

Decision by Portfolio Holder



Report reference: CPS-005-2019/20

Date of report: 13th January 2020

**Epping Forest
District Council**

Portfolio: Community and Partnership Services – Councillor N Bedford

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**Subject: Grant Aid Scheme –
Allocation of Budget and Applications for Determination – January 2020**

Decision:

1. That funding from the Grant Aid Scheme (one-off grants) for 2019/20 totalling £15,150 be awarded to; Willingale Community Garden, Roydon United Reformed Church, Revitalise Respite Holidays and Chigwell Lawn Tennis Club under the terms of the Grant Aid scheme, for the reasons stated and subject to any conditions set out in Column 2 of Appendix 1 attached.
2. That the applications from Grant-A-Smile and SPARK be refused for the reasons set out in Column 3 of Appendix 3.
3. To note that no applications will be deferred, as set out in Column 3 of Appendix 2.

ADVISORY NOTICE:

***A Portfolio Holder may not take a decision on a matter on which he/she has declared a Pecuniary interest.
A Portfolio Holder with a non-pecuniary interest must declare that interest when exercising delegated powers.***

I have read and approve/~~do not approve~~ (delete as appropriate) the above decision:

Comments/further action required: None

Signed: Councillor N Bedford

Date: 28th January 2020

Non-pecuniary interest declared by Portfolio Holder/ conflict of non-pecuniary interest declared by any other consulted Cabinet Member:

None

*Dispensation granted by Standards Committee:
Yes/No or n/a*

N/A

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Call-in period begins: 28th January 2020

Expiry of Call-in period: 4th February 2020

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Reason for decision:

Through the Grant Aid Scheme consideration is given to applications received in respect of one-off grants from voluntary and community groups. The approval of such grants ensures the provision of much valued projects and services within the district.

Options considered and rejected:

Options considered in terms of grant applications were for approval (and, if so, the amounts concerned), deferral or refusal. There were no other options for consideration and the only transfer of funds, which is possible, is from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Budget within the Community and Partnership Services Portfolio.

Background Report:

N/A

Resource Implications:

£83,450 set aside for grants to voluntary organisations in 2019/20.

The one-off grants now put forward for approval amount to £15,150 The total amount previously spent on one-off grants for 2019/20 being £68,292.17 (See Appendix 4 attached).

Legal and Governance Implications:

None specific.

Safer, Cleaner and Greener Implications:

There are no specific implications in terms of Crime and Disorder or Environmental issues within the District.

Consultation Undertaken:

Discussions have taken place with applicant groups, Ward Councillors and Officers.

Background Papers:

The Grant Aid application forms for the grant together with supporting information.

Impact Assessments:

Risk Management:

No formal assessments carried out.

Key Decision Reference (Y/N): N

Equality Analysis:

The Equality Act 2010 requires that the Public Sector Equality Duty is actively applied in decision-making. This means that the equality information provided to accompany this report is essential reading for all members involved in the consideration of this report. The equality information is provided as an Appendix to the report.

GRANT AID APPROVALS – 2019/20

APPENDIX 1

Column 1 Group	Column 2 Nature of Application	Column 3 Amount Approved £	Column 4 Comments
Willingale Community Garden	Funding towards community food growing	£2,500	The organisation provides the opportunity for the community to get involved in food growing activities, this funding will enable the group to provide outreach and engagement to surrounding schools in-particular young people with SEND. This application meets several corporate aims including Children and Young People, Community Engagement, Community Activities; use of local facilities.
Roydon United Reformed Church	Funding towards underpinning the Church	£5,000	The church provides a very valuable service to residents either through Church services or via community groups that use the hall. All the community groups that use the Church support the application and the Church have also received support from the Ward Councillor.
Revitalise Respite Holidays	Funding towards refurbishing 2 wet rooms at Jubilee Lodge – Chigwell	£5,000	The organisation provide short breaks for disabled people and their carers, giving much needed break to disabled people and offering their carers much needed respite. Jubilee Lodge in Chigwell is the organisations longest established respite centre. The refurbishment of the wet room facilities will mean the comfort and subsequent wellbeing of guests will be significantly improved.
Chigwell Lawn Tennis Club	Funding towards re- surfacing 3 tennis courts making them safe for use.	£2,650	The tennis club is open to members across the district and aims to grow active membership by 33% within three years. The resurfacing of the courts will last for approximately 5 years and help to promote good health and exercise and provide a hub for social interaction.

APPLICATIONS DEFERRED

APPENDIX 2

Column 1 Group	Column 2 Nature of Application	Column 3 Comments
There were no deferred applications.		

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APPLICATIONS REFUSED**APPENDIX 3**

Column 1 Group	Column 2 Nature of Application	Column 3 Comments
Grant-A-Smile	Funding towards deep cleaning equipment	The organisation provides a very valuable service to residents in Epping Forest however there were concerns that the organisations accounts have not been verified. Unfortunately, despite previous requests, a response has not been received and subsequently the application was refused. The group are welcome to apply in the new financial year subject to all essential documents being received.
SPARK	Funding towards counselling sessions	The application did not meet the criteria for funding as the scheme does not cover salary costs.

GRANT AID SCHEME 2019/20 – STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION

Total Budget for Grants to Voluntary Organisations = £83,450

One-Off Major Grants	Grant Approved	
Epping Sports Club	£1703.40	
Theydon Bois Baptist Church	£5000	
Alfie James Production Company	£1000	
Epping Golf Club	£360	
CRY	£5000	
GROW Community Garden	£3930	
Roydon Tennis Club	£5000	
Waltham Abbey Town Partnership	£1377	
Ongar & Villages Voluntary Care	£2386	
WAY 2000	£5000	
Beyond Ourselves	£4211.52	
Illusions Dance Academy	£1670	
Herts Boat Rescue	£1,164.25	
Loughton Baptist Church	£5000	
Waltham Abbey Baptist Church	£4750	
Matching Green Cricket Club	£3840	
Epping Forest Foodbank	£5000	
My First 1000 Days	£1900	
Lambourne End	£5000	
Red Balloon Foundation	£5000	
Total Expenditure as at 10.01.20		£68,292.17
Amounts remaining in budget prior to the approvals recommended in this decision sheet		£15,157.83
Amount remaining if applications approved as per Appendix 1		£7.83