



ADUR DISTRICT
COUNCIL

Executive Member for
Health & Wellbeing
26 July 2018

Key Decision [~~Yes~~/No]

Ward(s) Affected: All

**Adur Community Grants
Allocation of Funds for 2018/19
Report by the Director for Communities**

Executive Summary

1. Purpose

The report requests the Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing to consider the allocation of the 2018/19 Adur Community Grants Budget. This is the first round of the new financial year, the deadline for applications was 29th June 2018. There were six applications received, totalling £25,349.95.

There are also five deferred applications from 2017/18 totalling £24,800 which are also addressed in this report.

The total available budget for organisations applying to Adur Community Grants in 2018/19 is £30,000.

2. Recommendation

The Council Officer responsible for Adur Community Grants herein provides recommendations on which groups should be funded, the final decision lies with Adur District Council's Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing.

3. Context

- 3.1. Adur has a vibrant and diverse community and voluntary sector; hundreds of charities and groups help Adur residents to prosper, thrive, be healthy and happy. The majority of these groups are running on no monetary income and hugely dependent on the dedication, passion and time of fantastic volunteers. The aim of Adur Community Grants is to provide financial and non-monetary support to such groups, enabling them to try something new or continue a much-needed service locally.
- 3.2. Adur Community Grants have been around for over ten years and have given in excess of £600,000 to around 200 groups. In April 2017, the criteria for Adur Community Grants was reviewed and realigned to ensure that it met both the strategic priorities of the Council in '[Platforms for our Places](#)' and aims of the Communities and Wellbeing Team as evidenced in the 'Intelligence & Evidence Framework'.
- 3.3. There is no legal duty or obligation for the Council to provide financial, or other support to Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprises (VCSE). Adur Council highly values this sector and is proud to still be able to offer Community Grants. Additionally, the Council also contracts VCSEs to deliver specific projects or services, and offers discretionary rate relief and subsidised rents to groups.
- 3.4. Adur Community Grants have not been immune to Council-wide budget reviews and reductions. In 2018/19 Adur Community Grants reduced its available budget from £51,141 to £40,000. Of this, £10,000 is allocated to support a wider contract with Guild Care to alleviate social isolation.
- 3.5. The administration continues to work well for groups applying. One group said "I thought that the scope and length of the form were ideal for the amount of funding and aims and objectives of the fund. The questions were clear and appropriate. The guidance was the same! I liked the google form format. And it was thoughtful to include a word doc to help us prepare, as we can't save the application."
- 3.6. [Community Works](#), an infrastructure support organisation who supports locally VCSEs continues to play a role in supporting groups- particularly in fundraising and recommended the fund to a few of the groups.

3.7. Grants allocation is a changing landscape locally. West Sussex County Council have recently started using Space Hive to create the '[West Sussex Crowd](#)'. Groups can crowdfund here and make an application to County Local Committees to financially support. At the time of writing there are six Adur projects listed on the site, two of which have also applied to Adur Community Grants.

4. Issues for consideration

4.1. Please refer to Appendix 1 for a summary of the groups requesting funding and links to their websites providing additional information.

4.2. The Communities and Third Sector Lead would hereby like to make the following recommendations to the Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing. With the added note, that the recommendations this time were particularly hard due to the reduction in budget and the number of requests from amazing VCSEs delivering invaluable projects.

4.3. Should these recommendations be adopted, there would not be a further round of Adur Community Grants in 2018/19.

Application one	Angling Trust Sussex Marine Region
Amount requested	£3,000.00
Officer recommendation	Part-fund £1,500.00
Commentary	A great initiative showcasing the Sussex coast and making fishing more accessible to Adur residents. Given the budget constraint a recommendation to part-fund and the group to consider charging people to take part on the trips, even if a donation. They will also be linked with Community Works to help further fundraising.

Application two	International Neighbours
Amount requested	£2,640.00
Officer recommendation	Fund £2,640.00
Commentary	A really important project run by a small group of passionate volunteers. They have already been linked to Community Works and are gaining support.

Application three	Grace Eyre Foundation
Amount requested	£5,000.00
Officer recommendation	Fund £5,000.00
Commentary	Really interesting to see this organisation starting to work more in Adur and reducing social isolation for those with learning disabilities. The funding would be on the understanding that they work closely with Sustainable Sussex in the delivery of this project.

Application four	Homestart Arun, Worthing and Adur
Amount requested	£5,000.00
Officer recommendation	Fund £5,000.00
Commentary	Last year, Adur Community Grants funded the school readiness programme and it seems natural to now help fund the next step. It also recognises that volunteer recruitment is resource intensive and requires funding.

Application five	4sight Vision Support
Amount requested	£4,709.95
Officer recommendation	Fund £3,360.00
Commentary	Based in the Shoreham Centre in Adur, 4sight Vision Support are a well-regarded charity in the local area. The recommendation is to part-fund, due to the restraints of the budget but to recommend that West Sussex Crowd is used for the remaining or additional financial need.

Application six	The As You Are Centre
Amount requested	£5,000.00
Officer recommendation	Fund £5,000.00
Commentary	This service is well-used by Going Local with good feedback, especially given that free or reduced cost counselling offers are hard-come by. They have received money from WSCC and Sussex Community Foundation and will be linked up with Community Works to help further with national fundraising.

Deferred application A	Friends of Globe School
Amount requested	£4,800.00
Officer recommendation	Funding no longer required
Commentary	A recent site visit with Cllr Dave Simmons confirmed what a great local resource this will be. This final funding was secured by Section 106 money and confirmed by Joint Strategic Committee in July 2018.

Deferred application B	Outset Youth Action
Amount requested	£5,000.00
Officer recommendation	Part-fund £2,500
Commentary	A recent meeting was held with Cllr Dave Simmons and the organisation. They were immediately connected with Community Works as there are severe financial concerns. They are also in discussion with WSCC, as their funding has recently changed from this source. The allocation of £2,500 is due the budget constraints of Adur Community Grants.

Deferred application C	Adur and Access Mobility - Access Adur
Amount requested	£5,000.00
Officer recommendation	not-fund
Commentary	This organisation was visited with Cllr Dave Simmons and the next project was also discussed. There is already a resource called 'Find-It' which provides general information locally. This does not provide details on wheelchair accessibility of the premise which historically was provided by an organisation called Disabled Go- but which could be included in the future.

Deferred application D	Adur and Access Mobility - Community Workshops
Amount requested	£5,000.00
Officer recommendation	Part-fund £2,500.00
Commentary	A really interesting and innovative project. The part-funding is due to the budget restraints. Recommendation to also closely work with Bognor and Worthing Shopmobility, who also work in Adur.

Deferred application E	Sustainable Sussex
Amount requested	£5,000.00
Officer recommendation	Part-fund £2,500.00
Commentary	This is a great new project to the area. The part-funding is due to budget restraints. The funding would be subject to working closely with the Grace Eyre Foundation.

5. Engagement and Communication

- 5.1. The completed application forms were initially reviewed by the Communities and Third Sector Lead against the priorities and using local knowledge and experience. They were then shared with colleagues in the Communities and Wellbeing Team for feedback. In some instances, some advice was sought from Community Works, the Council's contracted Infrastructure Support Organisation. Additionally, there is a summary of grant funding that partners update, and this was referred to check for double-funding and to see what groups may have received in total over the last few years.
- 5.2. The engagement and communications with groups interested and applying for the grants has been open and transparent. All information is clear and kept up to date on the Councils' website and communication is maintained through the process with groups mainly via email but also by phone.
- 5.3. Adur Community Grants were advertised on the Councils' website, on social media, in local press, local networks, via elected Members and through Community Works and all their communication channels.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. The total budget available for Adur Community Grants at the start of the financial year is £30,000.
- 6.2. If the Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing agrees the recommended funding, this would total £30,000.

6.3. For ease, this is summarised:

GRANT SUMMARY

Total budget 2018/19	£40,000.00
Guildcare Contract 2018/19 - addressing social isolation	-£10,000.00
Budget available for Community Grants	<u>£30,000.00</u>

	Amount Requested	Suggested funding	
1 Angling Trust Sussex Marine Region	£3,000.00	£1,500.00	
2 International Neighbours	£2,640.00	£2,640.00	
3 Grace Eyre Foundation	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	
4 Homestart Arun, Worthing and Adur	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	
5 4sight Vision Support	£4,709.95	£3,360.00	
6 The As You Are Centre	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	
Totals	<u>£25,349.95</u>	<u>£22,500.00</u>	-£22,500.00
			<u>£7,500.00</u>

1 Friends of Globe School	£4,800.00	£0.00	
2 Outset Youth Action	£5,000.00	£2,500.00	
3 Adur Access and Mobility Group - Directory	£5,000.00	£0.00	
4 Adur Access and Mobility Group - Horsebox	£5,000.00	£2,500.00	
5 Sustainable Sussex	£5,000.00	£2,500.00	
Totals	<u>£24,800.00</u>	<u>£7,500.00</u>	-£7,500.00

Remainder	<u>£0.00</u>
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Finance Officer: Sarah Gobey

Date: 24th July 2018

7. Legal Implications

- 7.1. Section 137 Local Government Act 1972 provides that if Council is considering expenditure for which there is no other statutory power then a Local Authority may incur expenditure which in their opinion is in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to, their area or any part of it or all or some of their inhabitants. The Council must ensure that the direct benefit accruing to its area or residents is commensurate with the expenditure incurred.
- 7.2. There is no legal obligation on the Council to provide financial or other assistance to the voluntary and community sector. However, the Council recognise the vital part played by voluntary groups in the life of the District. The Council does have the power to provide financial assistance to the sector under Section 1 Localism Act 2011 which provides that the Council have the power to do anything that individuals generally may do, providing no other legislation exists to prevent it.
- 7.3. Section 111 Local Government Act 1972 provides that the Council shall have power to do anything (whether or not involving the expenditure, borrowing or lending of money or the acquisition or disposal of any property or rights) which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of any of their functions.
- 7.4. A grant agreement will be entered into by each successful group, with the Council, before any money is released.

Legal Officer: Melanie Marshall

Date: 17/07/2018

Background Papers

Adur Community Grants [Priorities and Criteria](#)
[Platforms for our Places](#)

Communities and Wellbeing Team's Evidence and Intelligence Framework

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Sustainability & Risk Assessment

Sustainability has been considered and no issues identified. In terms of a risk assessment and ensuring groups are operating in a safe way, successful groups sign a contract before the money is released. This is the contract they return:

1. No other funding has already been obtained to deliver this specific project.
2. The grant will only be used for the project described on the application form and subject to the stipulated conditions. Any further changes must be agreed by Adur District Council (ADC) before proceeding.
3. The project will start within six months of receipt of the grant and any unused money will be returned to ADC.
4. We will comply with all laws regulating the way we operate, the activities we undertake, the staff we employ and the goods we buy.
5. We have a **Safeguarding Policy** and relevant **Insurance** to carry out the project and will send copies of these to ADC. We will ensure that staff and volunteers have a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check if required.
6. We will act in a fair and open manner and without discrimination at all times.
7. We understand that the grant is made inclusive of VAT.
8. We accept that ADC may need to share information about the grant under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. ADC also has the right to publicise the grant and related project as they see fit. We will acknowledge ADC as a funder and use ADCs logo if appropriate.
9. ADC has the right to withdraw the grant at any time. For example, if the conditions or detail in the application form aren't met, if any law is broken in the delivery of the project and if the Council's name or reputation is brought into disrepute.
10. We will provide an evaluation within one month of the project end date.

1. Economic

Adur Community Grants have been re-aligned to the Council's priorities under Platforms for our Places and the Communities and Wellbeing Team's Intelligence and Evidence Framework, and plays a part in the helping the area reach its economic potential by support the VCSEs.

2. Social

1.1. Social Value

Funding these groups has a big social impact, often helping to reach the hardest or most vulnerable residents.

2.2 Equality Issues

In the funding criteria, it is stipulated that no group will discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national origin, disability, age, or sexual orientation.

2.3 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)

Matter considered and no issues identified.

2.4 Human Rights Issues

Matter considered and no issues identified.

3. Environmental

Matter considered and no issues identified.

4. Governance

Successfully funded organisations will be expected to self-govern but through the contract that must be signed before the funds are released, the Council protects itself by asking groups to have insurance, safeguarding policies and the ability to withdraw the grant if any law is broken in the delivery of the project and if the Council's name or reputation is brought into disrepute.

Appendix One

2018/19 Round one - projects applying for funding:

1. Application one - [Angling Trust Sussex Marine Region](#)

The Angling Trust is the representative body for game, coarse and sea anglers in England. The local organisation would like £3,000 towards the fuel and associated costs of taking out families for angling trips from Shoreham-by-Sea over the Summer of 2018.

2. Application two - [International Neighbours](#)

International Neighbours are a small group of volunteers who are passionate about equality, diversity and community cohesion. They are requesting £2,640 to cover the costs of their annual event, to take place in October 2018, which brings together people of different racial groups across Adur.

3. Application three - [Grace Eyre Foundation](#)

Grace Eyre's vision is for a society where people with learning disabilities are respected as equal citizens, are part of and contribute to their communities, and where people can fulfil their dreams and wishes. They would like £5,000 to setup and run a new friendship group for people with learning disabilities in Adur.

4. Application four - [Home-start Arun, Worthing and Adur](#)

Home-Start is a charity which believes the best start in life for a child begins at home with their family. They believe every family is special and their volunteers work with families in their own homes to help them cope when times get tough. They are requesting £5,000 for the recruitment and management of 18 new volunteers to help families in Adur. This is building on the School readiness project which Adur Community Grants funded in 2017/18.

5. Application five - [4Sight Vision Support](#)

4Sight Vision Support is a charity supporting people with sight loss and a membership organisation, based in West Sussex. They provide services to improve health and wellbeing, promote independence and prevent social isolation. They are applying for £4,709.95 to purchase new technological equipment so that Adur members can learn about assistive technology, in order to them use them in their everyday lives.

6. Application six - [The As you Are Centre](#)

As You Are provides affordable counselling and group work for depression, stress and anxiety for people living in Brighton, Hove, Portslade, Southwick, Shoreham, Lancing and Worthing. They are requesting £5,000 in to launch a new family therapy service to help people improve communications and their relationships in Adur.

Outstanding [Deferred projects](#) from 2017/18 Round One:

A. 2017/18 Round 1: Application eight - [Friends of Globe School](#)

£4,800 towards the refurbishment of the outdoor pool within the school grounds. This will be used as a social and recreational facility for local children and young people, the wider school and village community. The project will bring back to life a largely unused facility with potential for year round community use for all ages and facilities.

Outstanding [Deferred projects](#) from 2017/18 Round Two:

B. 2017/18 Round 2: Application four - [Outset Youth Action](#)

£5,000 to support disadvantaged youth people back into further education, training or employment through tailored support packages which includes volunteering and social action.

C. 2017/18 Round 2: Application seven - [Adur Access and Mobility Group](#)

£5,000 towards the review and upkeep of 'Access Adur', a local directory designed by and for the local community - particularly to help those with accessibility challenges.

D. 2017/18 Round 2: Application eight - [Adur Access and Mobility Group](#)

£5,000 towards a Community Workshop to provide a large trailer at community events to help repair wheelchairs and offer advice on maintenance.

E. 2017/18 Round 2: Application nine - [Sustainable Sussex](#)

£5,000 to relocate Sussex Chilli Farm (a social enterprise supporting those with learning difficulties, mental and physical challenges, the over 50s and those long-term unemployed) from Worthing Leisure Centre to Sompting (Peveler), Adur. The money will help with relocation costs and off-grid power systems.