the d.@rt centre Wildern School	Fliers for promotion of the sessions = £50 Film licence x 1 = £100 Materials for art and craft courses = £100 d.@rt daily editions x 2 = £80 Christmas Lunch accessories = £50 Refreshments = £60	£440	440	
the d.@rt centre Wildern School	£25.00 per student per course	£500	£500	
Awaaz FM Community Radio CIC	We will use the funds to print, design and distribute brochures to the local community so that they are able to keep in touch with their loved ones, keep up-to-date with the latest Covid-19 government information and local government facilities and also they are able to interact with local Councillors who have and continue to attend the station for regular updates to the community on behalf of the Council	£500	£0	Further information required.
West End Parish: Thursday morning coffee club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •3 X Chess sets made from FSC approved wood (Includes draughts & Backgammon) oAt a cost of £25 each = £75 •2 X Dominos set made from sustainable blonde Rubberwood oAt a cost of £15 each = £30 •2 X Packs of playing cards made from eco-friendly PET material, biodegradable and recyclable oAt a cost of £10 for the pair •Additional sum of £50 to purchase a large jar of coffee, tea bags, hot chocolate, sugar, milk and biscuits for when the Coffee Morning Club returns. This will be available to them on their very first day and will last them approximately 2 months. •Two of the members bring their own seat cushions from home – they are both 99 years old. oI would also like to purchase a set of 4 seat cushions with ties, to be stored at the Parish Centre oAt a cost of £25 for the set 	£190	£190	
Hedge End Police Station	Advertising material, depending on costs maybe some form of radio advertising too. The idea is to set up third party reporting centres across the Eastleigh and Hedge End area...this would include CO-OPs, parish councils to name some. One was set up in around 2012 but it has sadly dropped off and needs re launching with some publicity too.	£500	£500	
Botley Twinning Association	Host the families as no fund raising in the last year. Travel, to places of interest, and catering for a weekend	£600	£0	This event is very unlikely to take place this year due to Covid.
Botley Neighbour Care	Subsidise the Lunch Club and extend this club to a Dinner Club when allowed ~ £300.00. At least 90 people will benefit from our organising lunch & dinner clubs and a celebratory party. A huge party for Clients once we're allowed to congregate £400.00 Ongoing operating costs ~ £300+ per annum	£1,000	£500	

Botley Village Football Club	The grant would be spent on replacing old football kits and training aids. It will allow football players to wear kits that are the right size and that are the same as their fellow players as we have teams that have a mixture of new and old kits. Also allow us to purchase new footballs and training aids as many are worn out or damaged. We normally have sponsors to assist in this but under the current financial climate our existing sponsors cannot afford to assist us and new sponsors are very hard to find.	£1,000	£500	
Music Fun Factory	Music is expensive £25 per set. I would like to add some exciting tunes to our repertoire. I would like to offer our services to charities, fairs etc to get our name out there and encourage more people to join. We can't do this without a wider repertoire of music.	£150	£150	
		£7,570	£5,470	

Youth Grants 2020/21

Organisation Name	How will grant be spent	Amount applied for	Grant awarded	Notes
31st Itchen North (Amazon) Sea Scout Group	The grant will go to towards the cost of a new trailer for our main safety boat, which is a 4.5 metre RIB with a 60 hp outboard motor . The RIB is still in good condition but the road trailer, which is used to launch the boat, is badly corroded.	500	£500	
3rd West End Guides	£150 lightweight day rucksacks £30 compasses £20 map holders	200	£200	
1st Hedge End Guides	<p>We are requesting a grant to help towards the costs of changes we have to make to meetings due to Covid-19. This includes the purchase of waterproof plastic boxes for no contact, covid safe distribution of resources and transport of resources divided into individual bubbles for face to face meetings, bags for dividing resources into individual kits for girls, a license for meeting on zoom so we can meet for our full 2 hours and not be restricted to just 40minutes on the free version, portable rechargeable lighting for outdoor meetings, a folding truck to transport equipment to outdoor meeting space (about 200 metres each way) limiting manually handling of equipment for leaders and PPE and cleaning equipment for meetings we are able to do face to face eg. sanitizer (also used for no contact distribution of resources), face masks, D10 cleaning fluid (active against covid) and items to add to our first aid kits to ensure this can be provided safely; namely aprons, gloves, face masks and small, individual incident binbags. We would also like to buy in a very special craft activity to do with the girls to make up. for the fact that we can not do our normal trips this term.</p> <p>We normally fundraise throughout the year with various events but with so many events having to be cancelled last year we have found ourselves 80%, around £3000, down on our fundraising in 2020.</p>	500	£500	
Hedge End Junior Cricket Club	<p>We need to replace the cricket training nets at the Turnpike Ground in Hedge End which were damaged by vandalism (by a stolen car) in November 2020.</p> <p>These are the only nets in the local area to allow safe practice by club members and all members of the local community.</p> <p>We, working with Hedge End Town Council have received quotes of c.£4.5k.</p> <p>The grant would be used to help towards this cost of repairs. We would hope that repairs could be undertaken as soon as possible to allow safe cricket practice to be undertaken again in summer 2021 - Covid restrictions allowing.</p>	500	£500	
Hedge End Town Council	£100 arts and craft materials £50 sports equipment/games	250	£250	
Performing Arts Company	Towards the running cost of our Summer Show	500	£500	

West End Youth Clubs	Coffee Machine £79.99, Dolls house £45.00 Toy Work bench £25.00	149.99	£150	
West End Youth Clubs	2 x bluetooth speakers @ 189.99 each 2x table and benches @£105.99 each. It will help us run session outside at both projects due to the coronavirus, unfortunately our table and benches are rotten and our bluetooth speaker has stopped connected to bluetooth and charging in in Moorgreen recreation ground. We have not got a cordless speaker or any outside tables or benches at our other project in Cutbush Lane.	451.96	£452	
Alphabets Pre-school	Purchasing PPE and cleaning supplies. It will help the pre-school to continue to fund our new hygiene/cleaning regime required for Covid-19 and keep all our staff, children and families safe.	500	£500	

West End Pre School	Replacement sheds for the outdoors £500 Replace closed in area under our external stairs to make the area safe and provide further storage for our large equipment. We were the victims of vandalism during the first Covid 19 lockdown	1000	£500	
Wildern Opportunity Group	The grant will be used to update sensory resources. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic we are only able to support our children to access equipment and toys that are robust and easily cleaned. We would also like a new light box and bubble tube for our sensory den. We would like a variety of plastic sorting toys easily sanitized.	500	£500	
5th West End Guides	£500. We have ongoing hall bills of £60 a month on average. We have a census bill due of nearly £200 and activities costing us each month which has risen due to COVID. We would like to take a little stress off paying the hall bills and then to pay our census to allow the girls to remain in guiding. The rest of the money if we are lucky to have any left over would be spent making the girls feel more confident and mentally happier during what is currently a very difficult time for them.	£500	£500	
Total		5551.95	£5,052	

West End Garden & Allotment Association	To repair our trading hut roof, to replace our scales and to repair our two wooden huts used to store goods and equipment etc	£500	£500	Approved at the January 21 Local Area Committee
QE2 Activity Centre	Contribution towards a wheelchair accessible motorboat, to enable people with disabilities to access the River Hamble	£500	£500	Approved at the January 21 Local Area Committee
Wildern Leisure Centre	Foam Noodles £70, floats £185 and main pool clock £80	£335	£335	Approved at the January 21 Local Area Committee