



ADUR & WORTHING
COUNCILS

Executive Members for
Health & Wellbeing
24 March 2021

Decision to be taken on or after
1 April 2021

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 Members for Health and Wellbeing to consider the allocation of the 2020/21 Adur Community Grants Budget.
- 1.2. This is the second round of the financial year. There are twenty one applications to consider, a number directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the total amount requested is £90,803.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The Executive Members for Health and Wellbeing are 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 for the first round and on the 7th Dec 2020 for the second round.
- 3.3.** The aim of Adur Community Grants is to provide financial and non-monetary support to such groups. During this year's grants programme we have amended the priorities, so as to support community groups & organisations that help local people experiencing disproportionate challenge and difficulty specifically as a result of the COVID-19 crisis. In this, the second round, a focus on supporting new and existing projects that work with Black, Asian and ethnically diverse individuals and communities in Adur, as well as those seeking to address and reduce inequalities were given priority. The grants also put a much stronger emphasis on accepting applications for core costs e.g. salary costs, operational costs. It is acknowledged by the Council that securing funding for these types of costs is extremely difficult for some groups and in order to enable/ facilitate community activity giving groups financial assistance in this way is very important.
- 3.4.** Adur Community Grants have been around for over fifteen years and have given in excess of £800,000 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	Lancing 3 & 5 Sea Scouts
Amount requested	£2,000
Officer recommendation	Not Fund
Commentary	<p>Due to pressure of fund in supporting direct impact of COVID-19.</p> <p>It is recommended that this group work with other local organisations such as Adur Outdoor Activity Centre to share/ hire equipment.</p>

Application two	Adur Community Cafe
Amount requested	£5,000
Officer recommendation	Not Fund
Commentary	<p>Due to pressure on this grant it is recommended not to provide funding at this time.</p> <p>It is recommended that the Community Cafe work alongside UK Harvest, who are commissioned to provide support to families and individuals around food provision, food waste and education.</p>

Application three	Adur Community Gateway
Amount requested	£5,000
Officer recommendation	Fund £5,000
Commentary	This organisation has provided a much needed lifeline to families and individuals with the local area around not only food, but also other much needed support throughout COVID. This is a vital service that is needed.

Application four	Adur Valley District Scout Council
Amount requested	£5,000
Officer recommendation	Not Fund
Commentary	Due to pressure of fund in supporting direct impact of COVID-19. Recommendation for the group to explore the COVID Capital Recovery Grants for assistance.

Application five	Buckingham Playgroup
Amount requested	£5,000
Officer recommendation	Not Fund
Commentary	Due to pressure of fund in supporting direct impact of COVID-19.

Application six	Citizen's Advice
Amount requested	£5,000
Officer recommendation	Not Fund
Commentary	This is a vital service needed at this time. The Council has extended its contract with this organisation and therefore this project is now funded outside of the

	grants programme.
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Application seven	Concordia
Amount requested	£2,658
Officer recommendation	Not Fund
Commentary	Due to pressure on this grant it is recommended not to provide funding at this time.

Application eight	CYCALL
Amount requested	£500
Officer recommendation	Not Fund
Commentary	<p>Due to pressure of fund in supporting direct impact of COVID-19.</p> <p>This project is based outside of Adur District and although Adur residents may benefit it is recommended that the organisation should apply to Worthing Community Chest for support.</p>

Application nine	Highdown Rotary
Amount requested	£3,000
Officer recommendation	Not Fund
Commentary	<p>Due to pressure of fund in supporting direct impact of COVID-19.</p> <p>This project is based outside of Adur District and although Adur residents may benefit it is recommended that the organisation should apply to Worthing Community Chest for support.</p>

Application ten	Homestart Arun
Amount requested	£5,000
Officer recommendation	Not Fund
Commentary	Due to pressure on this grant it is recommended not to provide funding at this time.

Application eleven	Men in Sheds
Amount requested	£4,500
Officer recommendation	Not Fund
Commentary	<p>Due to pressure on this grant it is recommended not to provide funding at this time.</p> <p>It is recommended that this group work with Community Transport Sussex to provide transport for service users etc to sessions.</p>

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

Application thirteen	Original All Stars Music
Amount requested	£3,545
Officer recommendation	Not Fund
Commentary	Due to pressure of fund in supporting direct impact of COVID-19.

	It is recommended that this organisation approach AudioActive who are commissioned to provide music provision for young people in the community, who may be able to support this project with resources.
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Application fourteen	RAPT Theatre
Amount requested	£3,000
Officer recommendation	Not Fund
Commentary	Due to pressure of fund in supporting direct impact of COVID-19.

Application fifteen	Real Genesis Natural Global Healthcare
Amount requested	\$10,000
Officer recommendation	Not Fund
Commentary	This is an international company and its business activities cannot be confirmed.

Application sixteen	Sidney Walter Youth
Amount requested	£5,000
Officer recommendation	Partially fund £4,500
Commentary	<p>This is a vital service and this award will provide match funding to complement the delivery of service in Worthing.</p> <p>It is recommended that support is prioritised in the Lancing & Eastbrook areas.</p>

Application seventeen	Wickers Gymnastics
Amount requested	£5,000
Officer recommendation	Not Fund
Commentary	Due to pressure of fund in supporting direct impact of COVID-19.

Application eighteen	Worthing Mencap
Amount requested	£4,850
Officer recommendation	Fund £4,850
Commentary	This is a vital service needed at this time.

Application nineteen	Worthing Vegan Foodbank
Amount requested	£5,000
Officer recommendation	Not Fund
Commentary	This application was withdrawn as the foodbank does not operate in the Adur District.

Application twenty	AgeUK
Amount requested	£5,000
Officer recommendation	Not Fund
Commentary	Due to the pressure on the fund and resources already provided by the Council to support the re-opening of Eastbrook Manor.

Application twenty	Sussex Clubs for Young People
Amount requested	£5,000

Officer recommendation	Partially Fund £4,894.85
Commentary	This is a vital service needed at this time.

5. Engagement and Communication

- 5.1.** The completed application forms were initially reviewed by the Communities & Wellbeing Business Development Manager against the priorities and using local knowledge and experience. They were then shared with colleagues in the Communities and Wellbeing Team for feedback. 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**. £21,360 was allocated through round one. The budget for round two is £19,244.85, which includes income from textile recycling.
- 6.2.** The following funding suggestions are made which if agreed will fully distribute the budget for this year.

1	Adur Community Gateway	£5,000.00
2	Sidney Walter Youth	£4,500.00
3	Worthing MENCAP	£4,850.00
4	Sussex Clubs for Young People	£4,894.85
		£19,244.85

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 - [Lancing 3rd & 5th Sea Scouts](#)

This organisation is requesting £2,000 towards their project entitled 'Sports Equipment for 3rd & 5th Lancing Sea Scouts'. This funding would provide for the purchase of new water sport equipment, such as SUP boards with an aim to provide a wider variety of activities for their young members.

2. Application two - [Adur Community Cafe](#)

This organisation is requesting £5,000 towards their £9,000 project Adur Community Cafe. This funding would enable the group to secure a year's rental payments, as well as equipment, insurance and website development. The group aims to tackle food poverty, through providing a pay what you can afford hot meal and desert, as well as reduce food waste. At present the group are providing this by delivering this to the door. However, the long term ambition is that the group deliver this from their base on two nights (currently one night).

3. Application three - [Adur Community Gateway](#)

This organisation is requesting £5,000 to provide food and essential items to those most in need and hardest hit by the pandemic and/ or who are coping with low and/ or unreliable sources of income. The aim of the group is to provide the community with a range of support e.g. food provision, clothing, care parcels, peer to peer support. They are constantly developing their offer to meet the needs of the community and are developing their support around fuel poverty.

4. Application four - [Adur District Valley Scout Council](#)

Adur District Valley Scouts would like £5,000 to contribute towards the £17,700 plus costs of replacing the roof of their headquarters. The current roof is beyond repair and support towards this project would allow the building to be watertight and to ensure a financially viable future for the scouts groups in the area.

5. Application five - [Buckingham Playgroup](#)

This local playgroup would like £5,000 towards their £8,000 project to improve the outside area for the children that attend the setting by providing an outside shed and awning. This would enable children to spend much more time outdoors in the fresh air engaged in play.

6. Application six - [Citizen's Advice](#)

This organisation would like £5,000 towards the total costs of £5,500 to cover the salary costs for a three month period of an independent specialist advisor that could support vulnerable residents impacted by COVID-19.

7. Application seven - [Concordia](#)

This organisation is requesting £2,658 to expand their Emotional Wellbeing Programme, by providing funding to deliver training for two delivery support staff. The aim of this programme is to empower young people around emotional wellbeing and providing them with essential tools and skills to understand and look after their mental health.

8. Application eight - [CYCALL](#)

A request for £500 has been made from this organisation for purchasing hard wearing durable paint to ensure their two 40FT storage containers are watertight in order to store their adapted trikes in. A living wall is also part of the project, which will provide a stimulating and sensory environment for users of the project and those using Brooklands park.

9. Application nine - [Highdown Rotary](#)

This organisation is requesting £3,000 towards their project entitled "Highdown Rotary Youth Community Support". The aim of the project is to provide young people the opportunity to unlock their potential and develop their skills. Young people will be able to take part in hands on projects around the topics and causes that matter to them.

10. Application ten - [Homestart Arun](#)

£5,000 is being requested to support the costs in providing 10 hours a week for a Home-Start Staff Organiser to work directly with families (12 families over the year) identified as the most vulnerable and with complex needs. Families with an under 5 will be supported around money isolation, lack of socialisation, school readiness and mental health support.

11. Application eleven - [Men in Sheds](#)

Men in Sheds are applying for £4,500 towards purchasing a 3 seater van to transport their members to and from their sessions, as well as collect items that are donated for the members to recycle.

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

This group would like £5,000 to pay for new equipment for the club- namely, 4 mobile floodlights that can be used in the evenings, therefore providing more sessions/ opportunities for young people to access football and activity.

13. Application thirteen - [Original All Stars Music](#)

Original All Stars Music are requesting £3,545 to fund their project entitled “The Allstars Rescue Package”. Funding would provide for music and video equipment, as well as producers to record and release a charity album to show appreciation for our frontline workers during the pandemic.

14. Application fourteen - [RAPT Theatre](#)

This organisation would like to apply for £3,000 towards their £21,650 project entitled “Pier to Pier”. This project is a public art and sound installation that is part of the 2021 Brighton Festival Programme taking in place in May. The installation will play sound from a fixed audio bench when residents will be able to listen to recorded autobiographical stories from people who live and work in our communities. This is accompanied by soundtracks from community choirs. This project would fund an installation in Churchill and Southlands wards.

15. Application fifteen - [Real Genesis Natural Global Healthcare](#)

This organisation would like \$10,000 towards their \$20,000 project that is entitled “Good Health in our Community”. Their main aim is to uplift the health standard of people and enhance and empower the less privileged and displaced people.

16. Application sixteen - Sidney Walter Youth

This organisation has requested £5,000 to deliver their project “Beyond the Gate”. This project is a mentoring programme and will work with young people on a 1-2-1 basis across Adur’s High Schools. They will be providing support using a strength based approach to explore and build on a young person’s strengths, engaging them in positive activity/ change. They will work with other local providers to support young people into activities, such as Sussex Bears.

17. Application seventeen - [Wickers Gymnastics Club](#)

Wicker’s would like to apply for £1,750 towards the replacement of five gymnastics mats, which are required to meet the health and safety requirements for their gymnastic activity. This would benefit their members in engaging in positive recreational physical activity.

18. Application eighteen - [Worthing Mencap](#)

Worthing Mencap have requested £4,850 to develop their Shoreham Friendship Group. A Worthing based group has been running for several years and this project would build on the experience and success of this group. They will offer a local space for those with learning disabilities and autism to socialise, develop friendships and reduce isolation/ loneliness.

19. Application nineteen - [Worthing Vegan Food Bank](#) - NOTE Application Withdrawn

Worthing Vegan Food Bank are applying for £5,000 to provide food parcels for those who are in need/ hardship. The Vegan Food Bank caters for those with special dietary needs such as lactose, gluten, nut allergies to name just a few.

20. Application twenty - [Age UK](#)

This organisation is requesting £5,000 to support the re-opening of Eastbrook Manor Community Centre. The funding would be invested to provide secure safe opening of the centre and assist with the overheads of running the building. From the centre the group aims to support those over 50's living in Eastbrook and surrounding area by providing meaningful social and physical activities, health and wellbeing, as well as financial advice.

21. Application twenty one - [Sussex Clubs for Young People](#)

Sussex Clubs for Young People would like £5,000 towards their Fishersgate Youth Group. The funding will provide weekly sessions for young people aged 13-18 yrs in Eastbrook and the surrounding area. The group gives young people a place to meet and explore informal education, delivered by qualified youth workers on s topics that are important to young people. The project will also support young people to become young leaders in their community and offer local volunteering opportunities/ gain work experience.

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