



REPORT TO: Grants Advisory Committee 27 September 2019

LEAD CABINET MEMBER: Councillor John Williams Lead Cabinet Member for Finance

LEAD OFFICER: Gemma Barron

Community Chest: Funding Applications

Executive Summary

1. To consider new applications received between 1 August and 31 August to the Community Chest funding scheme during 2019/20
2. No

Recommendations

3. It is recommended that the Grants Advisory Committee considers all applications for funding that are set out in Appendix A to this report and makes a recommendation to the Lead Cabinet Member regarding the level of funding (£0 - £1,000) to be awarded for each or defer a decision, if further information is required, or reject an application if it doesn't comply with the grants' criteria.

Reasons for Recommendations

4. The Grants Advisory Committee's role is to consider and make recommendations to the Lead Cabinet Member responsible for grants, or Cabinet as appropriate, including, but not limited to:
 - a) Review of the Council's grants schemes to ensure they reflect Council priorities.
 - b) Design of any new or revised grants schemes, including consideration of criteria and guidance applicable in respect of each scheme.
 - c) Consideration of applications made under the Council's grants schemes.

Details

5. The Community Chest is grant funding available to voluntary and community sector groups, charities and public sector bodies wishing to further improve quality of life in South Cambridgeshire. Applicants may apply for up to £1,000 and the community activity or project must deliver one or more of the following:
 - Improvements to community buildings and spaces (i.e. village halls / pavilions / play areas etc)
 - Repairs to historic buildings / monuments / memorials
 - Equipment / capital purchase
 - Materials
 - Start-up costs (may include training of staff / volunteers, hall hire and other revenue costs).
6. Guidance notes and eligibility criteria can be found at Appendix B.
7. Total amount of funding made available for 2019/20 is £58,140.00, with half of this being released on 1 April and the other half on 1 October 2019.
8. There are 2 new applications to consider at this meeting totalling £2,000. The amount of funding remaining for allocation in the first tranche of the year is £7,966.72. A summary of the applications can be found at Appendix A (copies of the applications forms are available from the Sustainable Communities and Partnerships Team upon request).

Options

9. The Grants Advisory Committee may consider all applications for funding that are set out in Appendix A of this report and recommend to the Lead Cabinet Member to:
 - a. award the amount of funding requested,
 - b. award an alternative amount of funding, including zero funding,
 - c. defer a decision, if further information is required from grant applicants, or
 - d. reject an application stating the reason for this.

Implications

10. There are no significant implications

Risks/Opportunities

11. Applicants are required to provide supporting documents including copies of their constitution, financial accounts and quotes where applicable. Applicants must agree to the grant conditions before fund are released.

Consultation responses

12. Local members have been consulted on applications that directly affect their local area.

Effect on Council Priority Areas

13. The corporate aims are referenced in the criteria and guidance notes for the Community Chest.

Appendices

Appendix A: Applications Summary

Appendix B: Guidance notes for Community Chest 19/20

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