

## Appendix D:

### Officer Summary of all eligible applications:

#### Blue Smile

Who are they?	A local charity supporting the mental wellbeing of Cambridgeshire pupils via art-based therapies, to help unlock their potential to learn and be happy.
What is the proposal?	A school-based project providing 1:1 arts therapy for 20 young children at Histon & Impington Brook Primary school identified as experiencing poor mental health. Additional group sessions are also provided for children identified as needing less dedicated support together with whole-school class workshops to raise awareness of good mental health.
Comments:	This charity works with schools to support pupil mental health. Through the expression of art, these sessions enable children to express safely, traumatic memories which might otherwise adversely affect their lives. The therapist works alongside the child to support them. Children with more complex needs are supported for as long as needed (usually around 26 sessions). They aim to improve wellbeing and improve confidence and self-esteem. A whole school approach to positive mental wellbeing is advocated throughout the school and additional training and support provided to staff. The charity has worked with schools extensively across Cambridgeshire and have made a positive impact to date by either providing an outreach service or by partnering with a school such as Histon & Impington. As well as the 1:1 and group work, they support staff across the school to develop a whole-community approach to mental wellbeing. It's a good application which the panel felt met the aims and objectives of the funding and represented reasonably good value for money.
How much requested?	£5,422

Score (%) 73

## Cambridge Fire & Rescue

Who are they?	A charity which provides a week-long course for young people to participate in fire-station activities and simulated emergency activities. It aims to reduce the risky choices made by young people and reduce anti-social behaviour by raising awareness of the consequences of actions. They work with schools who refer pupils who demonstrate risky behaviours, or who would benefit from building self-esteem and confidence, individuals identified as gifted and talented, or as a reward for good behaviour.
What is the proposal?	Funding is requested to deliver two courses; each course is available for 12 young people. Referrals are accepted from schools, District Council, Community Safety Partnership (CSP) and Problem Solving Groups (PSG).
Comments:	A great project idea which has been going for some time, with good outcomes but was originally funded by the Fire Service which withdrew its funding a few years ago. It's an inclusive course targeting a broad range of demographics however, it's not as cost effective as other applications which represent better value for money. The panel felt that a scheme such as this may be better funded by the Community Safety Partnership (CSP).
How much requested?	£7,000
Score (%)	68

## Creative Cooking

Who are they? WAY – Waterbeach Action for Youth

What is the proposal?	A project to promote healthy cooking from scratch using food waste donated from the Tesco Fare Shares scheme. The project aims to address food related themes such as availability, accessibility, nutrition, cooking skills and knowledge, reducing food waste.
Comments:	A good application, promoting an essential life skill which is often missing in current 'fast food lifestyles'. It connects well with the wider community via recipe sharing and promotes multi-cultural inclusivity, using recipes from a wide range of ethnic cultures. However, some funding is requested to cover capital expenditure which could be accessed via Community Chest.
How much requested?	£5,722
Score (%)	70

## Histon & Impington Friends

Who are they?	A charity, village based which helps to support wellbeing, mobility, sport and recreation for all members of their community
What is the proposal?	To train a team of young people within Impington Village College that will act alongside a team of adults as wellbeing champions. The aim is that they will be available to students within the college providing peer support. The project will also conduct wellbeing workshops, share information and tools to help breakdown stigma and open up conversation. They plan to undertake further outreach work within local youth groups to spread their work beyond the college.
Comments:	A strong project idea, representing good value for money with the potential for reach within the community to be high. It has the support of the local church who are also undertaking work in this area. However, the panel felt it would be difficult to measure the success of this project. The Council runs a similar scheme offering employees peer to peer support by trained mental health first aiders

but understand this to be very under-utilised. The panel's concern is that this project is reliant on young people coming forward and asking for support/help, which would be challenging and that it leans toward a more reactive approach to addressing mental wellbeing.

How much requested? £4,190

Score (%) 74

## Kite Trust

Who are they? A charity, which supports wellbeing and creativity for LGBTQ+ young people across Cambridgeshire.

What is the proposal? To increase capacity for youth work to support 50 young LGBTQ+ individuals within South Cambridgeshire.

Comments: This is a well-established charity which specialises in helping young LGBTQ people. Research suggests that LGBTQ youth have elevated risk of suicidal behaviour and self-harm. The project plans to extend their work to provide more 1:1 support and increase the number of group activities across the District. This additional support should help to build self-confidence and resilience to improve outcomes. The increased capacity will allow the charity to be more visible in schools and improve their reach and build stronger relationships. If granted, the funding would cover the cost of a youth worker, plus contribute to volunteer travel expenses. The total cost of the programme is £14,000 for which they have secure match funding.

How much requested? £6,500

Score (%) 66

## Let's Cook CIC

Who are they?	A Community Interest Company which uses a “train the trainer model” to deliver practical and participatory cookery lessons. Upskilling volunteers from a range of community organisations such as schools, youth clubs, scouts and guides.
What is the proposal?	To train 20 volunteers from a number of groups and clubs across the District to upskill volunteers to deliver a range of cookery workshops to children and young people.
Comments:	This is a sustainable model of delivery which not only improves cookery skills to young people but also enhances the skills of the volunteer. Previous evaluation has shown that participants are likely to pass on these new skills. The project has the ability to reach a wide range of young people from different backgrounds across the District. Specifically, they aim to target those areas which rank higher on the indices of multiple deprivation with the aim of sharing tips, tricks and techniques to make food go further, cook on a budget and reduce food waste. The panel felt this was a good application which addressed the aims and objectives of the funding.
How much requested?	£7,568.33
Score (%)	77

## Orchard Park Community Council

Who are they?	A not-for-profit community organisation
What is the proposal?	A project to engage with the young people of Orchard Park, to help them feel connected to their community and support them to make a positive difference.
Comments:	This is a strong application which addresses a particular issue within a given locality and clearly meets all of the aims and objectives of the funding. The project will work with Romsey Mill to provide youth workers who will

support those young people who are at risk of entering the criminal justice system and those already undertaking low level ASB in the community. The application has been split into two phases. The first phase aims to fund detached youth workers to directly engage with the young people identified as perpetrators of ASB to build trust. The second phase will be the delivery of a variety of youth work and activities. The plan is that activities will be co-produced with youths, demonstrating that they have a voice and a positive role to play in their community. There is a strong emphasis on young people taking the lead. This project is highly inclusive, addressing social disadvantage and building social capacity and investing in young people who otherwise feel disengaged.

How much requested? £8,000

Score (%) 84

## Woodcraft Folk

Who are they? A charity, offering weekly groups sessions for young people which build skills in the natural environment.

What is the proposal? The organisation would like to host a group of 6 children and one adult to travel to the UK from Peru to attend the Woodcraft Folk international camp next summer.

Comments: Whilst the panel felt this was a wonderful idea and opportunity for the delegation to visit the UK, it was felt that it's reach was very narrow. It would be a memorable experience for the Peruvian children, but that it did not meet the aims and objectives of the funding, namely building community resilience, empowering young people, developing social capacity or addressing disadvantage for young people within South Cambridgeshire.

How much requested? £4,000

Score (%) 45

## Romsey Mill

Who are they?	A Cambridge-based charity, working with children, young people and families, many of whom face significant challenges in their lives.
What is the proposal?	Cambourne Youth Autism Programme. The project, although specifically stated as Cambourne also plans to draw in young people from a much wider geographical patch across the District. It will work with young people with autism, in years 5-12 by providing additional weekly sessions to two groups (older and younger age ranges). These sessions are over-subscribed and already have a waiting list. If granted, this funding would be to provide more spaces.
Comments:	This is a strong application which addresses a specific need within a specific locality targeting young people who often feel excluded from mainstream youth activities. Many children with autism are disengaged from school, as a result of anxiety, school refusal, low mood or exclusion. They can display very challenging behaviour including violence towards family members, experiencing poor mental health, and many are excluded from wider community events, leaving them feeling very isolated and lonely. The panel felt that this application met the aims and objectives of the grant funding. It will help to build capacity within an already over-subscribed and popular group and enable more young people to access this specialist support. The funding would represent very good value for money.
How much requested?	£4,158
Score (%)	82

## Orwell Eco Youth Council

Who are they?	Orwell Parish Council
What is the proposal?	To create a youth council to support the Parish Council's Environmental group and build on interest for more environmental projects to participate in by existing members of their youth club.
Comments:	This is a well thought out and well-planned and innovative project. The funding, if granted, would support a sessional worker to mentor and provide opportunities for young people to deliver environmental projects in their community such as tree planting, creating eco-friendly products, an eco-friendly youth club and contribute to the parish council's debates and activities. Early work has already demonstrated inter-generational work encouraging wider community involvement and bringing numerous groups and activities together. This project supports the Council's goals to address climate change and builds both social capacity and individual/community resilience. The Youth Group have not applied to the Zero Carbon Communities (ZCC) scheme in any of previous rounds of funding, but Orwell did receive £4,150 for their Living Food Bank – Climate Café project back in December 2019. It's uncertain whether they would meet future grant funding from ZCC as there is a push towards clearly identifiable and measurable carbon reduction impacts, which this project might struggle to achieve.
How much requested?	£4,860
Score (%)	74

### **Shelford & Stapleford Youth Initiative (SSYI) - Sawston**

Who are they?	A local charity working to provide support to young people living the local area. They offer safe spaces to socialise; a listening ear and opportunities to develop and grow.
What is the proposal?	This project seeks to grow on the work of the SSYI focusing on young people within the Sawston area by



building capacity to provide greater access to activities and sports.

Comments: This youth group did receive funding in 2020 via the Children and Young People's Area Partnership Grant funding valuing £7,681, although the funds were towards a specific locality youth project. The panel felt this was a good application with strong aims and objectives which met much of the criteria for our funding, and which has attracted good match funding, however, it was felt that the funding was to support existing generic youth club activities without bringing anything new to address a specific issue.

How much requested? £7,500

Score (%) 72

## **Unique Feet, Cambridge Rare Disease Network**

Who are they? A charity which provides support to local families and their children, recognising that families living with rare conditions can often feel isolated and may rarely meet someone else with the same disease. The group brings people together to provide support, friendship and confidence building activities.

What is the proposal? To bring together a community of families experiencing life with a rare disease. It is anticipated that any monies granted would pay for group coordinator, plus provide numerous activities for members to participate in.

Comments: The panel felt this was a good application for a very good cause which could help support a very marginalised group. However, it's ongoing sustainability is questionable as, beyond the funding, it is unclear how this could be continued. The model is wholly reliant on members to take things forward but without ongoing funding it's unclear how this would be achieved. The funding is mostly to pay for outings to enrich the lives of

those affected. Therefore, whilst it's strong on social disadvantage it doesn't represent best value. This project could be part-funded to provide cover for the group co-ordinator but without funding all of the activities listed.

How much requested? £8,000

Score (%) 73

## Cambridge Acorn Jazz Project

Who are they? A local charity which undertakes therapeutic work with children and families to address issues related to stress, trauma, attachment and social justice.

What is the proposal? The Cambridge Acorn Project will be partnering with Cambridge Modern Jazz to create the opportunity for young people experiencing inequality to experience music making and improvisation through three music workshops.

Comments: The project aims to engage with young people who are excluded from, or unable to access mainstream activities whether from social or financial exclusion. The workshops (to take place within schools) will be video recorded and distributed, subject to permission, to other schools and youth groups. Participants will work within peer groups and eventually perform to families and peers. Referrals to the project would be encouraged via existing networks with all financial barriers to participation removed. This is great project using music therapy to address mental health and build self-expression and self-confidence. However, the panel felt it was unclear from the application how inclusive the project was and how it would meet the objectives for this grant. Its reach would be quite narrow, and it wasn't as strong as other applications in meeting the objectives of this grant fund.

How much requested? £5,000

Score (%) 61

### **Cambridge Joint Play Schemes**

Who are they? A local charity which provides holiday playschemes for children and young people with moderate to severe learning disabilities.

What is the proposal? If granted, the funding would be used to open their Saturday Clubs and Half Term activities, where these young people are taken into the community to participate in a monthly calendar of events.

Comments: The panel felt that this project addressed a specific need for respite weekend/ holiday sessions. The application didn't always address how it would achieve the aims and objectives of the grant funding, although it was felt that it was strong on social disadvantage as it addressed the needs of a very isolated group of young people severely limited to participation in regular community activity. The panel also welcomed the recruitment of young volunteers via 6<sup>th</sup> form colleges to build social capacity and extend its reach further into the community.

How much requested? £5,000

Score (%) 72

## **Officer Summary of applications better suited to Community Chest**

### **Northstowe Scouts**

Who are they? A local charity which offers education opportunities for young people to help develop life skills in a range of settings. This group has an established Beaver, Cub and Scout pack.

What is the proposal? To buy mess tents and camping equipment

Comments: Funding is requested by the group to buy equipment for their camping expeditions. As this is all capital outlay, the panel felt that this scheme would benefit from applying for Community Chest Funding.

How much requested? £4,100

Score (%) 0

### **Trumpington Scouts**

Who are they? A local charity which offers education opportunities for young people to help develop life skills in a range of settings. This group has an established Beaver, Cub and Scout pack.

What is the proposal? To buy a shipping container and accessories for storage of scout equipment.

Comments: Funding is being sought for capital to buy equipment to improve storage facilities at the Scout venue, Trumpington Meadows Primary School. The panel felt that this application did not meet the aims and objectives of the funding and that they should be directed to Community Chest for any requests for capital outlay.

How much requested? £5,924

Score (%) 0