

REPORT TO:	Grants Advisory Committee	31 January 2022
LEAD CABINET MEMBER:	Councillor John Williams, Lead Cabinet Member for Finance	
LEAD OFFICER:	Jeff Mambery, Head of Transformation, HR and Corporate Services	

Children and Young People's Grant: Funding Applications

Executive Summary

1. The purpose of this paper is to present applications from organisations and groups seeking funding to support initiatives and schemes to promote wellbeing for children and young people, which build social capacity, address disadvantage and equality of opportunity. Officers have outlined their recommendations for the Grants Advisory Committee (GAC) to consider in making their own recommendations regarding grant awards to the Lead Member for Finance.

Key Decision

2. Is this a Key Decision? – 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 how to prioritise the funding available and the level of funding (£4,000 - £8,000) to be awarded for each. The Committee could also 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 Finance, or Cabinet as appropriate, including, but not limited to:

- a) Reviewing the Council's grants schemes to ensure they reflect Council priorities.
- b) Designing any new or revised grants schemes, including consideration of criteria and guidance applicable in respect of each scheme.
- c) Considering applications made under the Council's grants schemes.

Details

5. The Children and Young Peoples grant scheme is a pilot grant fund making best use of unspent funds for the expansion across the district of the Mobile Warden Schemes (as agreed at Grants Advisory Committee in August 2021) with a total sum of £38,000.
6. Since the December meeting of GAC, the overall pilot grant fund has been increased by up to an additional £40,000 following funding being provided by Cambridgeshire County Council. This brings the total available funding to £78,000 for this one-off grant fund.
7. Applications were open to voluntary and community sector groups, charities and public sector bodies wishing to further improve quality of life for the children and young people of South Cambridgeshire. Applicants were invited to apply for sums £4,000 - £8,000 with the objective that the initiative/activity or project must deliver one or more of the following:
 - Help children, young people and their communities to develop their own initiatives and by doing so contribute to their own resilience and well-being and that of their community
 - Motivate and empower other children and young people and their community members to take part and, by doing so, develop social capacity.
 - Develop opportunities for children, young people and their families to engage in positive activity which is beneficial to their physical and mental health and well-being
 - Address social disadvantage and equality of opportunity.
8. Guidance notes and eligibility criteria can be found at Appendix B.
9. The total amount of funding now made available is £78,000.
10. Sixteen applications were received, totalling **£92,944.33**.
11. Fourteen applications were considered eligible and suitable to receive funding from this pilot scheme, totalling £82,920.33. Officers have scored the applications against each of the objectives in Appendix C and officer comments and summaries of applications including cost breakdown and project reach are

available in Appendix D. To help GAC in their deliberations on prioritising funding, officers have also reviewed where projects could progress with less than the full funding. Recommendations are set out in Appendix A.

12. Two applications were received from Northstowe and Trumpington Scouts groups, each requesting funds for capital expenditure. Officers reviewed these and it was considered more appropriate to redirect these groups to the Council's Community Chest Fund.
13. Of the fourteen applications, eight address mental health, two address food/diet, two address anti-social behaviour and one is non-specific.
14. The panel was made up of 3 council officers, using a tried and tested scoring matrix to assess the application against the aims and objectives of the fund. This is now available for Member review and recommendation on awards.

Options

15. The Grants Advisory Committee should consider each application for funding as set out in Appendix A to this report. The Committee could then make a recommendation to the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance to award funding in line with officer recommendations, or different amounts (including zero funding) giving reasons. The Committee can also defer a decision, if further information is required from the applicant.

Implications

16. There are no significant implications

Risks/Opportunities

17. 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 funds are released.

Consultation responses

18. Some applications have been supported by the County Council's Youth and Community Co-ordinator for South Cambridgeshire.

Effect on Council Priority Areas

19. Ensure that South Cambridgeshire continues to offer an outstanding quality of life for our residents: the children and young people grant scheme aims to promote a good quality of life for residents, assisting directly in supporting individual wellbeing, addressing social disadvantage, promoting equality of access to services, thereby creating social capital within our communities.
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Background Papers

Grants Advisory Committee Meetings

<https://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=1096&Year=0>

Appendices

Appendix A: Officer panel scores

Appendix B: Application criteria and scoring matrix

Appendix C: Offices score for each objective

Appendix D: Project summaries and officer comments

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