

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

The attached decisions were made by the Portfolio Holder for Community.

The decisions will come into force and may then be implemented, on the expiry of five working days after the publication of this notice, unless called in by the Review Committee.

Signed



for

Assistant Director, Legal & Democratic

Dated

27/04/2021

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EXECUTIVE DECISION BY PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANT ALLOCATIONS 2021/22

1 DECISION MADE

- 1.1 To agree the recommendations made by the Advisory Group to allocate the Voluntary Sector Grants fund for the financial year 2021/22 to local voluntary organisations, as outlined in Appendix A.
- 1.2 To agree that the Rayleigh, Rochford and District Association for Voluntary Services (RRAVS) will receive top sliced funding from the same fund, based on performance as the community connector and expert.

2 KEY DECISIONS DOCUMENT REFERENCE No: 11/20

3 REASON FOR DECISION

- 3.1 Providing financial assistance to local community and voluntary organisations enables communities, helping to support a stronger third sector in the District.
- 3.2 By aligning outcomes closely to the joint Rochford & Castle Point Health and Wellbeing Strategy, this will help generate information that enables us to understand the wider social impacts of the voluntary sector grants fund.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 To reject the recommendations of the Member Advisory Group.

5 NAME OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER

- 5.1 Cllr M J Webb.

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 6.1 There are no declarations of interest.

7 LEAD OFFICER

- 7.1 Louisa Moss, Assistant Director, People & Communities.

I confirm that the above decision does not depart from Council policy and that appropriate consideration has been given to any budgetary and legal implications.

Portfolio Holder Signature: _____

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Date of Decision: 27/04/2021

Note: Please ensure that Member Services are provided with the original of the decision on the day it is taken (or by 10.00 am the following morning at the latest) to enable publication.

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All Grants that scored a mean (average) score of more than 6 have passed the funding requirements.

This totals funding of £9,750 awarded out of the £10,000 available for 2021-22. In order to get the maximum value for the grant monies this year at the discretion of the portfolio holder, Cllr Webb, Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall were awarded £250 towards their project as it is felt that they can positively influence their local communities resilience through opening a safe hall for residents use. This takes the total spend to the maximum £10000 available.

Applicants that have failed in their application will be provided with alternative grant information and where applicable the application will be referred to the Active Essex team for possible funding.

	Organisation	Project details	Funding Applied for	Total Score/ Mean Score	Funding Agreed
1	1476 (Rayleigh) Squadron RAFAC	the intention is to rebuild and develop greater resilience to one of the key adventure training activities of mountain biking. The grant would go towards the purchase of mountain bikes for squadron use, ensuring that everyone would be able to access this outdoor activity, irrespective of means.	£1000	Total 34/50 Mean 6.8	Yes
2	Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall	We wish to install an Intruder Alarm system and maybe a CCTV system to protect the hall, it has suffered from vandalism in the past. The existing old system no longer works and needs replacing.	£1000	Total 27/50 Mean 5.4	Not full amount. Alternative grant information provided and a small grant of £250 awarded
3	Carers First	To encourage carer-friendly employers within Essex. Target small/medium businesses in Rochford district to promote develop of these practices including Carers policy, Carers passports, flexible working, internal peer networks, staff training.	£950	Total 36/50 Mean 7.2	Yes
4	Friends of Cherry Orchard Country Park	To continue to meet aims and to help our growing conservation volunteer group with additional tools and PPE	£1000	Total 30/50 Mean 6	Yes
5	Hockley and Hawkwell Day Centre	We aim to reopen, if permitted, for 3 days per week in June of this year at stage 4 of the road map of the government. We have polled our existing clients who have confirmed they wish to use our services again after the charity being forced to close for 1 year	£1000	Total 31/50 Mean 6.2	Yes
6	Rayleigh Vineyard (GrowBaby)	Families in need will receive assistance in clothing their children and acquiring vital equipment.	£500	Total 34/50 Mean 6.8	Yes
7	Remap - Essex South Branch	We are targeting a joint Launch Event with Hackspace at their new premises at the Clements Hall Pavilion in September (Covid permitting). The purpose of the event it to raise awareness of the charity with health care professionals and the local community, to recruit more volunteers, and fund raise for both charities.	£500	Total 35/50 Mean 7	Yes
8	Rochford Bowling Club	To get a website set up so that we can update it ourselves, we currently use the	£900	Total 21/50 Mean 4.2	No

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		BTclick facility, which has been free for community groups over the past years. This free website is no longer being offered and it is very difficult to update. Our committee feels that we could use a more professional website to keep our members updated and also attract new members			Application passed to Active Essex and alternative grant information provided
9	Wyvern Community Transport	Grand will go towards our Volunteer Expenses. Volunteers are unpaid but are entitled to claim their travel expenses. In addition we provide our volunteers with their uniform, steel toed trainers or boots and Hi Viz safety clothing. Further costs include those associated with training courses such as Basis First Aid and costs associated with the CTA's Midas Training.	£1000	Total 33/50 Mean 6.6	Yes
10	The Megacentre	We are in the process of establishing a Community Resilience Hub - TheHub@TheMegacentre - to support residents across the whole district. The funding applied for with this application will enable us to support the establishment of a Wellness Cafe - which will be a new initiative for us, as we move out of the pandemic, we feel that many residents will be experiencing anxiety, stress, worry and feel worried about going out and about again	£1000	Total 38/50 Mean 7.6	Yes
11	Footprints Community Group	We are seeking funding towards our weekly dance sessions. These are undoubtedly our most successful youth activity with the sessions starting from 4pm running through to 8pm. Providing a diversionary activity in a safe environment. The sessions provide an opportunity for young people take part in an activity they may not normally have access to.	£800	Total 21/30 Mean 7 *This score was reached by 3 panel members not 5 as 2 members declared a conflict of interest	Yes
12	Bar 'n' Bus Trust	We run an in-school mentoring scheme within local secondary schools, training volunteers from the community to provide 1-2-1 to young people. We are seeking funds to increase resources and capacity within the programme to meet local demand. Specifically the grant will fund:	£1000	Total 35/50 Mean 7	Yes
13	Team Twisters Trampoline Club	We are seeking a grant to enable us to pay for the necessary insurance, service of equipment and rental fees which will be necessary for us to restart the club sessions safely.	£1000	Total 25/50 Mean 5	No Application passed to Active Essex and alternative grant information provided
14	Trustlinks	We are seeking revenue funding to support the setup of woodwork and other community shed activities at our Rocheway site. The funding will support staff time to collaborate with members of the local community to establish an inclusive	£1000	Total 37/50 Mean 7.4	Yes