

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name of Organisation	:	Age Concern Hassocks & District
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Silver Sunday tea party
Total Project Cost	:	£250
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£250
Previous Grants	:	2014/15 £8,000
		2016 £250
		2017 £700

Background information

Age Concern Hassocks is a local independent charity, helping older people for over 30 years. The organisation aims to improve the lives of older people in Hassocks and the surrounding areas by helping to combat social isolation and loneliness by providing a friendly and welcoming Day Centre that helps make later life fulfilling and enjoyable.

A Silver Sunday tea party is planned for Sunday 8 October to be held at Age Concern Hassocks 1pm – 4pm. Live music will be provided by local musicians playing harp and piano. Information stalls relevant to older people will be available on the day. The 1st Hassock Scouts will attend and help to serve the tea. Invitations will be sent to Hassocks, Ditchling, Pyecombe and Alborne residents. The event will be open to residents throughout the day and it is hoped at least 120 residents will take part. Transport will be offered by minibus and MP Nick Herbert will be invited. The funds will contribute towards the entertainment, food and some transport costs.

Head of Finance Comments

A minimal financial assessment process has been applied appropriate to the risk level.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

The event will provide an opportunity for older residents in Hassocks and the surrounding villages to get together and celebrate Silver Sunday. The event will be supported by local organisations (Scouts and local musicians) and will encourage intergenerational participation. The organisation has a high number of older visitors which will provide a captive audience for the event. The Assessment Group feel the bid will help to provide a positive contribution to the community and would like to recommend it.

Overall score: 11

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives – the event will enable older people to socialise and celebrate Silver Sunday. The attendance of the Scouts will enable young people to join in in celebrating older people in their community.

Better Environment – encouraging people to come together to share a positive experience promotes a stronger community ethos.

Recommendation

£250

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name of Organisation	:	Ardingly Parish Council
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Silver Sunday tea party
Total Project Cost	:	£250
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£250
Previous Grants	:	2015 £4,593 2017 £5,000

Background information

Ardingly Parish Council provides facilities and services to the Parish of Ardingly and its residents. The Parish Council wish to work with the Ardingly Women's Institute to put on an afternoon tea/entertainment event in October for older people aged 65 and over to encourage older residents of the village to come together and enjoy an afternoon of company and entertainment encompassing the Silver Sunday message of bringing older people together to encourage friendship. The funds will go towards entertainment and food.

Head of Finance Comments

Ardingly Parish Council is a statutory body and therefore it is not normal practice to comment on the organisations financial accounts.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

Ardingly has many elderly residents and due to the rural location of the village this leaves them sometimes isolated due to poor bus services and meeting places. The grant will enable Ardingly Parish Council to work with the Women's Institute to hold a tea party which will bring elderly residents together for an enjoyable afternoon with friends in the village.

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives – the project aims to improve the lives of older people in the parish by bringing them together and increasing social activities in the community.

Overall Score: 9

Recommendation

£250

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name of Organisation	:	Befriended – The Point Church
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Tea party for older residents
Total Project Cost	:	£5,000
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£250
Previous Grants	:	None

Background information

Befriended is a home visiting service that provides weekly or fortnightly visits to lonely isolated elderly people in their own home. It operated in Hassocks, Hurstpierpoint and Burgess Hill. The organisation would like to use the grant to go towards a large tea party for elderly residents and Befriended clients. The event will also include the formal launch of the organisation and up to 200 guests will be invited. The funds will contribute to the overall event costs.

Head of Finance Comments

A minimal financial assessment process has been applied appropriate to the risk level.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

Befriended was set up to tackle loneliness amongst older people in Hassocks, Hurstpierpoint and Burgess Hill. Hassocks and Burgess Hill have the highest proportion on over 65's in Mid Sussex and a WSCC survey of older people in 2013 found that 20.6% said they were moderately or severely lonely.

Although the tea party will be part of wider event to launch the organisation the grant will be issued with the proviso that Silver Sunday is promoted on the day and on their publicity. The Assessment Group recommend this bid.

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Effective and Responsive Services - the organisation aims to respond to an evidenced need in the District and provide services that have a proven positive impact on older residents and the wider community. The tea party will enable clients and other residents in the area to come together to celebrate and socialise.

Strong and Resilient Communities - the event will bring the community together and encourage residents to broaden their social circles which will help to improve their self-confidence.

Overall Score: 6

Recommendation

£250

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name of Organisation	:	Bentswood Community Partnership
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Silver Sunday tea party
Total Project Cost	:	£315
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£250
Previous Grants	:	None

Background information

The Bentswood Community Partnership works to benefit all the residents within the Haywards Heath ward of Bentswood. The Partnership seeks to co-ordinate the work of a variety of public voluntary agencies to deal with issues of isolation, promote health and wellbeing, organise events and activities, foster community spirit and cohesion, provide facilities for the community and support initiatives that benefit residents.

There is evidence to suggest that some residents living in housing schemes are lonely and that there are a growing number of isolated older people in Bentswood, particularly older men who may not have the opportunity to socialise and build their social networks. The event will be an intergenerational one with the inclusion of pupils at Warden Park Primary Academy, and will include partner organisations offering advice and support on independent living and wellbeing. The funds will contribute towards entertainment and refreshments and the remaining costs will be met by the Bentswood Community Partnership.

Head of Finance Comments

A minimal financial assessment process has been applied appropriate to the risk level.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

Bentswood Community Partnership is a well established community organisation with good community links. This will help to ensure that the event is well attended. Older residents will be encouraged to come together to meet other members of the community and could be the start of more regular meet ups. The Assessment Group feel it's important to enable as many communities as possible to celebrate Silver Sunday and Bentswood would benefit from having an event that enables people to get together within the area and would like to approve the bid.

Overall Score: 8

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives – the project will enable older people to lead safer and more pleasant lives and allow them to retain independence for longer.

Recommendation

£250

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name of Organisation	:	Bolnore Village Community Partnership
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Silver Sunday tea party
Total Project Cost	:	£250
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£250
Previous Grants	:	2014 £9,000

Background information

The Bolnore Village Community Partnership aims are to establish and run the Woodside and recreation facilities, and to promote these facilities for the benefit of locals, improving social wellbeing and developing the community.

The Partnership would like to hold a Silver Sunday tea party at Woodside, followed by a tea party at Haywards Heath (Hurst Place) for 60 older people aged 65 and over. The fund will go towards refreshments and some transport.

Head of Finance Comments

A minimal financial assessment process has been applied appropriate to the risk level.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

The event aims to reach 60 older people and the organisation will be working in partnership with Age Concern with an event at Hurst Place. Older people living in villages can become isolated and this event will help to combat loneliness by offering an opportunity for people to meet others. The Silver Sunday grant aims to encourage the celebration of older people across the district, especially in the villages and this project is ideal to meet this need. The Assessment Group would recommend the project is funded.

Overall Score: 6

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives – the project will enable the lives of 60 older people who will benefit from the experience of meeting others.

Better Services – the event will raise the visibility of the community of Bolnore and Lucastes reaching out to all members of society thus creating a better environment to live.

Recommendation

£250

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name of Organisation	:	Burgess Hill Town Council
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Contribution towards annual Silver Sunday event at the Market Place Shopping Centre
Total Project Cost	:	£1000
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£250
Previous Grants	:	2014 £1,000 2016 £75,000

Background information

Burgess Hill Town Council provides information and assistance via the Help point for all three Councils, general maintenance of the Town, and burial ground. The Town Council provides community assistance in the form of carer's events, young carer's events and young children's events. An annual Silver Sunday Event is held in conjunction with The Market Place Shopping Centre for senior citizens. The event comprises of entertainment, afternoon tea and transport to and from the event. Funding is being sought to contribute to this event.

Head of Finance Comments

Burgess Hill Town Council is a statutory body and therefore it is not normal practice to comment on the organisations financial accounts.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

The Burgess Hill Town Annual Silver Sunday event is now an established event and attracts a significant number of senior residents. The grant would enable residents across Burgess Hill to celebrate Silver Sunday by having an opportunity to meet others and be entertained. The Assessment Group recommend this project for funding.

Overall Score: 9

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Strong and Resilient Communities - the Council strives to support and enhance its Community. It has a dedicated section of staff whose responsibility is to develop a facilitating approach with voluntary and community groups and to facilitate the development of community projects in conjunction with partner organisations to meet identified needs with the community. The Silver Sunday event is included in this description. This project is aimed specifically at the

elderly who have limited opportunities and finances to meet others and to be entertained.

Recommendation

£250

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name of Organisation	:	East Grinstead Museum
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Silver Sunday Reminiscence event
Total Project Cost	:	£250
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£250
Previous Grants	:	None

Background information

East Grinstead Museum is situated in a purpose built building in the centre of the town. The Museum tells the story of East Grinstead and the surrounding area from its early beginnings to the present day.

The Museum plans to hold a Reminiscence event, pulling together items from their collection to be on display and handled, with a presentation accompanied by digital images to talk and show old images of East Grinstead and events of interest through the years. Attendees to the event will be offered light refreshments. The funds will be used to cover the cost of promotional material and the refreshments, and a projector stand to enable the presentation of digital images.

Head of Finance Comments

A minimal financial assessment process has been applied appropriate to the risk level.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

The organisation has not completed the formal application due to time constraints. However the Assessment Group feels an interactive exhibition in the Museum will provide an opportunity to raise the profile of Silver Sunday and will also be accessible to all residents in East Grinstead. The Assessment Group suggest that the grant be awarded on the proviso that the application is completed in full and all supporting documents are received before payment is released.

Overall Score: 6

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Environment – The event will bring the community together to share a positive experience that strengthens community spirit and identity in East Grinstead.

Recommendation

£250 (subject to receipt of application form and supporting documents)

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name of Organisation	:	Haywards Heath University of the Third Age
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Silver Sunday tea party
Total Project Cost	:	£500
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£250
Previous Grants	:	None

Background information

University of the Third Age is for people who want to keep active in mind and body, and are no longer in full time employment. The U3A is a self-help, self-managed, lifelong learning co-operative with members participating in activities in numerous ways. Members share knowledge, skills and experience, and contribute to the organisation by different means. Some enjoy giving talks and sharing their knowledge and others are prepared to help in administrative and practical ways.

Haywards Heath U3A also holds social events throughout the year and there is an 'online' membership and magazine for members.

The organisation recently attended the Lindfield Village Day where they had enquiries about setting up a monthly dancing group. Further consultation with members showed that a Dance Tea Group would be popular. The organisation plans to hold a Silver Sunday tea party with dances/quiz. The event will be followed by monthly dance group meetings. The funds will be used to cover the cost of refreshments and entertainment. The remaining costs will be funded by the organisation and a small door fee may be charged as well as a raffle held on the day.

Head of Finance Comments

A minimal financial assessment process has been applied appropriate to the risk level.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

The Assessment Group is keen to support U3A to provide an opportunity for older people to learn a new skill (different forms of dance) whilst socialising and celebrating Silver Sunday.

Overall Score: 8

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Strong and Resilient Communities- the Tea Dance will offer Food and Exercise to those that need encouraging to keep being involved with daily activities. A Quiz will offer Food, and Brain stimulation for the older people in the Community. Both of these events would bond members and form a "Strong and Resilient Community". The Dance/Quiz will get older people out of their homes and into the Community, to give them something to talk about as well as meet new people, forge friendships and learn some dance moves.

Recommendation

£250

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name of Organisation	:	Mid Sussex Older People's Council
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Silver Sunday afternoon tea party
Total Project Cost	:	£310
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£250
Previous Grants	:	2016 £500

Background information

Mid Sussex Older People's Council provide information and activities that benefit older people from 60 years and above. The organisation provides support for older people to help them lead healthier and independent lives. They work with partner organisations to deliver initiatives to benefit older people. Most recently they completed an 18 month project on Heat for Health.

A Silver Sunday tea party is planned to be held at Ashenground Community Centre where research suggests a high proportion of residents are aged over 60 and many are members of MSOPC. Previous events held by MSOPC have been very popular and it is hoped 80-100 older residents will attend.

The funding will be used for hall hire, catering and some transport costs.

Head of Finance Comments

A minimal financial assessment process has been applied appropriate to the risk level.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

MSOPC are a well-established group in Mid Sussex and their events are usually well attended. the Assessment Group feel it would be beneficial for older residents in Haywards Heath, particularly those living in and around Ashenground to come together to share a positive experience and meet people living in their area. It is recommended to fund this project.

Overall Score: 9

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives – the project will enable older people to interact socially thereby helping to improve their lives.

Better Services – by providing information on services available, more older people are able to access them and give feedback which can help to shape and improve services.

Recommendation

£250

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name of Organisation	:	St John The Evangelist
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Silver Sunday tea party
Total Project Cost	:	£500
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£250
Previous Grants	:	2014 £25,000

Background information

The church runs all manner of events to cater for the different demographics within the community and aims to ensure that support and activities are provided via activities both within the church itself and the Copthorne Parish Hub which is a community space hired out by not for profit and private companies. These include: Gymnastics for young people, Pre-school, Exercise classes for adults, Pilates classes for adults, Carer Support Group, Afternoon Teas for the elderly Afternoon Teas for the bereaved, Toddler sessions, Dance and sensory classes for toddlers and Weight management classes.

The Church would like to hold an afternoon tea party with music and a sing-along for elderly members of the community, including residents of the village care home, parishioners and residents. The event will be inter-generational with girl guides serving the afternoon tea and the local Copthorne Silver Band providing musical entertainment. The fund will be used for catering. The remaining costs will be raised from the Church and local businesses.

Head of Finance Comments

A minimal financial assessment process has been applied appropriate to the risk level.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

The Assessment Group feels the Church which is a focal point in the parish will be able to deliver a Silver Sunday event that will appeal to all residents. The inclusion of the different generations will help to raise the profile of Silver Sunday to all members of the community. It is recommended to fund this project.

Overall Score: 9

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Strong and Resilient Communities – the event will celebrate older people in the community and encourage younger people to engage. This will be an uplifting

experience for all involved, including the volunteers and those providing entertainment. The aim is to alleviate loneliness and introduce and in some cases reintroduce members of the community to one another, building friendships and therefore strengthening our community.

Recommendation

£250

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name of Organisation	:	Trinity Methodist Church
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Silver Sunday lunch at the Welcome Café
Total Project Cost	:	£335
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£250
Previous Grants	:	2014 £25,000

Background information

Trinity Methodist Church has been on the corner of the Lingfield Road and London Road in East Grinstead since 1938. The Trinity New Build project provided the new church sanctuary and additional rooms which were formally opened in 2015. The Trinity Community Café is open to the public and for groups.

Local anecdotal evidence suggests that many older people in East Grinstead live alone and eat alone. The Church would like to hold a Silver Sunday event at the Trinity Community Café and provide a hot meal for older people who eat their meals alone. Transport will be provided for those who are not able access the café on their own. The aim is to provide a comfortable atmosphere and a friendly welcome for a time of enjoyment and food cooked by others for them. The fund will be used for catering, publicity materials and some transport. The remaining costs will be met by church funds.

Head of Finance Comments

A minimal financial assessment process has been applied appropriate to the risk level.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

One of the key aims of Silver Sunday is to combat loneliness and this is manifested in older people living alone and eating alone. The project will help to combat this type of loneliness and enable older people to broaden their social networks whilst enjoying a hot meal. The Assessment Group recommends this project to be funded.

Overall Score: 9

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives – reduce isolation and provide a hot healthy meal.

Better Environment – to share a meal with other people in a pleasant café environment

Better Services – opportunity to hear about and join social groups and meet with other members of society.

Recommendation

£250