

## CORPORATE GRANT SCHEMES

**REPORT OF:** HEAD OF CORPORATE RESOURCES  
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**Wards Affected:** All  
**Key Decision** No

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### Purpose of the report

1. The purpose of this report is to present sixteen Community & Economic Development applications (15 Silver Sunday applications) for consideration by the Cabinet Grants Panel.

### Summary

2. A summary of the applications to be considered and the recommendations from the Grants Assessment Group on the level of financial assistance to be awarded to each organisation are detailed as follows:

### Community and Economic Development Grants

Organisation	Purpose for which award is sought	Award Requested	Award Suggested
Age UK West Sussex	Silver Sunday Free afternoon tea at Lamb House, Haywards Heath	250	250
Befriended	Silver Sunday Full Roast Lunch for 200 people at St Paul's College, Burgess Hill	500	250
Befriended	Silver Sunday Big Lunch at Court Bushes Community Hub	250	250
Bentswood Community Partnership	Silver Sunday Intergenerational Tea Party at Warden Park Primary Academy	250	250
Brendoncare Stildon	Silver Sunday Afternoon tea and entertainment, East Grinstead	250	250
Bridging Ages Community Interest Company	Silver Sunday Intergenerational Life Stories event with afternoon tea, East Grinstead	250	250
Cuckfield Parish Council	Silver Sunday Afternoon tea party in Cuckfield	250	250
Haywards Heath U3A	Silver Sunday Tea dance, raffle and refreshments at King Edward Hall, Lindfield	250	250
Mid Sussex Older People's Council	Silver Sunday Information stalls and entertainment. Transport available to those who can't travel	250	250
Newtimber Parish	Silver Sunday Village meal and film show in Newtimber	100	100
Pyecombe Social Committee	Silver Sunday visit to Sussex Prairie Gardens and afternoon tea from Pyecombe	250	250

The Koorana Foundation	Silver Sunday Tai Chi movement class with afternoon tea in Ardingly & Lindfield	175	0
East Grinstead Musuem	Silver Sunday tours of the 'Rebuilding Bodies and Souls' exhibition and refreshments, East Grinstead	250	250
Trinity Methodist Church	Silver Sunday Hot meal and entertainment at the Trinity Welcome Café, East Grinstead	250	250
Haywards Heath Town Team	STEM Challenge 2019/20	4250	4250
<b>Total</b>		<b>£8,025</b>	<b>£7,600</b>

## Recommendations

*Members of the Panel are requested to*

*a) consider and decide upon the recommendations for each of the above applications, summaries of which are attached in Appendices A;*

## Background

1. Applications for all grants are assessed against a standard checklist and considered by a "Grants Assessment Group" to ensure a consistent approach to the awarding of grants.

## Assessment Process

2. Applications are assessed against four key criteria – Council priorities, evidence of need, finances impact and benefits. The maximum possible score for excellent applications which fully meet all the criteria is 12.
3. The applications received in this grants round have been considered by the Grants Assessment Group comprising relevant officers from across the authority together with a representative from West Sussex County Council's Communities and Public Health Teams, and, unless there is a conflict of interest, the local Council for Voluntary Service.
4. The Group reaches a consensus as to the merit of each application judged against the agreed criteria and the level of funding that should be recommended to the Cabinet Grants Panel. A summary of the assessment of each application is included within the individual project reports in Appendices A and B.
5. All organisations have met the basic criteria and specific grant criteria, i.e. are fully constituted voluntary and not for profit organisations, and have provided the relevant information to support their application.

## Silver Sunday

6. Silver Sunday is a national celebration of older people and their contribution to communities. Silver Sunday was launched in 2012 by The Sir Simon Milton Foundation and Councillor Christabel Flight, after a report discovered more than a third of people over 75 said they were lonely. The aim was to celebrate older residents and to help them get out and about and meet new people.

7. The Cabinet Grants Panel on 18 June 2019 agreed to offer grants of up to £250 for any activities held in October that provide an opportunity for older people to try something new, meet new people and have an uplifting day such as a tea party, a classic film showing, an informative talk, music or dance performance or simply a healthy walk. Any activity for older people over the age of 65 that's fun and engaging will be considered. Fifteen applications have been received.

### Other Options Considered

8. The grants provided by this Council are 'pump priming' in the context of enabling the applicants to lever in substantial monies from other organisations, grant-giving charities and national schemes.

### Financial Implications

9. All Facility Grants are funded through the use of S106 contributions which the Council holds for the enhancement of capacity for sport, community buildings and other purposes as a result of residential development.
10. Community & Economic Development Grants are funded through a dedicated budget. The current fund stands at:

Scheme	Fund as at 1 April 2019	Additional funds approved	Allocated and spent to date	Balance
Community & Economic Development	£94,504	£0	(£63,237)	£31,267

11. If Members agree to the recommendations the balance will be reduced by £7,600, leaving a remainder of £23,667 in the Community & Economic Development Fund reserve.

### Risk Management Implications

12. The main associated risks that may impact upon the successful implementation of the decisions arising from this report would be the inability of the funded organisations to carry out the services, activities or equipment purchase for which funding had been awarded.
13. Additionally, the sharing of information with West Sussex County Council will ensure that organisations are not being double-funded for the same purpose.
14. A Contract is signed at the application stage by organisations seeking funding that details the terms and conditions under which the grant is given, including the return of all monies to the Council should the purpose for which the grant is awarded not materialise. In respect of Facility Grants, the Council may impose additional safeguards.
15. All organisations are requested to complete an End of Grant Report at the end of the funding period and required to submit information relating to the grant including purchase invoices, details of the number of residents benefiting from the grant, annual accounts, how the grant was used etc.
16. It is considered that these measures would mitigate the main risks from materialising and indicate a low-risk to the successful outcomes arising from this report.

## **Equality and customer service implications**

17. As part of the assessment process all of the organisations applying for funding from the Council have complied with the required conditions of funding and have the requisite policies and procedures in place including any other relevant legislation.

## **Legal Implications**

18. The Council is not obliged to provide grant funding, but by virtue of section 1 of the Localism Act 2011, it is able to do anything which it considers is likely to achieve the promotion of the economic, social or environmental wellbeing of its area. This includes the incurring of expenditure, giving financial assistance to any person (or organisation) and entering into arrangements or agreements with any person.

## **Background Papers**

- Grant applications and associated documentation for the Community & Economic Development and Facility Grants are held in the Community Services, Policy and Performance Section.