



ADUR & WORTHING
COUNCILS

Executive Members for
Health & Wellbeing
14 May 2020

Decision to be taken on or after
22 May 2020

Key Decision: No

Ward(s) Affected: All Adur

Adur Community Grants

Report by the Director for Communities

Executive Summary

1. Purpose

- 1.1. This report requests the Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing to consider the allocation of the 2020/21 Adur Community Grants Budget.
- 1.2. This is the first round of the financial year. There are fourteen applications to consider, a number directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the total amount requested is £57,710.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing is recommended to approve the funding allocations as set out in section 4 of the report.

3. Context

- 3.1. The COVID-19 pandemic has hit the local third sector hard; the impact taking its toll on two key areas - their **resources** (staff, volunteers and the ways in which they can now work) and their **financial income**. All at a time when the experience, expertise and services of not-for-profit organisations are needed more than ever to support our most vulnerable residents through these unprecedented times.
- 3.2. Adur has a vibrant and diverse community and voluntary sector- ordinarily, hundreds of charities and groups help Adur residents to prosper, thrive, be healthy and happy. The Adur Community Grants programme opened on the 1st April 2020 in order to help support groups as quickly as possible.
- 3.3. The aim of Adur Community Grants is to provide financial and non-monetary support to such groups. The added priority from April 2020 was to prioritise funding for those projects that directly help residents affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 3.4. Adur Community Grants have been around for over fifteen years and have given in excess of £780,000 to over 240 projects.
- 3.5. There is no legal duty or obligation for the Council to provide financial, or other support to Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (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.
- 3.6. Adur Community Grants now includes the income from Textile Recycling in Adur.
- 3.7. [Community Works](#), the infrastructure support organisation who supports locally VCSEs continues to play a role in supporting groups - particularly in fundraising and recommended the fund to groups.

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 about the organisation.

Application one	Vida Active
Amount requested	£3,990
Officer recommendation	Part-fund to the value of £2,000
Commentary	Due to the number of applications received, the recommendation is to part-fund this application. It would also be a condition that this group work with other Council services and providers, for example, to ensure older people have access to technology to take-part.

Application two	Apron
Amount requested	£2,000
Officer recommendation	Fund £2,000
Commentary	The organisation should work with Home-start, the Community Hub and other local organisations to ensure connection is made with families that need this support.

Application three	MenWalkTalk
Amount requested	£4,400
Officer recommendation	Part-fund to the value of £2,000
Commentary	This charity is recommended to work with existing Council services and providers to ensure this effort is joined up with other local offers at this time.

Application four	Cruse Bereavement
Amount requested	£5,000
Officer recommendation	£5,000
Commentary	This is a vital service needed at this time.

Application five	Shoreham FC
Amount requested	£1,200
Officer recommendation	Not fund
Commentary	Due to pressure of fund in supporting direct impact of COVID-19.

Application six	Daisy Chain
Amount requested	£3,000
Officer recommendation	Fund £3,000
Commentary	This is a vital service needed at this time.

Application seven	Home-start
Amount requested	£5,000
Officer recommendation	Fund £3,000
Commentary	This is a vital service needed at this time.

Application eight	Time to talk befriending
Amount requested	£7,500
Officer recommendation	Fund £5,000
Commentary	This is a vital service needed at this time.

Application nine	London Hearts Charity
Amount requested	£1,500
Officer recommendation	Fund £1,500

Commentary	To complement the existing defibrillators in Adur, funded by Adur Council's Chair.
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Application ten	The As You Are Centre
Amount requested	£5,000
Officer recommendation	£5,000
Commentary	This is a vital service needed at this time.

Application eleven	Community Transport Sussex
Amount requested	£5,000
Officer recommendation	£5,000
Commentary	This will be a vital service for vulnerable people after lock-down and will enable the organisation to keep afloat.

Application twelve	Shoreham Rowing Club
Amount requested	£5,000
Officer recommendation	Not fund
Commentary	Due to pressure of fund in supporting direct impact of COVID-19.

Application thirteen	Community Hub
Amount requested	£4,500
Officer recommendation	£4,500
Commentary	The recommendation is to support this organisation financially but for the group to work closely with both the Council, Community Works and other local organisations to ensure the offer is joined up. There

	are some areas that the funding couldn't support. Additionally, further details on the governance of the organisation will be sought and confirmation of who will hold the funds. This will all be outlined separately in a letter to this group for mutual agreement before the funds are released.
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Application fourteen	Ibox - Rise
Amount requested	£4,500
Officer recommendation	Not fund
Commentary	Due to pressure of fund in supporting direct impact of COVID-19.

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 communication 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 for Adur Community Grants at the start of the financial year is **£40,000**. The proceeds from the textile banks have not yet been collected

and it should be noted that the small income from this stream will be lower in the coming weeks due to the lock-down.

- 6.2. The following funding suggestions are made which if agreed will fully distribute the budget for this year.

1	Vida Active	£2,000
2	Apron- free art kits to families in isolation	£2,000
3	MenWalkTalk	£2,000
4	Cruse Bereavement	£5,000
6	Daisy Chain	£3,000
7	Homestart	£5,000
8	Time to talk befriending	£5,000
9	London Hearts charity - defibrillators	£1,500
10	The As You Are Centre	£5,000
11	Community Transport Sussex	£5,000
13	Community Hub	£4,500
		£40,000

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.

Background Papers

Adur Community Grants [Priorities and Criteria](#)

Last decision round:

<https://democracy.adur-worthing.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=328>

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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 helping the area reach its economic potential by supporting the VCSEs.

2. Social

2.1. 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

2020/21 Round one - brief summary of projects applying for funding:

1. Application one - [Vida Active Club CIC](#)

This organisation is requesting £3,990 towards the total costs of £4,750 for their project entitled 'Exercise and Socialise for the over 60s'. This is a new on-line initiative building on the physical classes that were taking place at Eastbrook Manor before the lock-down. The aim of the project is to prevent falls and increase the general wellbeing and happiness of older, local residents.

2. Application two - [Apron](#)

The total costs of £2,000 have been applied for their 'free arts kits to families in isolation' project. The funding would enable them to buy arts and crafts supplies to give to childrens' centres and food banks to give to families that might not have these. They aim to supply 1,000 kits with the funding. The project requires volunteers to deliver the packs.

3. Application three - [MenWalkTalk](#)

This charity would like £4,000 to support an on-line project which aims to improve the mental health of men. Ordinarily, the organisation would be running walking groups for men and have tested this recently in Littlehampton and Worthing but due to COVID-19 they would now like the funding to support on-line work in preparation for lock-down being lifted.

4. Application four - [Cruse Bereavement Services](#)

Cruse are requesting £5,000 for staff and volunteer costs in order to provide low-cost bereavement counselling as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

5. Application five - [Shoreham Football Club](#)

This local football club would like £1,200 to refurbish a run-down porta-cabin for youth boys and girls to use as changing rooms and a learning space. The project will begin in September 2020.

6. Application six - [Daisy Chain](#)

This charity would like £3,000 towards the total project costs of £20,000 to help pay for court applications which cost on average £215 per client, thus supporting victims of domestic violence during the COVID-19 pandemic.

7. Application seven - [Home-start Arun, Worthing and Adur](#)

This organisation is requesting £5,000 towards the total costs of £12,560 to help families during the COVID-19 pandemic and will pay for volunteer phone-calls to parents, staff and training costs and craft packs for children.

8. Application eight - [Time to talk befriending](#)

A request for £7,500 has been made from this organisation to support lonely, isolated and vulnerable older people in Adur through befriending. Around 50-60 people will benefit as a result of this funding, delivered by volunteers.

9. Application nine - [London hearts charity](#)

This charity is asking for £1,500 towards the cost of installation, maintenance and training for one defibrillator in Adur with the aim of reducing death by cardiac arrest.

10. Application ten - [The As You Are Centre](#)

£5,000 is being requested to support the costs of group counselling programmes for when the lock-down is lifted, to support those with direct effect of COVID-19 including trauma and bereavement.

11. Application eleven - [Community Transport Sussex](#)

CTS are applying for £5,000 towards their overheads whilst their other income has significantly reduced because of COVID-19. They are keeping in touch with Dial a Ride and other community transport provider customers so that people don't feel isolated or lonely in these challenging times.

12. Application twelve - [Shoreham Rowing Club](#)

This group would like £4,166 to pay for new equipment for the club- namely, 4 sets of sculling blades and a rowing ergometer, to enable a growing number of junior members who are learning this sport.

13. Application thirteen - Shoreham, Southwick and Shoreham Community Support

As a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic, this community group has been set up and are requesting £4,500 to pay for food vouchers, care pack items, refrigeration, children's clothes, fuel and insurance for the group.

14. Application fourteen - iBox - Rise Community

IBox are applying for £4,620 towards a new boxing project for 50 11-13 year olds at Shoreham Academy from September 2020.

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