

## Decision by Portfolio Holder



**Report reference: HCS-007-2020/21**

**Date of report: 04 September 2020**

**Epping Forest  
District Council**

**Portfolio: Housing and Community Services – Councillor H Whitbread**

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**Subject: Grant Aid Scheme –  
Allocation of Budget and Applications for Determination – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020**

### Decision:

1. That funding from the Grant Aid Scheme (one-off grants) for 2020/21 totalling £17,738 be awarded to; St Margaret's Church – Stanford Rivers, St Clare Hospice, Lambourne End, Epping Bowls Club and Matching Green Cricket 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. There were no applications refused.
3. There were no applications deferred.

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I have read and approve/ <del>do not approve</del> (delete as appropriate) the above decision:	
Comments/further action required: None	
Signed: Councillor H Whitbread	Date: 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2020
<i>Non-pecuniary interest declared by Portfolio Holder/ conflict of non-pecuniary interest declared by any other consulted Cabinet Member:</i>	<i>Dispensation granted by Standards Committee: Yes/No or n/a</i>
None	N/A
<b>Office use only:</b> Call-in period begins: 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2020	Expiry of Call-in period: 28 <sup>th</sup> September 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 Housing and Communities 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 £17,738 The total amount previously spent on one-off grants for 2020/21 being £12,700 (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>
St Margarets Church – Stanford Rivers	Part funding to be awarded towards the cost of repairing the wall in the churchyard.	£2,500	The Groups application was for £5,000. Cllr H Whitbread awarded 50% of the amount requested.
St Clare Hospice	Funding towards a Compassionate Neighbours Scheme for people who are facing terminal and life-threatening illnesses.	£5,000	
Lambourne End	Funding towards equipment purchase to allow activities to take place safely within the outdoor centre.	£5,000	Conditions of funding: A suitable response to be received from EFDC Finance department.
Epping Bowls Club	Funding towards repairs to be carried out to the club house building to make it safe for use by members and the community.	£915	Conditions of funding: A suitable response to be received from EFDC Finance department.
Matching Green Cricket Club	Funding towards a new mower to keep the playing surface safe for both juniors and adults.	£4,323	Conditions of funding: A suitable response to be received from EFDC Finance department.

**APPLICATIONS DEFERRED**

**APPENDIX 2**

<b>Column 1 Group</b>	<b>Column 2 Nature of Application</b>	<b>Column 3 Comments</b>

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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>

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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>£72,420</b>
St Margarets Church – Stanford Rivers	£2,500	
St Clare Hospice	£5,000	
Lambourne End	£5,000	
Epping Bowls Club	£915	
Matching Green Cricket Club	£4,323	
<b>Amount recommended for approval as per this decision sheet</b>		<b>£17,738</b>
<b>Amount remaining if applications approved as per Appendix 1</b>		<b>£54,682</b>

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