

## Decision by Portfolio Holder



**Report reference: HCS-001-2020-21**

**Date of report: 26 May 2020**

**Epping Forest  
District Council**

**Portfolio: Housing & Community Services – Cllr H Whitbread**

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**Democratic Services: J Leither**

**Subject: Grant Aid Scheme –  
Allocation of Budget and Applications for Determination – 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

### Decision:

1. That funding from the Grant Aid Scheme (one-off grants) for 2020/21 totalling £12,700 be awarded to; Ongar United Reformed Church, All Saints Church Nazeing, St Mary and All Saints Lambourne and Capoyoga 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 Alfie James Productions be refused for the reasons set out in Column 3 of Appendix 3.
3. To note that 1 application from St Margaret's Church Stanford Rivers 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: Cllr H Whitbread

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> June 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: 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020

Expiry of Call-in period: 8<sup>th</sup> June 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:**

£85,120 set aside for grants to voluntary organisations in 2020/21.

The one-off grants now put forward for approval amount to £12,700 The total amount previously spent on one-off grants for 2020/21 being £0 (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 – 2020/21**

**APPENDIX 1**

<b>Column 1 Group</b>	<b>Column 2 Nature of Application</b>	<b>Column 3 Amount Approved £</b>	<b>Column 4 Comments</b>
Ongar United Reformed Church	The group have previously been successful in obtaining funding to transform the hall areas within the church building. This has seen an increase in community participation and the application is for funding towards storage cupboards including a sensory area for visually impaired and people living with dementia.	£4,438	
All Saints Church Nazeing	Roof and guttering repairs to the church building	£2,977	
St Mary and All Saints Lambourne	Funding towards community activities to celebrate the churches 900 <sup>th</sup> anniversary	£3,285	Conditions of funding: Before funding is released, the group are to provide a statement with a suggested date for the event to take place with details of how the event will be held safely and confirmation that risk assessments will take place following the Covid-19 advice and guidance.
Capoyoga	Funding towards yoga sessions for carers in the Epping Forest district	£2,000	

**APPLICATIONS DEFERRED****APPENDIX 2**

<b>Column 1 Group</b>	<b>Column 2 Nature of Application</b>	<b>Column 3 Comments</b>
St Margaret's Church Stanford Rivers	Repairs to be carried out to wall in the churchyard	Further information to be provided with regards to the community space the church would like to develop

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**APPLICATIONS REFUSED****APPENDIX 3**

<b>Column 1 Group</b>	<b>Column 2 Nature of Application</b>	<b>Column 3 Comments</b>
Alfie James Productions	Funding towards a theatre engagement workshop for older people	Unfortunately, due to the current climate and social distancing measures we are unable to support the event taking place this financial year

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**APPENDIX 4**

**GRANT AID SCHEME 2020/21 – STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION**

Total Budget for Grants to Voluntary Organisations = £85,120

<b>One-Off Major Grants</b>	<b>Grant Approved</b>	
Ongar United Reformed Church	£4,438	
All Saints Church Nazeing	£2,977	
St Mary and All Saints Lambourne	£3,285	
Capoyoga	£2,000	
<b>Total Expenditure as at 19.05.2020</b>	<b>£12,700</b>	
<b>Amounts remaining in budget prior to the approvals recommended in this decision sheet</b>	<b>£85,120</b>	
<b>Amount remaining if applications approved as per Appendix 1</b>	<b>£72,420</b>	

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