

APPENDIX B

Community And Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name Of Organisation	:	4Sight Vision Support
Purpose For Which Grant Is Sought	:	Outreach Low Vision Assessments
Total Project Cost	:	£9,607.50
Amount Of Grant Sought	:	£4,803.75
Previous Grants	:	£600 – Exhibition day in Mid Sussex (2007)

Background Information

4Sight Vision Support is a leading sight loss charity supporting visually impaired people in West Sussex. They provide a person centred approach to their services to ensure that those with sight loss do not lose their independence or become isolated as a result of their disability. Services include practical support, social and leisure activities, assistive technology training, assistive equipment, information, advice and guidance, advocacy and sight care advisors in local hospitals.

They are applying for a grant to provide low vision assessments to people in Mid Sussex in their own homes. The assessment last around one hour and is tailored to the individual's needs and ensures the person is offered the correct level of magnification and dedicated time is taken to be shown how to use the vision aids correctly. This will help to enable people to complete tasks and live more independently in their own homes and give them more confidence to partake in social activities. The assessments cost £80 per person – the grant will ensure that any financial barriers to this service are eliminated. Despite an increasing membership, 4Sight have recently seen a decline for requests in this service because of the cost.

Funding has been secured from local Town and Parish Councils and local Lions groups to the value of £2,350, with the remainder (excluding the MSDC request) to be raised through fundraising efforts.

Head of Corporate Resources Comments

- Independently examined accounts have been submitted for the period ending 31st March 2018 which show a deficit of £58,404.
- Total income was £416,895; mainly generated from Charitable activities (£142,709), Grants (£86,747), Other Trading activities (£80,980), Legacies

(£48,269), Donations (£45,391), Other income (£12,594) and Investments (£205).

- Total expenditure was £475,299; consisting of Staff Related (£269,674), Supplies and Services (£118,808), Premises Related (£68,687) and Depreciation (£18,430).
- Balances held at the end of the period showed Net assets of £1,089,705, comprising of Tangible Assets £474,705, Investments £100, Cash £660,822, Debtors £69,101, Stock £6,163 and Creditors (£121,186).

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's Evaluation of the Project

4Sight Vision Support is a well-established charity who will be able to provide a much needed service for visually impaired people in Mid Sussex to improve the quality of their lives. This service is not otherwise provided in the District and the assessment group consider this to be a good use of funds for those where lack of affordability is a barrier to these services. The panel may want to make a condition of grant that MSDC funding is only provided to those who do not have the means to pay for these services.

Overall Score: 9

The Project Meets the Following Corporate Objectives

Effective and Responsive Services – Providing people living with sight loss the skills and tools to live independently and participate fully in their community to remain included.

Strong and Resilient Communities – The assessments will enable them to live more safely and independently and encourage confidence to participate in their community, and also reduce risk of mental health issues by combating isolation.

Recommendation

That the sum of £4,803.75 from the Community and Economic Development Fund be agreed as a contribution towards the outreach low vision assessments for those in need.

Community And Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name Of Organisation	:	Bentswood Community Partnership
Purpose For Which Grant Is Sought	:	Youth Engagement Project
Total Project Cost	:	£7,826
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£5,000
Previous Grants	:	£250 – Silver Sunday (2018) £250 – Silver Sunday (2017) £1,063 - Mental health 5 ways to wellbeing Course (2017)

Background Information

Bentswood Community Partnership's (BCP) key aim is to improve the lives of residents within the Bentswood Ward by bringing together residents and agencies to identify local issues and to work together to make a difference. The BCP facilitates various youth activities and organises many community events and initiatives, working in close partnership with local stakeholders to offer services and opportunities for local residents to build community resilience, upskill residents and promote community pride.

The BCP wish to continue to run its youth outreach project which has been running weekly for the last 18 months and delivered by Sussex Clubs for Young People. Activities include arts and craft and games on the green in good weather and the young people are involved in the planning of activities. A key aim for the project is for the trained workers to engage and build a rapport with "hard to reach" young people which will enable them to promote key messages around drug use, anti-social behaviour, inclusivity and self-esteem. There has been a concern with drug use and littering although anecdotally there appears to have been some improvements since this project started.

Some of the young people will have an opportunity to become young leaders in their community which would build their self-esteem and give them valuable life skills as well as being a positive influence on their peers. In addition some of the parents are becoming more engaged in the project and BCP are planning to bring some of them on as support volunteers which would enable them to be better role models and build their own confidence.

The project is currently receiving Clarion funds through the Mid Sussex Partnership, although this will end at the end of May. They have secured a further £2,826 from Clarion and are requesting a CED grant of £5,000 which will enable the project to continue until the end of February 2020.

Head Of Corporate Resources Comments

- Unaudited accounts have been submitted for the period ending 31st August 2017 which show a surplus of £2,901.
- Total income was £9,471; mainly generated from Grants and donations (£9,471).
- Total expenditure was £6,570; consisting of Supplies and Services (£6,570).
- Balances held at the end of the period showed Net assets of £24,194, comprising of Cash £24,194.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's Evaluation Of The Project

The project is providing a much needed service for young people in the most deprived ward of the District, involving young people and their families directly in the project and providing opportunities for young people. It not only meets the council's priorities in many aspects, but also complements the work of the Community Safety Task and Finish Group (which reports to the Mid Sussex Partnership) on youth engagement and preventing/reducing issues around ASB.

Overall Score: 10

The Project Meets the Following Corporate Objectives

Financial Independence - Through individual and group work and support from Clarion Futures team, it is hoped to build the young peoples' skills around their own financial management and budgeting thus reducing the likelihood of them requiring local authority intervention.

Effective and Responsive Services - This project fits well with the Council's work in reducing ASB and improving community safety, public health and well being, and also provides a channel for young people to have their say in local community services.

Sustainable Economic Growth - Young people are supported with their career advice, writing CVs, offered training and leadership opportunities which will put them in the right place for further/higher education, apprenticeships or jobs.

Strong and Resilient Communities - In relation to the aspiration to develop parents, this will increase participation and engagement of residents into targeted services, as well as helping to develop young people into responsible citizens.

Recommendation

That the sum of £5,000 from the Community and Economic Development Fund be agreed as a contribution towards the continuation of the youth engagement project in Bentswood.

Community And Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name Of Organisation	:	Disability Access East Grinstead and District
Purpose For Which Grant Is Sought	:	Overheads - Advice on disability matters/free equipment loan service
Total Project Cost	:	£5,000
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£1,000
Previous Grants	:	£1,000 – Overheads (2018) £1,000 – Overheads (2017) £1,000 – Overheads (2016) £1,000 – Overheads (2015) £800 – Overheads (2014)

Background Information

Disability Access - East Grinstead Area promotes the rights and interests of disabled people and works to ensure, as far as practically possible, that they are not discriminated against with regard to access to and use of commercial and public services and premises.

The Group works with local planning authorities ensuring that applications do not infringe disability legislation. They also work closely with highways authorities, transport providers and facilities to ensure access opportunities for all. The Group also runs an ever growing and active free loan service for mobility equipment including electric scooters, manual wheelchairs and other mobility aids, which is very much valued by the users and their carers.

The Group organises, in cooperation with WSCC Library Service, the East Grinstead Visually Impaired Readers Group which meets at the library each month. The Group funds purchase of equipment for the members and also taxi transport to and from the meetings. Provision of taxi transport, free of charge, to the members is essential in ensuring continuation of the group which provides intellectual interest and social contact.

They are requesting MSDC funding towards overheads to support the above projects. Grants of £500 and £2,000 have already been secured from East Grinstead Town Council and East Grinstead Common Good Trust respectively.

Head Of Corporate Resources Comments

- Unaudited accounts have been submitted for the period ending 31st March 2018 which show a deficit of £3,793.

- Total income was £3,205; mainly generated from Donations (£1,705) & Grants (£1,500).
- Total expenditure was £6,998; consisting of Supplies and Services (£6,998).
- No balance sheet was provided.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's Evaluation Of The Project

Disability Access is a well-established organisation that provides a valuable service for those with disabilities in the local area. However, as the organisation has stated that they are holding reserves that would sustain them for 24 months and they are requesting funding for ongoing activities, the assessment group feel that an MSDC grant is not needed at this present time.

Overall Score: 6

The Project Meets the Following Corporate Objectives

Financial Independence - Any assistance to disabled people and their carers which increases their mobility and ability to get out and about also potentially improves their financial independence. Their free Mobility Equipment Service directly assists in providing a cost effective substitute for buying or renting with the advantage of a flexible and friendly Service.

Effective and Responsive Services - Their aim is to be responsive and effective to all enquiries for advice, help and services. They also do all they can to ensure that, when they make representations to service providers, local authorities and transport providers, their members concerns are addressed in an effective and timely manner.

Sustainable Economic Growth - They consider that the Mobility Equipment Loan Service provides a means to extend the life of equipment which may otherwise be left in a state of disuse. It is a fact that such equipment is not always required for an extended period due to deteriorating health of the user and their service provides a means for it to be donated for extended use.

Strong and Resilient Communities - Improving access and facilities for disabled people and those with mobility problems promotes more healthy lifestyles by increasing physical activity and social contacts. This is also very important in improving the lives of carers. Their efforts in helping to provide safer and cleaner neighbourhoods, for example dropped kerbs, access to bus stops, control of pavement parking and clutter, and other general access issues contribute to improving communities.

Recommendation

That a Community and Economic Development Grant is not awarded at this time.

Community And Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name Of Organisation	:	East Grinstead Tennis, Squash and Racketball Club
Purpose For Which Grant Is Sought	:	Extra curricular sporting activities and healthy lifestyles for children and young people
Total Project Cost	:	£5,300
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£4,800
Previous Grants	:	£3,242 - Facility grant for cavity wall insulation (2014)

Background Information

EGTSRC have 8 tennis courts and 3 squash courts which are also used for racketball. They run teams for both squash and tennis and provide regular coaching for juniors in both tennis and squash. They run internal tennis, squash and racketball leagues and participate in tournaments. Throughout the summer they organise tennis 'mix-ins' for juniors to encourage them to play with adults. They provide tennis court access to Imberhorne school pupils with a teacher one afternoon a week.

EGTSRC has successfully offered a new programme of healthy lifestyles, physical activity and leadership development activities targeting children and young people within the East Grinstead area and were awarded the Club of the Year award for the East Grinstead area by Mid-Sussex Active in 2018 for this work. However, this programme was not offered to all the primary schools in East Grinstead and surrounding villages and a grant will enable them to extend it to other schools.

The club will work with 13 local primary schools plus Imberhorne and Sackville secondary schools in East Grinstead to deliver new extra-curricular activities on school sites and at the community club for children and young people aged 7-18 years. In addition, young volunteers will have the opportunity to undertake new coaching & leadership qualifications alongside mentoring from an experienced instructor.

In addition to the sporting activities, guidance and literature will be provided to participants about a healthy balanced diet for sport. They also plan to link in with the Imberhorne Young Enterprise Team (year 12s) who are working on a project called 'Cook your look'. This would also help the students as they want to publicise the magazine that they are going to produce which is all about cooking and eating healthy meals.

To help develop the project, both pupils and teachers at the targeted secondary and primary schools were consulted. Feedback from teachers has driven the healthy eating and volunteering aspects of the project, with young people themselves giving feedback outlining the activities they would like to take part in. This has helped to develop a multi-skill approach to the sessions where participants can try out a number of activities, keeping sessions fun and interesting with the young people returning each week. Feedback helped to identify potential youth leaders who would be interested in gaining qualifications, training and volunteering as part of the project. To launch the project, the club will host an open day at their premises where local schools will be invited to attend and take up additional sessions. Delivery of the activities will be led by trained and qualified coaches and all activities will be offered free of charge and open to all regardless of background.

The grant is required to meet the cost of the coaching. Other costs will be met by the club who will also provide necessary equipment.

Head Of Corporate Resources Comments

- Unaudited accounts have been submitted for the period ending 31st March 2017 which show a surplus of £19,749.
- Total income was £63,461; mainly generated from Subscriptions (£47,011), Bar Profit (£9,435), Court Fees (£5,163), Social Functions & Other Income (£1,549), Loan Write Off (£300) and Interest (£3).
- Total expenditure was £43,712; consisting of Supplies and Services (£29,477) and Premises Related (£14,235).
- Balances held at the end of the period showed Net assets of £257,930, comprising of Tangible Assets £234,642, Cash £47,036, Debtors (£2,573), Stock £1,510 and Creditors (£22,685).

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's Evaluation Of The Project

In consultation with pupils and teachers from local schools, the project will provide children and teens an opportunity to engage in physical activities and increase their levels of fitness as well as encourage healthy eating. The remainder of the costs will be raised by the applicant through fundraising activities. The assessment group feel that this is a good use of funds.

Overall Score: 9

The Project Meets the Following Corporate Objectives

Effective and Responsive Services – This will provide children and teenagers with opportunities and the knowledge to lead healthy and active lifestyles. By consulting with those using the service, this is providing something that local children want to do.

Strong and Resilient Communities – Getting children involved in sporting activities and giving them the knowledge about healthy eating will help to set them on a healthy path into adulthood. The volunteering aspect of the project will provide young people with leadership skills which will bring long lasting benefits to them and going forward, potentially encourage them to get involved in other volunteering opportunities, which will ultimately benefit the wider community.

Recommendation

That the sum of £4,800 from the Community and Economic Development Fund is agreed towards the sporting activities and healthy lifestyles for children and young people in the North of the District.

Community And Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name Of Organisation	:	East Grinstead Town Action Group
Purpose For Which Grant Is Sought	:	Equipment and hi-viz wear/admin costs
Total Project Cost	:	£1,225
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£1,225
Previous Grants	:	None

Background Information

EG Town Action Group are a fairly new organisation who were established at the end of 2016 and organise regular litter picks around the town, usually attended by 20-25 volunteers – many volunteers do litter picking in their own areas of the Town. The aim of the group is to make East Grinstead cleaner and greener. The group held meetings with local councillors and residents after they set up and the overriding issue was the amount of litter around the town.

The group is seeking funding to purchase litter pickers and hi-viz jackets (which they currently borrow), insurance, publicity costs in order to raise their profile in the Town plus bulbs and flower seeds to brighten the town. As part of raising their profile, they intend to engage with shopkeepers and businesses to encourage them to keep their area clean and tidy.

Since applying for the grant, the applicant has confirmed that they have since received a grant from the East Grinstead Common Good Trust for £665 which will cover some of the costs. They have also received a grant from Clarion for a separate project to clean up a community orchard.

Head Of Corporate Resources Comments

- Unaudited part year accounts have been submitted for the period November 2017 to 31st March 2018, which show a surplus of £4,658.
- Total income was £4,910; mainly generated from Grants (£4,910).
- Total expenditure was £252; consisting of Supplies and Services (£252).
- No balance sheet was provided.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's Evaluation Of The Project

This project, run by local volunteers will benefit the whole community and help to make East Grinstead a cleaner and more attractive town. The grant will enable

them to carry out the work more safely and effectively. As they have since received a contribution from a local trust, it is felt that the remainder of £560 required is awarded.

Overall Score: 6

The Project Meets the Following Corporate Objectives

Effective and Responsive Services – The group, which is wholly voluntary is providing a service as a direct response to local community feedback.

Strong and Resilient Communities – By engaging with local people and businesses, they hope to bring a sense of community and pride in the town. They are also recruiting new volunteers – many local residents have said that they are willing to help with the community orchard project when they were surveyed.

Recommendation

That the sum of £560 from the Community and Economic Development Fund be agreed as a contribution towards equipment, hi-viz jackets and associated costs.

Community And Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name Of Organisation	:	East Grinstead Town Council
Purpose For Which Grant Is Sought	:	East Court Live Events and 250th Anniversary Celebration
Total Project Cost	:	£15,000
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£5,000
Previous Grants	:	£5,000 – Family events programme (2018) £2,000 – WW1 Centenary events (2018) £4,000 – Summer Events Programme (2017) £4,000 – Summer Events Programme (2016) £47,302 – St Swithuns Church Wall (2015) £2,500 – Summer Music Concert (2015)

Background Information

The Town Council promotes East Grinstead and provides local services including; allotments, cemeteries, town events, tourism services, supporting local charities, liaising with statutory services for the good of the town, statutory consultee for local matters, undertaking minor works- community via contracts with MSDC and WSCC (graffitti removal), provides litter bins, notice boards, street furniture, maintains buildings for community hire (East Court and Old Court House), maintains Town Clock, public toilets, McIndoe Statue, flower beds and civic planting.

A grant is requested towards the free East Court Live summer outdoor music events plus an event to mark the 250th anniversary of the historic East Court Mansion and other community events as they arise. The funding will allow the events to be professional and varied and in the case of the anniversary, historically informative with a photographic exhibition and period entertainment. Due to the success of past events, expectation and demand continues to grow.

The Town Council provides the concerts to the public as part of its overall town promotion. These continue to grow in popularity and from original attendances of a couple of hundred are now attracting 2000+people per event. The majority are East Grinstead residents who compliment and pass on their thanks and thoughts for future years, completing surveys at and after the events. Local acts, schools and community groups are given a chance to perform to a large audience where they might not be given this opportunity elsewhere. This is now well established and helps to create a good community feel in the town. The Council continues to monitor the size of the events due to the restricted parking and potential disruption to neighbours. EGTC is mindful about keeping the events local and ensuring that they are perceived as local events delivered by the Town Council.

As part of the East Court anniversary celebrations, The Town Council will provide an exhibition which will tell the story of the mansion and grounds which will run from March to the end of the year. With the grant, EGTC will put on an event in the Summer which may be a picnic or a costumed ball from the Georgian era. Depending on the grant, this will be a Mayoral hosted event, or a picnic with people using the terraces, house and grounds to celebrate and music and entertainment (possibly theatrics) through the ages.

Head Of Corporate Resources Comments

East Grinstead 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

East Court Live days are annual events that build on the success of previous years and the 250th Anniversary Celebration of East Court will provide an opportunity to highlight the history of the building as well as provide entertainment, bringing local people together. The Corporate Grant Assessment Group feel that this project will benefit residents of East Grinstead and the surrounding area by providing a programme of free family events that are fun, accessible and open to all sections of the community.

Overall Score: 7

The Project Meets the Following Corporate Objectives

Strong and Resilient Communities – Promotion of the town and community which in turn will promote and enhance a strong and resilient community. Additional outdoor community events, family fun days and entertainments are free of charge. This allows attendance by everyone. The entertainment events provide an opportunity for all ages to be involved. Encouraging community and discouraging anti social behaviour through joint pleasurable experiences.

Recommendation

That the sum of £5,000 from the Community and Economic Development Fund be agreed as a contribution towards free family events in East Grinstead.

Community And Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name Of Organisation	:	Friends of Burgess Hill Green Circle Network
Purpose For Which Grant Is Sought	:	Wild about Mid Sussex Event
Total Project Cost	:	£1,843
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£1,843
Previous Grants	:	£467 – Mobile sink unit (2018) £1,551 – Wild about Mid Sussex (2017) £1,292 – Wild about Mid Sussex (2017) £1,294 – Equipment for wildlife themed activities (2016)

Background Information

The Friends of the Green Circle Network is a registered charity that carries out conservation work in and around Burgess Hill, as well as providing informative and educational activities concerning wildlife and wildlife habitats throughout each year. It costs £6 per year to join and members receive quarterly newsletters.

They organise various activities which are free of charge, except for the indoor talks for which a small admission charge of £2 - £3 is made to cover the cost of speaker and hall, though even these are free to under-16s. The Children's Safari in 2018 attracted over 300 people and the 2018 "Wild About Mid Sussex" exhibition was attended by over 3,000 people.

"Wild About Mid Sussex" is a free wildlife exhibition celebrating the wonderful countryside that surrounds the towns and villages of Mid Sussex. It's a fun day out for the whole family and provides a great opportunity to discover more about local wildlife and how to protect it. Wildlife Conservation Groups provide informative displays and exhibitions to help local people find out about protecting local wildlife.

The 8th "Wild About Mid Sussex" wildlife and Country Conservation Event is planned to take place in St. John's Park, Burgess Hill on Saturday 1st June. The applicant is planning to involve local universities by attracting more of the 14 - 25 age group. The event will emphasise the vital importance of pollinating insects and wildflowers to ensure the future of our fruit and vegetables plus a range of live exhibits.

The applicant is seeking funds toward the cost of the hire of two port-a-loos for exhibitors and staff; 60 trestle tables; advertising in the Mid Sussex Times plus the hire of a security guard and dog for 3 nights due to previous anti-social behaviour during the night in St. John's Park.

Head Of Corporate Resources Comments

- Independently examined accounts have been submitted for the period ending 31st March 2018 which show a deficit of £2,089.
- Total income was £5,233; mainly generated from Grants (£2,292), Donations (£1,101), Subscriptions (£973) and Fundraising, Fees & Sales (£867).
- Total expenditure was £7,322; consisting of Supplies and Services (£7,322).
- Balances held at the end of the period showed Net assets of £2,581, comprising of Cash £2,581.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's Evaluation Of The Project

“Wild About Mid Sussex” is a popular outdoor event which is free to attend and open to all residents. It provides a unique opportunity for children to learn more about the natural environment on their doorstep and is a fun family day out. The applicant received a small grant in the Autumn to purchase a mobile sink unit, but this application is also for a modest amount and is supported by the Assessment Group.

Overall Score: 6

The Project Meets the Following Corporate Objectives

Strong and Resilient Communities - the Green Circle Network seeks to encourage Mid Sussex people to take a lasting interest in the wildlife around them and in the preservation of wildlife habitats throughout the area for everyone to enjoy. While aiming at all ages, they particularly endeavour to encourage children, to appreciate and cherish our open spaces and their resident wildlife, so in turn they want to preserve them for future generations. Scientific studies have proved the value of the countryside to the community, not just through walking and other healthy activities but also through therapeutic and uplifting effects expanses of trees and wildlife.

Recommendation

That the sum of £1,843 from the Community and Economic Development Fund be agreed as a contribution towards Wild About Mid Sussex.

Community And Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name Of Organisation	:	Haywards Heath Town Council
Purpose For Which Grant Is Sought	:	Town Day
Total Project Cost	:	£5,240
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£2,240
Previous Grants	:	£3,000 – WW1 celebrations (2018) £10,000 – Facility and CED grants for South Road Tree Planters (2018) £300 – Hanging Baskets Planting (2017) £500 – Sport Taster Day (2016) £500 – Jubilee Gardens Upgrade (2016) £750 – Peace Garden Memorial (2015)

Background Information

Haywards Heath Town Council provides statutory and discretionary services to the Town of Haywards Heath including a programme of Town Events.

Town Day is a much loved and well supported Town Event (for over 20 Years) and has become an important part of the Town's cultural heritage by giving people the opportunity to experience the Town's unique character. It also gives local organisations and charities a place to showcase their work as they play a vital role in the Town by supporting so many residents and their families in the community - there is always a great demand for stalls and exhibition stands at the event.

Haywards Heath Town Council has requested a grant contribution towards the IMPS Motorcycle Display Team at the Town Day event in September 2019. The IMPS team who celebrate the country's youth by demonstrating the importance of team work and learning life skills such as communication, discipline and leadership through it's highly disciplined show will be one of the main attractions of the day.

Head Of Corporate Resources Comments

Haywards Heath 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

This is an annual Town event that has built on the success of previous years and provide an opportunity for local residents to enjoy the various activities and entertainment on offer as well as engage with local organisations and charities. However, to maximise the funding available in the Community and Economic Development Budget and given that this event does not take place until the Autumn, it is recommended that this project is deferred to the Spring round.

Overall Score: 7

The Project Meets the Following Corporate Objectives

Sustainable Economic Growth - The event not only gives local charities the chance to raise money but also offers local business the opportunity to trade and promote their services. The event also brings 1000's of people into the Town Centre who dwell and spend money on South Road and in the Orchards Shopping Centre. This is very important in an environment when town centres are struggling to survive with a rise in online shopping. Offering leisure activities is an excellent way of bring people into the Town Centre.

Strong and Resilient Communities - Town Day is a free to enter community event, which brings the Town together and people from different social and economic backgrounds. The event also hosts many different services and activities that all people can learn from and join in with. The Council also invites its emergency services to the event which provides an opportunity to educate young people in what they do.

Recommendation

Deferred to the next grant round.

Community And Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name Of Organisation	:	Hurst Festival
Purpose For Which Grant Is Sought	:	Music Club
Total Project Cost	:	£11,000
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£5,000
Previous Grants	:	£1,250 – Graffiti workshops (2018) £1,250 – Community Day (2017)

Background Information

The Hurst Festival has been established for a decade and is a not for profit organisation that arranges a festival of affordable events including professional musicians and authors amongst many other items for the local community in and around the village. The two week Festival now extends well beyond its original arts focus to touch as wide a spectrum of the local community in and around Hurstpierpoint as possible.

The proposed Music Club aimed at young people (13 – 19 year old) would be a weekly free activity throughout the year. The club would be based at Court Bushes and provide somewhere for teenagers to go to hang out, be inspired, entertained and learn skills that might help them in future employment. The club will include workshops, demonstrations, inspirational speakers, guest musicians and bands, as well as general experimenting with music and performance.

There would be an opportunity for the students to perform at the 2019 Hurst Festival in September if they wished to. There would also be an opportunity for some of the young people to become workshop leaders and provide them with lifelong leadership skills.

Hurst Festival have secured £3,500 towards the cost of instruments from a local benefactor and are also seeking funding from Clarion Housing.

Head Of Corporate Resources Comments

- Unaudited accounts have been submitted for the period ending 30th April 2018 which show a deficit of £835.
- Total income was £56,793; mainly generated from Ticket Sales and Event income (£32,413), Sponsorship (£18,425), Donations (£2,188), Membership (£1,974), Advertising revenue (£1,725) and Interest (£68).

- Total expenditure was £57,628; consisting of Supplies and Services (£57,628).
- Balances held at the end of the period showed Net assets of £23,290, comprising of Cash £29,714, Debtors £326 and Creditors (£6,750).

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's Evaluation Of The Project

There are currently very few youth activities in this area of Hurstpierpoint and this project will provide young people with a diversionary opportunity to get involved in a new club, increasing their community engagement whilst developing a new skill. The assessment group feels this is a good use of the fund and supports the project.

Overall Score: 7

The Project Meets the Following Corporate Objectives

Strong and Resilient Communities – The music club will offer new activities and an opportunity to develop new skills for young people who would not otherwise have had the opportunity to do so. Not only will they be able to explore their creative skills but the club provides an opportunity to become more involved in their local community and increase their social networks whilst learning a worthwhile activity.

Recommendation

That the sum of £5,000 from the Community and Economic Development fund is provided towards the cost of establishing a music club for young people at the Court Bushes Community Hub in Hurstpierpoint.

Community And Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name Of Organisation	:	Hurst Festival
Purpose For Which Grant Is Sought	:	Community Day
Total Project Cost	:	£61,750
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£5,000
Previous Grants	:	£1,250 – Graffiti workshops (2018) £1,250 – Community Day (2017)

Background Information

Hurst Festival has been established for a decade and is a not for profit organisations that arranges a two week festival of affordable events including professional musicians and authors amongst many other items for the local community in and around the village.

The purpose is to celebrate every aspect of art and culture enjoyed by adults, youth, and children, as a means of strengthening ties within Hurstpierpoint and surrounding villages. The festival now extends well beyond its original arts focus to touch as wide a spectrum of the local community in and around Hurstpierpoint as possible. The organisers want the festival to add value to what all people enjoy and encourage them to try new things.

The Committee is looking at the range of activities provided on the opening “Community Day” of the festival which are free of charge and intended to reach out to the broadest range of residents, including those that may not consider attending a formal event.

They budget for £35,000 to be generated by their own efforts through ticket sales, bar profits and ‘friends’ subscriptions.

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£23,290, comprising of Cash £29,714, Debtors £326 and Creditors (£6,750).

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's Evaluation Of The Project

In previous years the applicant has been awarded £1,250 from MSDC towards the costs of this event. However, given that they have also applied for a grant for the full amount of £5,000 for a new music club at Court Bushes (which is recommended by the assessment group) it is felt that this project is not supported for 2019.

Overall Score: 7

The Project Meets the Following Corporate Objectives

Sustainable Economic Growth – The festival continues to grow in numbers from year to year attracting both local residents and visitors from further afield. This has a direct economic benefit on local businesses and tradespeople.

Strong and Resilient Communities - The Festival provides an opportunity for the community to come together and enjoy and participate in cultural activities at affordable non-commercial rates. Individuals who may never have thought of trying out a classical music concert, or a theatre performance are encouraged and supported to do so. All age groups and elements in the Community will find something for themselves in the Festival. A substantial number of individuals in the community will also benefit from the contribution they make to the Festival - as volunteers, as paid performers or event leaders, or as local tradespeople who take advantage of the market provided by the Festival.

Recommendation

That a Community and Economic Development grant is not awarded.

Community And Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name Of Organisation	:	Hurstpierpoint and Sayers Parish Council
Purpose For Which Grant Is Sought	:	Furniture/equipment for Court Bushes Community Hub
Total Project Cost	:	£5,008
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£5,000
Previous Grants	:	£4,500 – Willow Way bus shelter (2017)

Background Information

Hurstpierpoint and Sayers Common Parish Council provide a range of local services including a help point for the public, operate recreation grounds, parkland, public toilets, streetlights, grounds maintenance, waste collections and many other services to the community. They also manage the bookings for the Village Centre in Hurstpierpoint and are working toward taking over the full operation of this building during 2019.

They are currently in the process of negotiating the lease of the Court Bushes Community Hub Building with MSDC. This grant will help with the purchase of furniture and equipment for the use of the community within the building. Events such as a Nursery, Community Cafe's, youth activities and sports/social clubs will be run by and for the community.

Head Of Corporate Resources Comments

Hurstpierpoint and Sayers Common 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

The Community Hub Building, which is owned by MSDC has recently undergone a partial rebuild and refurbishment to bring it back into community use following a fire at the end of 2017. There are currently no community facilities for residents in this area of Hurstpierpoint and this is a flagship MSDC project which will enable local community groups and residents alike to make use of a much needed facility.

Overall Score: 10

The Project Meets the Following Corporate Objectives

Financial Independence – After an initial set up period, estimated to be around 3 years, the Community Hub is expected to become cost neutral and self sustaining via bookings income.

Effective and Responsive Services – The Parish Council will deliver an effective service in managing the bookings via the Parish office. Users can contact the Parish Council in person, by phone or email with any questions or queries.

Strong and Resilient Communities – By providing a space for residents to use for social functions, parties and events. The hub will have provision for a community café, job club and citizens advice drop in service which will all help to promote strength and resilience in the community.

Recommendation

That the sum of £5,000 from the Community and Economic Development fund is provided towards the cost of furniture and equipment for the Court Bushes Community Hub.

Community And Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name Of Organisation	:	Lindfield Arts Festival
Purpose For Which Grant Is Sought	:	Arts activities at the festival
Total Project Cost	:	£20,400
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£1,580
Previous Grants	:	£1,250 – Circus, theatre and visual arts (2018) £1,250 Lindfield Arts Festival (2017) £1,200 PA system (2016) £2,000 Lindfield Arts Festival (2015) £2,000 Lindfield Arts Festival (2014) £2,000 Lindfield Arts Festival (2013) £2,500 Lindfield Arts Festival (2011)

Background Information

Lindfield Arts Festival runs an annual community event which provides and delivers a varied, exciting arts programme for the local community, utilising a wide range of venues including Lindfield High Street, community buildings, local churches, schools, shops and The Common. The aims are to encourage social cohesion and a sense of community.

Established by a group of unpaid volunteers in 2010, the Festival offers local amateur and professional Sussex artists, actors, musicians, craftsmen and creative leaders the opportunity and platform to showcase and share their talents over a weekend in September.

The Festival is seeking funds to contribute towards the cost of hiring the Applause Outdoors Company to deliver performances and entertainment for all ages and abilities during Lindfield Arts Festival.

Applause Outdoors will provide two events – a part man, part tree character called Arbor who provides an interactive street theatre performance, using puppets and telling a story of a tree pushed from his home and fighting to preserve his future which will provide an important message to the audience as well as being entertaining. Encouraging the audience to plant and nurture their own trees, Arbor will give each family a sapling to take home, leaving a lasting legacy.

The second event is a mashup of dance and table tennis. The Guardian Doubles will provide a unique performance of dance and ping pong. The dancers spin and slide in a pop-up performance that smashes expectations of dance and

advocates the importance of safe, positive and accessible public spaces. Families will be encouraged to play ping pong after watching the show.

Both activities will be free of charge to everyone.

Head Of Corporate Resources Comments

- Independently examined accounts have been submitted for the period ending 31st January 2018 which show a surplus of £2,637.
- Total income was £15,816; mainly generated from Grants (£7,585), Income from Charitable activity (£3,585), Sponsorship (£3,450), Friends (£1,040) and Donations (£156).
- Total expenditure was £13,179; consisting of Supplies and Services (£13,179).
- Balances held at the end of the period showed Net assets of £18,174, comprising of Cash £18,174.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's Evaluation Of The Project

CED Grants of up to £1,250 have been awarded towards the festival in previous years. However, given the timings of the project, it is recommended that this is deferred to the next grants round in the Spring.

Overall Score: 11

The Project Meets the Following Corporate Objectives

Sustainable Economic Growth - With almost 4,000 people attending the festival in 2018, this provides an economic boost to local retailers and businesses, many of which participate actively over the three days.

Strong and Resilient Communities – The festival brings together the local Mid Sussex communities to watch, participate in, learn and develop. It showcases local talent, including an opportunity for local schools and groups and local artists to perform and enhances social inclusion by enabling all residents to participate fully.

Recommendation

Deferred to the next grant round.

Community And Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name Of Organisation	:	Pericles Theatre Company Hoathly Hill Trust Ltd
Purpose For Which Grant Is Sought	:	Theatre Performances by people with learning disabilities
Total Project Cost	:	£18,310
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£5,000
Previous Grants	:	None

Background Information

Pericles Theatre Company, which is part of the Hoathly Hill Trust, a charitable company delivers high artistic standard performances with actors with and without learning disabilities and professional musicians. In this way a dynamic space is co-created, in which learning disabled adults can thrive, as equal contributors alongside professional actors and musicians who hold the framework of the story.

Their project for 2019 will be a family show adapted from the original Fairy Tale of Hans Christian Andersen's 'The Little Mermaid'. There will be 15 participants of which these 10 have disabilities. The participants will start the process and work with the Director by adapting the fairy tale into a 3D drama suitable for the stage, arranging the music, designing and creating the props, masks, set and costumes. During this process a wide variety of craft skills are worked with, including green wood turning, wood carving, furniture making, pottery, mask-making, weaving, basket making, felting, sewing and knitting. After the adaptation the cast will then move to rehearsing, adapting and fine tuning the play and developing the roles around the unique skills and contributions of each individual.

There will be about 10 performances in Village Halls, Arts Centres, Festivals, communities, Schools and Colleges. Most of the performances are taking place within the district although there will be one at Chiddingstone Castle and some at Forest Row Village Hall which is just outside the border of Mid Sussex. Other performances will take place at West Hoathly, Sharpethorne, East Grinstead and Haywards Heath. Most of the income for the project will be generated from income sales, donations and crowdfunding. Pericles are requesting a contribution towards the Director's and Producer's fees, costs towards adaption of the play and the costs of puppetry and light design.

Head Of Corporate Resources Comments

- Independently examined accounts have been submitted for the period ending 31st March 2017 which show a deficit of £12,000.
- Total income was £30,049; mainly generated from Pericles Theatre (£17,234), Studio (£3,874), Rent received (£3,275), Service charge (£1,736), Rural Payment Agency (£1,386), Subscriptions (£1,090), Donations & Gifts (£585), Other Income (£534) and Dividends and Interest (£335).
- Total expenditure was £42,049; consisting of Supplies and Services (£34,298) and Premises (£7,751).
- Balances held at the end of the period showed Net assets of £219,517, comprising of Tangible Assets £206,444, Intangible Assets £1,404, Cash £16,463 and Creditors (£4,794).

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's Evaluation Of The Project

The project meets the council's objectives but given the relatively small number of those benefiting from the grant, and also that some of the performances are to take place outside the District, the assessment group feel that a smaller grant of £1,000 would be more appropriate. This would bring it more in line with other arts related projects such as the Lindfield and Hurst festivals which take place within the District for local people.

Overall Score: 6

The Project Meets the Following Corporate Objectives

Sustainable Economic Growth – The Sharpthorne Hall is hired out for rehearsals which provides a regular income for West Hoathly Parish Council.

Strong and Resilient Communities – Participants are given ownership of the project, both during the adaptations and development phase and on stage, which gives them a social connection among equals as well as work experience in a professional setting. The performances will help to change attitudes towards people with learning disabilities, strengthening the community and promoting inclusion.

Recommendation

That the sum of £1,000 from the Community and Economic Development fund is provided towards the cost of theatre performances in 2019.

Community And Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name Of Organisation	:	Smart Dog Education CIC
Purpose For Which Grant Is Sought	:	Support for people with disabilities
Total Project Cost	:	£11,000
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£5,000
Previous Grants	:	None

Background Information

Smart Dog Education is a social enterprise which was set up in 2017 offering training and accreditation in business and customer service for those with disabilities who are over 16. It is a Community Interest Company Limited by Shares, with one Director owning 100 shares of £1 each. The applicant works with people with learning disabilities, particularly those on the ASD spectrum to help them towards their first adult goal in life, whether it is a job, training, education or a social relationship. They have found that a number of those they have trained since setting up have limited social mobility or personal interactions apart from with their parents or carers which can be a barrier to them attaining interviews, work experience and employment.

Smart Dog Education plans to start up a club in Haywards Heath for people with learning and physical disabilities to promote social inclusion help them to take their next step in adult development. The aim is to improve confidence, build relationships, and equip members to be ready for a first work trial, job or relationship in a non-judgemental and supportive environment with trained volunteers and staff facilitating monthly meetings.

Head Of Corporate Resources Comments

- Unaudited accounts have been submitted for the period ending 30th January 2018 which show a surplus of £1,750.
- Total income was £6,750; mainly generated from Grants (£6,750).
- Total expenditure was £5,000; consisting of Supplies and Services (£5,000).
- Balances held at the end of the period showed Net assets of £1,750, comprising of Cash £1,750.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's Evaluation Of The Project

This is a new Community Interest Company with no known track record. The Director had set up a similar CIC at the end of 2014 which closed down a couple

of years later. In addition, some of these activities, specifically to help people with learning disabilities and those on the autistic spectrum to become job ready are already being undertaken in Mid Sussex by a long established charity, the Aldingbourne Trust, who are contracted by WSCC to do so. For these reasons, the assessment group is cautious about offering a grant to this organisation and would not recommend funding for this.

Overall Score: 6

The Project Meets the Following Corporate Objectives

Financial Independence – It is hoped that many participants will be better equipped to understand their personal finances and are ready to find and keep a job.

Effective and Responsive Services – The service provided will aim to reduce social isolation for participants.

Recommendation

- **That a Community and Economic Development Grant is not awarded.**

Community And Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name Of Organisation	:	St Peter and St James's Hospice
Purpose For Which Grant Is Sought	:	Air conditioning unit
Total Project Cost	:	£3,319
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£2,569
Previous Grants	:	£1,923 – Beds and mattresses (2012) £5,000 – New/replacement windows (2009)

Background Information

St Peter & St James Hospice offers high quality, compassionate end of life care and support to people with a terminal illness. It supports nearly 700 patients a year and also offers support and bereavement care to their families, carers and friends. Approximately 70% of patients are Mid Sussex residents.

The hospice offers an extensive wellbeing service for patients, carers and bereaved families via its Beacon View Centre, which is used regularly and is particularly helpful to patients living at home as they can come into Beacon View once a week and take part in activities, talk to our nurses and meet new friends. Activities and therapies in the centre include physio-therapy, aromatherapy, gentle exercise classes, breathing and meditation sessions as well as creative classes like art, music and writing. The Centre also holds talks by different specialists and holds regular 'Ask the Nurses' sessions, plus time for patients and carers to talk with counsellors and welfare advisors.

Funding is required to purchase an air conditioning unit for the Beacon View Centre which will make the area more comfortable for patients. During the summer the room can get very hot and it is difficult to control the temperature. Many people living with a terminal illness experience periods of high temperatures and sweating, so excessive heat in addition to this adds to their discomfort.

The hospice has requested a donation from Haywards Heath Town Council and also intend to fundraise for the balance.

Head Of Corporate Resources Comments

- Independently audited accounts have been submitted for the period ending 31st March 2018 which show a surplus of £265,922.

- Total income was £4,439,439; mainly generated from Donations (£1,274,151), Shop Income (£1,107,256), Legacies (£900,019), Grants (£720,159), Income from Charitable activities (£417,520) and Investment income (£20,334).
- Total expenditure was £4,173,517; consisting of Staff Related (£3,066,918), Supplies and Services (£1,101,983) and Loss on investments (£4,616).
- Balances held at the end of the period showed Net assets of £3,763,870, comprising of Tangible Assets £2,278,173, Investments £428,584, Cash £1,009,392, Debtors £211,210 and Creditors (£163,489).

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's Evaluation Of The Project

The grant will enable users of the centre to be as comfortable as possible – those with terminal illnesses can experience extreme body temperatures and the grant will allow them to use the centre in the Summer months. The assessment group feel this is a good use of funds.

Overall Score: 9

The Project Meets the Following Corporate Objectives

Effective and Responsive Services – The project will contribute to access and inclusion in the hospice wellbeing services by ensuring the venue is climate controlled, and so people who are terminally ill and experiencing extremes of body temperature are more comfortable. It will also make the venue more comfortable and usable for all patients.

Strong and Resilient Communities – Air conditioning will improve the Wellbeing Centre, which is a centre for activities and therapies for a community of people at the end of their life. A wide range of activities and therapies are offered, specifically aimed at people who have a terminal illness, or are caring for people with a terminal illness.

Recommendation

That the sum of £2,569 from the Community and Economic Development fund is provided towards the cost of an air conditioning unit for the Beacon View Centre.

Community And Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name Of Organisation	:	West Sussex Mediation Service
Purpose For Which Grant Is Sought	:	Free mediation service for Mid Sussex Residents
Total Project Cost	:	£16,200
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£3,000
Previous Grants	:	£2,500 – Mediation services (2017) £2,000 – Mediation services (2016) £1,500 – Mediation services (2015) £1,500 – Mediation services (2014)

Background Information

West Sussex Mediation Service (WSMS) was established in 2000 and is based in Horsham and delivers across the county. WSMS aims to improve the lives of residents by offering a wide range of mediation services, many of which are free at the point of delivery. They specialise in neighbour disputes over issues such as noise nuisance, antisocial behaviour, rubbish, parking, trees, hedges, boundaries, building works disputes etc. Volunteer mediators work in pairs, within their local community visiting clients in their own homes and use local venues, close to where the clients live, to hold the formal mediation sessions.

WSMS have been serving Mid Sussex residents since 2003 when the local mediation service folded due to lack of funding. Mid Sussex is the second busiest District across the county, in terms of referrals and has been so for the last 6 years. WSMS have a good relationship with MSDC and many referrals for mediation is through MSDC officers or the local Police. They maintain a good number of local trained volunteer mediators to serve the District and take an active role in promoting the service.

Funding is required to continue the support of free mediation services and conflict coaching to Mid Sussex residents. Successful mediation will improve the wellbeing of local residents as well as easing the strain on local Council and Police services and prevent situations that may otherwise escalate.

The applicant has secured funding of £6,800 from Clarion Housing, Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner's Office, Hurstpierpoint and Sayers Common Parish Council, Lindfield Parish Council, Lindfield Rural Parish Council and Hassocks Parish Council. They also generate income from paid services that can't be provided for free, such as family mediation (divorcing and separating couples) and Workplace Mediation.

Head Of Corporate Resources Comments

- Independently examined accounts have been submitted for the period ending 31st March 2017 which show a surplus of £4,757.
- Total income was £88,011; mainly generated from Grants (£62,531), Paid mediation (£22,330), Fundraising (£2,221), Donations (£911) and Interest (£18).
- Total expenditure was £83,254; consisting of Staff Related (£53,872) and Supplies and Services (£29,382).
- Balances held at the end of the period showed Net assets of £45,292, comprising of, Cash £42,379 and Debtors £2,913.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's Evaluation Of The Project

WSMS offer a range of free mediation services and estimate that 350 clients from Mid Sussex will benefit from this award which will cover volunteer expenses, room costs, mediation, conflict coaching and publicity materials. They have a good working relationship with the local police and with MSDC officers – many referrals for mediation come from the Council or the Police and the Assessment Group feels that this service should continue to be supported.

Overall Score: 12

The Project Meets the Following Corporate Objectives

Effective and Responsive Services – All sections of the community are served, regardless of their backgrounds. This includes travellers, ex-offenders, migrant workers and various ethnic and marginalised communities. Provision is made for individuals' needs where necessary. Volunteers undergo additional training to understand different communities' lifestyles and traditions.

Sustainable Economic Growth – A wide range of volunteering opportunities and a variety of training courses are provided which enhance life skills and employment opportunities. These roles include training as a mediator, becoming a trustee, fundraising, marketing, publicity, and administration.

Strong & Resilient Communities – Client feedback questionnaires have been shown to improve health and wellbeing as a result of addressing conflict and thus helping to improve people's lives. A number of WSMS volunteer mediators are previous clients who have experienced mediation first hand.

Recommendation

That the sum of £3,000 from the Community and Economic Development fund is provided towards the cost of mediation services in Mid Sussex.