

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name of Organisation	:	AGE UK East Grinstead and District
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Volunteer Village Agents
Total Project Cost	:	£3,500
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£3,500
Previous Grants	:	£15,071 pa. – 3 year Partnership Agreement (2016)

Background information

Age UK East Grinstead and District is an Age UK brand partner and an independent local charity, with responsible for its own sustainability. The organisation aims to work with and for local older people to make a positive difference to their wellbeing and quality of life, focusing particularly on those at greatest risk of loneliness and social isolation.

Age UK East Grinstead offers a variety of services ranging from regular centre based activities to a respite service for those living with dementia and their Carers. They charge for some of their services but this is kept at a low cost to be fully accessible.

Age UK East Grinstead and District are currently in the process of developing an Outreach Service within the East Grinstead area through a Village Agent Model.

Voluntary Village Agents will provide a link between vulnerable and excluded older people and community, statutory and voluntary groups that offer solutions to specific needs. This free service will offer good quality, accurate information and assist with simple queries whilst referring to specialist services for more complex issues.

The grant will be used to recruit, train and support an initial team of six volunteers to work in rural areas. Local volunteers will receive training to act as Village Agents to forge links and build relationships between local groups, organisations and community members who need and want support.

In a recent survey, 24% of respondents over 65 indicated feeling moderately or severely lonely in West Sussex. Those who suffer from loneliness are 60% more likely to be in poor health and 78% more likely to have reported multiple emergency admissions to hospital.

Head of Finance Comments

Independently examined accounts have been submitted for the year ending 31st March 2016 which show a surplus of £7,557.

Total income was £234,016: mainly generated from Charitable Activities (£108,438), Grants (£78,251), Donations (£35,970), Fundraising income (£5,926), Membership fees (£4,383), Other income (£861) and Investment income (£187).

Total expenditure was £226,459: consisting of Staff related (£133,449) Supplies and Services (£84,532) and Premises related (£8,478).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net Assets of £60,719, comprising of, Tangible assets £3,130, Cash £56,493, Debtors £19,519 and Creditors (£18,423).

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

AGE UK East Grinstead and District is currently in receipt of an MSDC Partnership Agreement Grant to provide a weekly 30 hour programme of day activities for older people, aged 50+ years and living independently in the town and surrounding area. This application is for a project that is additional to the core service and will enable them to develop a team of volunteers to help provide an enhanced outreach service for isolated individuals. The Assessment Group consider this a useful pilot project which will help the organisation to develop new ways of working, which should make the organisation more sustainable in the longer term.

Overall Score: 10

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives – the project aims to help vulnerable older people to access services in a timely and coordinated manner to help stop issues escalating and becoming chronic and costly. Individuals will be encouraged to become more engaged in their community thereby creating support networks which can help to facilitate early identification and intervention when support is needed.

Better Services – the project will recruit local people for the volunteering roles which will encourage members of communities to work together to make their towns and villages more caring and better places to live. The project will enable older people to be active citizens and contribute to the local economy. The aim is to build stronger, safer and connected communities which can lead to more streamlined provision and cost effective services.

Recommendation

That the sum of £3,500 from the Community and Economic Development Fund be agreed as a contribution towards the recruitment, training and support of volunteers to deliver the Village Agent Project.

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name of Organisation	:	Age UK West Sussex
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Garden room
Total Project Cost	:	£4,900
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£4,900
Previous Grants	:	£52,166 pa. – 3 year Partnership Agreement (2016) £570 – Therapy Chair (2015)

Background information

Age UK West Sussex is a charitable trust that provides a variety of services through their social centres and community clubs in Burgess Hill and Haywards Heath. The centres provide opportunities for older people to socialise, learn new skills and have fun while keeping active and enjoying home-cooked hot lunches. They offer membership at £30 per annum and aim to give clients a range of activities including access to fitness, arts and crafts, free use of computers, dance lessons, Zumba Gold or Chair Aerobics.

The centres offer holistic and beauty therapies such as hairdressing, chiropody and massage treatments. Members also have access to Information and Advice, Help at Home, Home From Hospital, Take Home and Settle Services.

Age UK West Sussex is moving to a brand new building in Spring 2017 located near to Beech Hurst Gardens on Butlers Green Road. It will boast a large café and dining space as well as landscaped gardens.

Age UK is applying for a grant to enable them to create and equip an outdoor 'Garden Room' for the benefit of their members. They want to provide raised beds suitable for planting, tools, a greenhouse to grow plants and flowers and a seating area.

Some of their users live in sheltered accommodation and others live in flats so they either don't have a garden of their own or they are unable to use it like they used to. They hope that as well as enjoying the garden and planting etc. that their users will also grow produce which can be used in the kitchen.

The inclusion of the Garden Room will have a positive effect on those using the service. They know from other such projects that it has promoted good health and wellbeing by improving mobility, increasing relaxation in an outdoor environment. If this project is a success they also hope to install a Green Gym in the future.

Head of Finance Comments

Audited accounts have been submitted for the year ending 31st March 2016 which show a surplus of £311,132.

Total income was £2,481,137: mainly generated from Charitable Activities (£1,968,996), Donations and Legacies (£361,279), Other Trading Activities (£123,165), Gain on pension scheme (£26,000), Investments (£1,097) and Other Income (£600).

Total expenditure was £2,170,005: consisting of Staff Related (£1,431,134) and Supplies and Services (£738,871).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net Assets of £835,385, comprising of Tangible Assets £19,484, Stocks £4,387, Debtors £311,837, Cash £575,171, Creditors due within 1 year (£74,494) and Creditors due after more than 1 year (£1,000).

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

Mid Sussex District Council provides revenue funding to support the organisation's core activities. This project is additional to the day to day work of Age UK West Sussex and is a one-off investment in the new venue to get the Garden Project up and running. The project will provide opportunities for older people who are members or visitors of Age UK to take part in outdoor activities in a space designed to meet their needs. The Assessment Group considers this an important new initiative and is keen to support the project.

Overall Score: 9

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives – the Age UK centres are open to people aged 50+ years who want to participate in activities and socialise with like-minded people. For many people the centres provide a warm, friendly and supportive environment particularly if they live alone.

Better Services - Age UK West Sussex aims to offer older people a service that they may not have at home.

Recommendation

That the sum of £4,900 from the Community and Economic Development Fund to Age UK West Sussex to set up a 'Garden Room' at their new premises.

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name of Organisation	:	Albourne Parish Council
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Climbing frame at Recreation Ground
Total Project Cost	:	£6,526
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£5,000
Previous Grants	:	None

Background information

The applicant is a Parish Council undertaking the full range of statutory functions and powers. One of the Council's main aims is to improve the facilities for local residents in Albourne and to enhance the community spirit within the Village.

The secure play area at Albourne Recreation Ground is owned and managed by the District Council. The Landscapes team recently had to remove a climbing tree from the playground because it had become unsafe. The climbing facility was missed by parents and children in the village who complained to the Parish Council.

As a consequence, they are seeking funds to provide a new climbing frame at the playground and organised a site meeting with MSDC Officers who have agreed to assist in procuring and installing some suitable replacement play equipment.

Landscapes provided advice regarding possible options and following a series of consultations, e.g. at the 2016 Annual Parish Meeting the Parish Council has selected their preferred climbing frame, costing £6,526.

The have applied for the maximum amount available through the Community & Economic Development Grant scheme and will fund the shortfall through funds secured from the Albourne Village Hall Management Committee (£471) and funds set aside from the Parish Council budget (£1,500).

Head of Finance Comments

Albourne 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

Capital projects are usually funded through Section 106 contributions but due to the lack of development in Albourne the Council is not holding any funds that would be

suitable for this project. Therefore, a Community and Economic Development Grant is considered appropriate as the new climbing frame will improve the lives and environment of those living in the village, and the project meets the criteria for funding.

Overall Score: 12

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Environment - the enhanced play area will provide a much better facility/outlet for the children of Albourne and visitors, and in terms of leisure/outdoor facilities generally, will provide a much better level of service for parents and children alike.

Better Lives - the lives of the children who want to take part in healthy outdoor play activities will be enhanced and improved by the provision of this new play equipment. There will be even greater opportunity for exercise/letting off steam, and interacting with a new and fresh piece of play equipment.

Recommendation

That the sum of £5,000 from the Community and Economic Development Fund be awarded to Albourne Parish Council toward the cost of a new climbing frame.

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name of Organisation	:	Ashurst Wood Village Council
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Ashstock Beer & Music Festival 2017
Total Project Cost	:	£6,390
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£3,000
Previous Grants	:	None

Background information

Ashstock is an annual beer and music festival organised by Ashurst Wood Village Council.

Ashurst Wood Community Association used to hold an annual Strawberry Summer Fair but these events stopped in the 1990's. Consultation with residents highlighted a desire for more community events and in 2011 and 2013 the Council organised Summer Fairs. In 2012, they organised a Party in the Park for the Queens Diamond Jubilee which was a big success and in 2014 they decide to build on this event by running a beer and music festival. This retained some of the popular summer fair attractions and also provided a platform for youth bands and performers to showcase their music and talent.

The annual event has grown in popularity from initial attendance of about 500 to 1,800 in 2016. This year Ashstock is scheduled to take place at John Pears Field on 8 July 2017 and is free to attend.

Youth musicians will perform throughout the day and there will be a number of children's activities such as an inflatable wipe-out, a tug-of-war and various games. Stalls are run by the local preschool, primary school and other groups as well as local small traders. Refreshments are provided by local businesses and the beer tent is run by a local publican who sells beers and ciders from local breweries (within a 15 mile radius approx.). In the evening there is a local headline band to entertain villages and the wider community.

The success of the event since 2014 means that has had grown in scale and this has increased set up costs. The total cost of running the event is £6,390, excluding administration and staff costs which are covered the Village Council. Match funding has been raised from local businesses, income from stall holders and programme adverts. The applicant is seeking a grant toward the costs of hiring a stage and PA equipment and security fencing.

Head of Finance Comments

Ashurst Wood Village 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

Ashstock is a free community event which provides opportunities for local businesses and a platform for young musicians to showcase their talents. The event promotes community cohesion and helps bring people in the village and wider community together. The Corporate Grant Assessment Group feels that this project will benefit residents of the Parish the surrounding area.

Overall Score: 9

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Environment – the event encourages pride in the area, in particular the facilities available at John Pears Recreation ground which helps to reduce anti-social behavior.

Better Lives – entertainment and activities are open to all members of the community. The festival enables families to spend time together and provides amateur youth musicians with the opportunity to perform to a live audience, some for the first time, while the audience can dance and enjoy the music.

Recommendation

That the sum of £3,000 from the Community and Economic Development Fund be agreed as a grant to Ashurst Wood Village Council toward the cost of the Ashstock Beer and Music Festival.

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name of Organisation	:	Cruse Bereavement Care (West Sussex Area)
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Volunteer training
Total Project Cost	:	£3,120
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£3,120
Previous Grants	:	None

Background information

Cruse Bereavement Care in West Sussex is a charity established in 2008 to promote the well-being of bereaved adults, children and young people living in the County and to enable anyone suffering a bereavement to understand their grief and cope better with their loss.

Cruse Bereavement Care (WSA) is made up of three local branches based in Worthing, Chichester and Mid Sussex. It is part of the national charity which sets policies, standards and deals with governance but it does not receive any financial support from the parent company.

Cruse WSA offers a One-to-One help and support service for bereaved people in their own homes. Cruse WSA also provides:

- easy access to bereavement support via telephone and email helplines
- longer term support for the vulnerable
- written information to guide and support the bereaved
- Bereavement Awareness Training for professionals working with bereaved people such as funeral directors.

There are 34 Bereavement Volunteers based in the Crawley, Horsham and Mid Sussex branch. In the last year the CHAMS branch supported 276 clients of whom 125 lived in the Mid-Sussex District. Of these 51 received telephone support. In the Mid-Sussex area, 37% of clients were referred to Cruse WSA by GPs, and 12% were referred by Time to Talk. Both of these NHS organisations recognise the efficacy of bereavement support, which is free, accessible and long-term.

Two one day Cruse Telephone Training Courses (15 people per course) will be set up for experienced Bereavement Volunteers to enable them to provide bereavement support sessions on the phone to bereaved clients living in Mid-Sussex.

The training course would consist of a one day course and a follow up conference practice session for all those taking part. After taking part in the course, volunteers will be able to provide an on-going sequence of hour long telephone sessions. The telephone sessions allow the bereaved person to remain in the comfort of their own home and feel less vulnerable. As well as allowing the bereaved to feel comfortable, the telephone sessions are also safer for the volunteers and can take place in the evenings.

Once qualified on the telephone training course, all of the volunteers will be able to provide services to any bereaved adults seeking support in the Mid Sussex area. Telephone support is particularly apt for bereaved adults living in Mid Sussex because many of the clients' homes are in rural areas which are not so easily accessible.

Head of Finance Comments

Independently audited accounts have been submitted for the year ending 31st March 2016 which show a deficit of £1,015.

Total income was £69,463: mainly generated from Donations (£21,752), Grants (£19,822), Income from fundraising events (£11,086), Income from Cruse Central Office (£7,723), Training Course Receipts (£7,086), Sundry Income (£1,979) and Interest (£15).

Total expenditure was £70,478: consisting of Supplies and Services (£56,006) and Staff related (£14,472).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net Assets of £20,409 comprising of Cash.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

Cruse Bereavement Care provides a valuable service, free of charge, to local residents in need of support. A grant toward this project will help to ensure that the service is sustainable and continues to be available to local people. The number of telephone sessions is increasing as they are helpful to clients, better for volunteers and more cost effective than home visits.

Overall Score: 10

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives - having the support of a trained and skilled listener at the end of the telephone provides bereaved people with the time and space to say what has happened, express difficult emotions and explore new ways of coping.

Better Services - the telephone courses will provide volunteers with new skills in order to provide bereavement support to a wider range of clients. GPs can provide medication but do not have the time to support bereaved people over several weeks; nor do they have the resources to provide support through talking

therapies. The Time to Talk service does not usually support bereaved people unless there are other major problems relating to mental health.

Recommendation

That the sum of £3,120 from the Community and Economic Development Fund be agreed as a grant to Cruse Bereavement Care towards the cost of volunteer training.

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name of Organisation	:	Disability Access – East Grinstead Area
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Advice on disability matters
Total Project Cost	:	£6,500
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£1,000
Previous Grants	:	2016 - £1,000 2015 - £1,000 2014 - £800 2013 - £800 2012 - £800

Background information

Disability Access promotes the rights and interests of disabled people and works to ensure that they are not discriminated against with regard to access to and use of commercial and public services and premises. Membership is free of charge and has increased to 200.

The group works with local planning authorities to ensure that commercial applications do not infringe disability legislation. They also work closely with highways authorities, transport providers and facilities to ensure access opportunities for all.

Disability Access runs a free loan service for mobility equipment including electric scooters, manual wheelchairs and other mobility equipment which is valued by users and carers. They also work in cooperation with WSCC Library Service and the East Grinstead Visually Impaired Readers Group which meets at the library every month. The group funds purchase of equipment and taxi transport to and from meetings for members.

The group provides advice to disabled people on equality issues and advice to the providers of goods and services, including the District Council. The grant will enable them to continue their support for disabled people and maintain an office which is open four mornings a week, staffed entirely by volunteers.

The organisation has raised match funding in grants from East Grinstead Town Council and West Sussex Members Big Society.

Head of Finance Comments

Independently examined accounts have been submitted for the year ending 31st March 2016 which show a deficit of £2,529.

Total income was £5,550: mainly generated from Grants (£3,501), Donations (£1,705) and Fundraising (£344).

Total expenditure was £8,079: consisting of Supplies and Services (£8,079).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net Assets of £10,719, comprising of Cash £10,719.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

Disability Access reviews the weekly planning applications list published by the District Council and routinely comments on commercial applications. They act as a consultee to represent the views of people with disabilities and as such are a valuable resource. They also provide equipment and support for people with disabilities and opportunities for them to take part in social activities.

Overall Score: 9

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Environment - the Group's support for disabled access has achieved objectives in providing safer and cleaner neighbourhoods, for example dropped kerbs, access to bus stops, control of pavement clutter and other obstructions and other general access issues. The Group has reinvigorated its 'pavements are for people' initiative in negotiation with the police and local authorities.

The Group's work promoting access helps in improving the town centre, car parking and facilities in East Grinstead and surrounding villages. Particular long term projects in the town are provision of public toilets and the long awaited installation of acceptable access at the railway station and also to the Worth Way.

Better Lives - improving access and facilities for disabled people and those with mobility problems promotes more healthy lifestyles by increasing physical activity and social contacts. The Group continued its activity with the Bluebell Railway advising on improved access and assisting with publicity for new facilities. The mobility equipment loan service provides an improved quality of life for those using it, including carers. The support to the Visually Impaired Readers Group ensures that the members continue to enjoy intellectual interest and social contact.

Better Services - the Group's activities are focused on improving the access to, and provision of, services to disabled people by continuing engagement with local authorities and commercial organisations. These efforts provide better services and more choice to disabled people and their carers.

Recommendation

That the sum of £1,000 from the Community and Economic Development Fund be agreed as a grant to Disability Access – East Grinstead towards overhead costs.

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name of Organisation	:	East Grinstead Town Council
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Family Events Programme
Total Project Cost	:	£30,000
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£5,000
Previous Grants	:	£4,000 – Summer Events Programme (2016) £47,302 – St Swithuns Church Wall (2015) £2,500 – Summer Music Concert (2015)

Background information

East Grinstead Town Council intends to develop a programme of free family events throughout the year from April – November 2017. These will include the 'East Court Live' outdoor summer concerts, 'Feast Grinstead' a local produce and wine festival and Christmas celebrations - the Rotary tree of lights switch, the Town Council lights switch on and the High Street traders 'Big Reveal' late night shopping event.

These events are well established and have grown in popularity. They are expected to attract 1,600-2,000 people per event, most of whom are East Grinstead residents.

The programme of events costs £30,000 in total which is broken down as £8,000 for East Court Live, £2,000 for Feast Grinstead and £20,000 for Christmas events £30,000. The Town Council has secured £25,000 through their budgets and is seeking a contribution of £5,000. The funding will allow the events to be professional and varied

The events will be marketed through posters, banners, the Town Council's website, local press and radio, social media and direct mail with schools and local groups.

Head of Finance 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

The applicant has not provided very much information about the events or the budget but these are annual events that build on the success of previous years. The Corporate Grant Assessment Group feel that this project will benefit

residents of East Grinstead and the surrounding area by providing a year round programme of free family events that are fun, accessible and open to all sections of the community.

Overall Score: 4

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives – free outdoor community events, family fun days and entertainment are open to the whole community. The programme of events promotes the town and is positive for the community which results in a safer neighbourhood. ‘Feast Grinstead’ helps to encourage home cooking through demonstrations, introducing new ingredients and promoting a healthy seasonal diet.

Better Services – the Town Council organises a range of outdoor events, family fun days and entertainments which are free of charge and accessible to the whole community and support local businesses. East Grinstead Town Council aims to make the town an attractive place to live, work and visit.

Recommendation

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

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name of Organisation	:	Experience Mid Sussex
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Promotional Video
Total Project Cost	:	£4,085
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£2,500
Previous Grants	:	None

Background information

'Experience Mid Sussex' is a network of visitor attractions, venues and hotels in the District including Ockenden Manor, Gravetye Manor, South Lodge, Alexander House Hotel, Bolney Wine Estate, Ridgeview Wine Estate, Kingscote Estate, Wakehurst Place, High Beeches, Borde Hill Garden, Jeremy's Restaurant, South of England Showground, Hickstead and the Bluebell Railway. The group was set up in 2015 to promote the tourism offer in Mid Sussex to visitors and residents. Members make an annual contribution toward the costs of hosting a joint website (www.experiencemidsussex.co.uk) and other activities.

The group is working together to commission a series of videos to be uploaded onto the website and distributed via social media pages on Facebook and Twitter. The aim is to produce a promotional video for PR purposes to raise the profile of the tourist attractions in Mid Sussex in the local, national and specialised press.

There is a widely documented demand for video marketing. In 2014 Facebook saw one billion video views per day and in 2015 this had increased to eight billion per day. All members of Experience Mid Sussex have tangible products with a high visual impact so this is an excellent promotional tool. The video footage will be published on the Experience Mid Sussex website and members own media platforms.

The total cost of the project includes aerial videography at 13 venues (30-60 seconds per venue) and all post production processing work. The network obtained comparative quotes and selected a company recommended by Tourism South East.

The grant will be held and administered by Borde Hill Garden which is a registered charity and holds the Chair of the Experience Mid Sussex.

Head of Finance Comments

Unaudited accounts have been submitted for the year ending 31st December 2016 which show a surplus of £1,881.

Total income was £5,792: mainly generated from Grants (£2,917) and Membership (£2,875).

Total expenditure was £3,911: consisting of Supplies and Services (£2,854) and VAT (£1,057).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net Assets of £1,927, comprising of Cash £1,927.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

This collaborative project aims to raise the profile of the excellent gardens, vineyards, hotels and other attractions in Mid Sussex to encourage more residents and visitors. The promotional video will feature the tourism offer throughout the District and the Assessment Group feel that this project will benefit members of the network and wider economy.

Overall Score: 6

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives – the project aims to make local residents aware of the leisure opportunities on their doorstep.

Better Services - the aim of the project is to attract more visitors and increase footfall through Mid Sussex attractions and venues which will have a positive trickle-down effect on other businesses in the area.

Recommendation

That the sum of £2,500 from the Community and Economic Development Fund be agreed as a grant to Experience Mid Sussex toward the cost of a promotional video.

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	:	£1,292
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£1,292
Previous Grants	:	£1,294-Equipment outdoor activities (2014) £1,595-Wildlife activities equipment (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 four 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 2015 attracted over 300 and the 4th "Wild About Mid Sussex" exhibition was attended by 2000+ 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. Wild About Mid Sussex brings a host of creatures to Burgess Hill including an owls, stag beetles, bees, bats, tree frogs, pythons and lizards.

The 2017 "Wild About Mid Sussex" wildlife and country conservation event is planned to take place in St. John's Park, Burgess Hill on Saturday 3rd. June. There will be live exhibits, with local universities and sixth form colleges participating, as well as a new section including a blacksmith and traditional country crafts with opportunities for public involvement. They also want to showcase some more extreme outdoor activities in order to attract the age group 14 -25 which has previously been poorly represented.

The applicant is seeking funds toward the cost of the hire of two portaloos for exhibitors and staff, 60 trestle tables, a pop up banner and advertising.

Head of Finance Comments

Independently examined accounts have been submitted for the year ending 31st March 2016 which show a deficit of £501.

Total income was £6,490; mainly generated from Donations (£2,308), Grants (£1,595), Subscriptions (£1,251), Fundraising (£648), Fees and Charges (£281), Gift Aid (£225), Miscellaneous (£178) and Interest (£4).

Total expenditure was £6,991; consisting of Supplies and Services (£6,991).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net assets of £8,029, comprising of Cash £8,029.

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 Assessment Group supports this application for a grant toward the cost of advertising and organising the event.

Overall Score: 7

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Environment – the Friends of the Burgess Hill Green Circle Network aim to increase awareness of the value of local green sites and wildlife in improving psychological, physical and environmental wellbeing, as well as educating the public to cherish and preserve them. They seek to encourage people to take a lasting interest in the wildlife around them and in the preservation of habitats around the area for all to enjoy.

Better Lives – scientific studies have proved the value of the countryside, not only through walking and other healthy activities in the fresh, open air but also the therapeutic and uplifting effects of escaping the stressful urban environment. These are lasting benefits for children and adults alike which their educational and conservation work can only encourage.

Recommendation

That the sum of £1,292 from the Community and Economic Development Fund be agreed as a grant to Friends of Burgess Hill Green Circle Network towards the cost of 'Wild About Mid Sussex'.

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name of Organisation	:	Haywards Heath Cricket Club
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Grounds maintenance equipment
Total Project Cost	:	£1,266
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£1,266
Previous Grants	:	£1,194 – Mobile cricket net (2016)

Background information

Haywards Heath Cricket Club is based at Clair Hall, it was founded in 1897 and has a thriving colts section (Reception to Year 12) and enter seven teams in the North & Mid Sussex Junior Cricket League (two U9s, two U10s plus U11s, U13s and U15s) and two Senior teams that compete in the Sussex Premier Cricket League, plus a 3rd XI in the Mid Sussex Stoner Conference. The Sunday and Midweek XIs play friendlies, entertain tourists and social sides throughout the summer.

The club has a large coaching team that hold ECB Level 1 or Level 2 coaching qualifications and all undergo the enhanced DBS check. Outdoor coaching takes place on Friday nights, each week from mid-April from 6.30pm until 8:00pm. Outdoor nets are held on Thursday evenings at "the Rec" throughout the summer, from 6pm, commencing 21st April.

Haywards Heath Cricket Club holds the ECB/Sport England Club Mark Accreditation. This scheme is a national programme that recognises good practice in a number of areas such as Child Welfare. A club that has been awarded Club Mark has high standards of child protection and safety, quality coaching, equal opportunities and good management. The Club is inclusive and around 15% of juniors are from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic backgrounds.

The District Council is responsible for maintenance of the outfield and the Club is responsible for maintaining the cricket table. The Club is seeking a grant toward the cost of two items of grounds maintenance equipment which will make the job of their voluntary groundsman easier and more effective. A new combirake and sarel spiking roller will improve drainage and promote good grass root growth, improving the resilience of the square.

In 2016 the Council awarded Haywards Heath Cricket Club a grant of £1,194 toward the cost of a new mobile cricket net to enable them to run more children's training sessions. This has been a great success and has increased usage of the grounds and consequently increasing the level of regular maintenance required.

Head of Finance Comments

Unaudited accounts have been submitted for the year ending 31st October 2016 which show a surplus of £340.

Total income was £25,406: mainly generated from Donations and Subscriptions (£7,156), Bar Receipts and Teas (£6,771), Match Levies & Funds (£3,578), Fundraising (£2,499), Sponsorship (£2,210), Additional Income (£1,998) and Grants (£1,194).

Total expenditure was £25,066: consisting of Supplies and Services (£24,250) and Premises Related (£816).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net Assets of £2,727, comprising of Cash £2,491 and Stock £236.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

The Assessment Group feels that this project will benefit the members of the club by ensuring the facilities are well maintained but would like to see them make a contribution toward the cost of the equipment. The Club is trying to build up a contingency reserve so is keen to reinvest and is doing an excellent job of attracting members and developing junior cricket.

Overall Score: 8

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives – participating in cricket within and organised club environment, local children develop fitness and stamina, balance and coordination, social skills, team building skills and personal responsibility. The equipment will last for many years and will improve the facilities and enable the club to run more sessions.

Recommendation

That the sum of £1,140 from the Community and Economic Development Fund be agreed as a grant to Haywards Heath Cricket Club toward grounds maintenance equipment.

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name of Organisation	:	Haywards Heath Methodist Church
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	'Walking on Water' art exhibition
Total Project Cost	:	£330
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£330
Previous Grants	:	None

Background information

Haywards Heath Methodist Church is planning to bring 46 artworks from the Methodist Modern Art Collection to Haywards Heath for an exhibition entitled 'Walking on Water'. The church is working in partnership with the United Reform Church and the Art Department at Central Sussex College Sixth Form.

The Methodist Church started collecting art works in the 1960's and there are now over 40 works in the collection, including some by well-known artists such as Eric Gill, Elisabeth Frink, Maggi Hambling and Patrick Heron. Most of the pictures depict scenes from the life and teaching of Christ: some artists were or are Christians, others not. Works are still being acquired to ensure that the ideas and concerns of today's artists are represented in the Collection.

The works will be show at the both churches from Thursday 22 June (opening event) to Sunday 16 July 2017. Entry to the exhibition will be free and the partner organisations have planned a full and varied programme of talks, concerts and workshops for adults, parents and young children, schools groups (KS1 & 2) and after school clubs. They have set up a website www.walkingonwaterart.org.uk and a Facebook page to promote the exhibition and provide details of the programme.

The partners have fundraised to cover overall cost of the project (including Community Initiative Fund Grant from West Sussex County Council) and are seeking a Community & Economic Development Grant to purchase two android tablet computers (Amazon Fusion 5 £100.47 ea.) with secure stands (£64.70 ea.), to prevent theft. The tablets will enable visitors to access internet based resources which will support the exhibition and increase their knowledge and enjoyment. Wifi is available in both venues.

Head of Finance Comments

Unaudited accounts have been submitted for the year ending 31st August 2015 which show a deficit of £21,012.

Total income was £126,518: mainly generated from Freewill giving (£90,534), Lettings (£29,327), Donations (£5,669), Interest (£531) and Publicity Group (£457).

Total expenditure was £147,530: consisting of Supplies and Services (£121,982) and Property Related (£25,548).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net Assets of £337,773, comprising of Tangible Assets £200,014, Debtors £43,538, Cash £117,215, Creditors (£22,994).

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

This is a unique and interesting partnership project which will bring the work of some excellent, internationally recognised, artists to the District. It will be free of charge to visitors and a small grant will provide the opportunity to purchase the tablets and make further information accessible via the internet. Visitors will be encouraged to learn more about works and the artists and the Assessment Group feel that this project will benefit Mid Sussex residents.

Overall Score: 7

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives – the project aims to enrich the lives of all those who visit the exhibition. Specific groups will have the opportunity to widen their skills and knowledge through using the touch screen tablet to access information interactively with their enjoyment of the exhibition.

Recommendation

That the sum of £330 from the Community and Economic Development Fund be agreed as a contribution two tablet computers for the 'Walking on Water' art exhibition.

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name of Organisation	:	Haywards Heath Town Council (Haywards Heath in Bloom)
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Haywards Heath in Bloom Workshops
Total Project Cost	:	£554
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£300
Previous Grants	:	£500 Sports Day (2016) £500 Jubilee Gardens (2016) £750 Peace Memorial Stone (2015)

Background information

Haywards Heath Town Council works with Haywards Heath in Bloom to organise gardening activities in the town.

Haywards Heath in Bloom is a community gardening group run by volunteers who share their horticultural skills with local residents to show the therapeutic benefits of horticulture. The group organises projects in the town which stimulate social interaction, involve a range of residents and foster a sense of community pride.

The Group are requesting funds to go towards their Hanging Basket Workshops to be held during the Town Council's Spring Festival in April. The Spring Festival attracts approximately 500-600 people from Haywards Heath and the surrounding villages.

Residents will be given information on the types of trailing plants and edible fruit suitable for hanging baskets. Creating hanging baskets is a skill which may be used to create displays where space is limited and in community buildings such as schools and care homes.

The group is a long established voluntary group and has won awards for its floral displays. They have transformed areas, making them environmentally friendly and aesthetically pleasing for residents and visitors. They receive positive feedback from visitors to the Town Hall and on the Town Council's Facebook page.

The grant will be used to purchase equipment for the hanging baskets and to produce promotional materials. The group have secured match funding (£254) from Haywards Heath Town Council.

Head of Finance 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

Haywards Heath in Bloom has a proven record of delivering horticultural projects that involve the public and encourages volunteering. The grant will go towards a project that will share positive skills and encourage communities to think about their environment. The project meets the assessment criteria and is recommended for funding.

Overall Score: 8

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Environment – the project will help local wildlife to thrive and create a better environment for communities. Cared for environments can help to deter vandalism and anti-social behaviour and engender a sense of local pride.

Better Lives – gardening has been proven to improve mental health and both physical and emotional wellbeing. Haywards Heath in Bloom activities offer volunteering opportunities and teach new skill.

Recommendation

That the sum of £300 from the Community and Economic Development Fund be agreed as a contribution toward the Haywards Heath In Bloom Hanging Basket Workshops.

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name of Organisation	:	Haywards Heath Town Team CIC
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Mid Sussex Science Week
Total Project Cost	:	£8,785
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£5,000
Previous Grants	:	£5,000 – 175th Railway Anniversary (2015) £500 – Village Fete (2014) £2,500 – Mid Sussex Science Week (2014) £2,500 – Website improvements (2014)

Background information

Haywards Heath Town Team CIC is a not-for-profit community organisation that seeks to develop and promote the benefits and growth of Haywards Heath for its residents and business communities. It organises events throughout the year for the enjoyment of all ages while promoting a sustainable and healthy lifestyle. The development and growth of the local economy is also a primary objective of this organisation.

Mid Sussex Science Week is an annual event held in partnership with local primary schools and local Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Businesses. The project is held over a week and consists of activities at each school, culminating in a fair where participating schools and companies present their projects and winners receive prizes. The fair is held as an official Big Bang Event (UK Young Scientists & Engineers Fair). Schools take part on a voluntary basis. This will be the third year that the event is being held and an estimated 300 participants took part in 2015 and 2016.

The project aims to inspire young children to take an interest in STEM subjects and consider them as a future career path and combat negative attitudes to STEM subjects, particularly amongst girls. One of the participating schools reported a rise in the take up of science and related subjects and GCSE science results improved from previous years.

The grant will be used to part fund the delivery of the science week. This will include visits to schools by STEM ambassadors, project work in schools and a STEM fair involving schools at Clair Hall. The theme of this year's event is volcanoes. The children will prepare a model and a two minute video to demonstrate their classes understanding of the subject and the entries will be submitted in a competition. Participating schools will be given a £100 budget toward the cost of their project.

The project will be monitored by collecting information on the number of schools participating and the number of children who get involved. The organisers anticipate that 450 people living in Haywards Heath and the surrounding villages will be involved in the project in 2017.

The organisation has secured £2,500 match funding from WSCC and plan to obtain donations for local STEM companies who will be taking part.

Head of Finance Comments

Unaudited accounts have been submitted for the year ending 31st October 2015 which show a deficit of £10,555.

Total income was £31,089: mainly generated from Activities (£20,349) and Grants (£10,740).

Total expenditure was £41,644: consisting of Supplies and Services (£41,644).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net Assets of £6,482, comprising of Cash £6,482.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

This is a worthwhile project to increase interest and enthusiasm for STEM subjects linked with a national initiative. However, if the Town Team want to make it an annual event they will need to consider sustainable funding options. The Assessment Panel queried the lack of financial input from the schools and suggested a grant equivalent to the WSCC contribution.

Overall Score: 7

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Environment – the engagement of young people during the Science Week helps to develop an understanding of the world around them and the environment they live in.

Better Lives – the event helps prepare young people for the future with a better attitude to science and technology, together with an understanding of the importance of these things in our everyday lives.

Better Services – the Science Week encourages young people to explore STEM careers which can, over the long term benefit the wider community with locally skilled workers for STEM companies.

Recommendation

That the sum of £2,500 from the Community and Economic Development Fund be agreed as a grant to Haywards Heath Town Team CIC as a contribution toward the Mid Sussex Science Week.

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name of Organisation	:	Parkrun UK
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Set up costs for weekly 5k at East Court
Total Project Cost	:	£6,660
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£3,000
Previous Grants	:	None

Background information

Parkrun organises free, weekly 5km timed runs in the UK and around the world. They are open to everyone, free, and safe and easy to take part in. Parkrun offers hundreds of free events across the country every week and aims to have an event in every community that wants one to get more people to be active – to walk, jog, run and volunteer.

The events take place in parkland surrounds and people of all abilities are encouraged to take part; from those running their first steps to Olympians, from juniors to those with more experience. Events are entirely organised by local volunteers. Parkrun has a well-established event in Clair Park, Haywards Heath with an average of 114 runners each week.

A core group of five enthusiastic runners are keen to establish a weekly Parkrun at East Court, East Grinstead to take place every Saturday at 9am. The event would provide an opportunity for local people to exercise on a regular basis and keep fit. They have met with Outdoor Services who are supportive of the project and have agreed a potential route.

The applicant is seeking set up costs to establish a weekly activity which will be self-sustaining and managed by volunteers in the future. The expenditure budget includes costs for barcode scanners (to register and time participants), cones, DBS checks, volunteer training, website development, project management and administration, first aid kit, flags and signage, high viz jackets, whistles and clipboards for stewards.

Head of Finance Comments

Unaudited accounts have been submitted for the year ending 31st January 2016 which show a deficit of £29,714.

Total income was £1,097,203: mainly generated from Grants (£316,441), Sales (£305,857), Sponsorship (£257,499), Donations (£109,071), Advertising income (£85,000), Merchandise (£20,332), Tax refund (£2,982) and Interest (£21).

Total expenditure was £1,126,917: consisting of Supplies and Services (£683,364) and Staff related £443,553.

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net Assets of £3,521, comprising of Debtors £180,327, Cash £166,148 and Creditors (£452,615).

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

Parkrun is an inclusive activity which aims to improve the health and wellbeing of participants. It provides an opportunity to take part in regular exercise and promotes healthy lifestyles within the community so the Assessment Group are supportive of this proposal to fund the initial set up costs of a weekly event in East Grinstead.

Overall Score: 11

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives – parkrun encourages healthy lifestyles by promoting regular exercise and community involvement through volunteering and participation. The NHS reports that people who do regular exercise have a lower risk of coronary heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes, cancer, osteoarthritis, depression and early death. The psychological effects of weekly exercise also have a positive effect on wellbeing and can significantly affect self-esteem, mood and stress.

Recommendation

That the sum of £3,000 from the Community and Economic Development Fund be agreed as a grant to Parkrun UK toward the set up costs for a weekly event in East Grinstead.

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name of Organisation	:	Relate North & South West Sussex
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Offer Relate Counselling Services in East Grinstead
Total Project Cost	:	£9,500
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£1,500
Previous Grants	:	2014 - £1,500 2012 - £1,500 2011 - £1,500

Background information

Relate North and South West Sussex offers confidential couple counselling as well as individual and family counselling, Relate for parents, psychosexual therapy and Relateen which is a counselling service for young people aged 10-19. The service is offered to couples or individuals regardless of marital status, sexual orientation or ethnicity.

Relate North and South West Sussex is a local independent charity but belongs to the Relate Federation which was set up in 1938 by Dr Herbert Gray as a result of concerns of the impact of modern day life on marriage and relationships. The organisation now works with single people, cohabiting couples, same sex couples, children and young people and families.

The organisation offers a full range of counselling services in East Grinstead for people living in Mid Sussex and they currently have a waiting list of people wanting to be seen in East Grinstead. The grant will enable them to continue providing these services in East Grinstead. The cost of each session is £60 but those who are unable to pay the full cost are subsidised through the organisation's bursary.

The project evaluates their work with each client using an end of counselling questionnaire and employs the recognised Clinical Outcomes In Routine Evaluation (CORE) to measure the changes to the client's wellbeing.

The organisation pays £9,500 per annum to rent premises at The Glen View Centre and the grant will be used to part fund these costs. The applicant has indicated that in addition to fees charged they also raise funds through their charity shop to support their work.

Head of Finance Comments

Unaudited accounts have been submitted for the year ending 31st March 2016 which show a surplus of £2,458.

Total income was £270,587: mainly generated from Charitable Activities (£235,381), Donations and Legacies (£35,027) and Investment Income (£179).

Total expenditure was £268,129: consisting of Staff Related (£162,855) and Supplies and Services (£105,274).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net Assets of £95,734, comprising of Tangible assets £551, Debtors £699, Cash £98,947 and Creditors (£4,463).

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

The grant will be used to pay for venue hire in East Grinstead to enable residents in Mid Sussex to access services locally. The organisation has an existing waiting list of clients but is also open to all residents in the District. The project benefits the wider community by helping to prevent the consequences of relationship breakdown, including adverse effects on health and mental well-being, child abuse, domestic violence, homelessness and social isolation. The project enables people to deal with relationship issues in a safe and supportive environment. It also serves a preventative role by enabling clients to deal with issues before they reach crisis point. The project meets the assessment criteria and is recommended for funding.

Overall Score: 10

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives – the project aims to help families identify problems and create a framework for tackling them and thereby strengthening relationships which positively contribute to physical and mental wellbeing. Many of their clients experiencing relationship breakdown suffer low esteem and can become isolated. The project aims to help clients regain confidence and be proactively involved in their communities.

Recommendation

That the sum of £1,500 from the Community and Economic Development Fund be agreed as a contribution toward Relate Counselling Services in East Grinstead.

Name of Organisation	:	Sheddingdean Community Association
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Rental costs
Total Project Cost	:	£4,271
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£4,271
Previous Grants	:	£3,750 – Rental costs (2015) £3,750 – Rental costs (2014) £3,750 – Rental costs (2013) £3,750 – Rental costs (2012) £3,750 – Rental costs (2011)

Background information

In September 1997, the Community Services Committee considered a detailed report on the Sheddingdean Community Centre and the financial position of the Association which currently leases the Centre from the Council. At that time the Committee agreed in principle to make an annual grant, equal to the annual rent, which they are required to pay to the Council. It was noted that the organisation operates on a very restricted financial basis and that without what is effectively a 'rebate' on the rental it would almost certainly cease to exist.

The Sheddingdean Community Association is a group of local residents who manage the Community Centre. The Centre is hired on a regular basis by Sheddingdean Baptist Church who run a toddlers club, Slimming World, U3A, arts and craft activities, choir practise and martial arts, in addition to casual hiring's.

The Windmills Opportunity Playgroup is a long established playgroup that has been running in Burgess Hill since 1984. The charity prides itself on being inclusive; this enables them to successfully support children from the local community alongside children with a range of additional needs. The playgroup occupies the Maple Room at the Sheddingdean Community Centre.

The Trustees of Sheddingdean Community Association have been granted a new ten year lease commencing November 2016. Under the terms of the lease, the tenant is obliged to undertake repairs and maintenance and keep the interior of the premises in a clean and tidy condition at all times.

A valuation of the premises was carried out and the revised rent is £5,000 per annum, an increase of £1,250. The rent is due to be paid quarterly and has previously been dealt with as a grant, in the form of an internal transfer between departmental budgets. The grant will cover the rent due in the current financial year as follows:

7 months (Apr – Oct 2016) @ £312.50 = £2187.50
5 months (Nov 2016 – Mar 2017) @ £416.66 = £2083.33
Total £4,270.83

Head of Finance Comments

Unaudited accounts have been submitted for the year ending 31st March 2016 which show a surplus of £5,541.

Total income was £11,577: mainly generated from Hall Hire (£11,575) and Interest (£2).

Total expenditure was £6,036: consisting of Supplies and Services (£4,812) and Staff related (£1,224).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net Assets of £20,276, comprising of Cash £20,276.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

Sheddingdean Community Centre is a valuable community resource that the Council has supported by providing rent free accommodation for two decades. The Assessment Group feels that this project is of benefits to the neighbourhood and supports a grant contribution to fund the rent of the premises.

Overall Score: 5

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Services and Better Lives – Sheddingdean Community Centre is used by a number of groups which provide social interaction and opportunities for physical activities for the local community. Windmills Opportunity Playgroup provides early intervention and support to parents and professionals and also offers opportunities for volunteers to work alongside the practitioners to develop their skills.

Recommendation

That the sum of £4271 from the Community and Economic Development Fund be agreed as a grant to cover the rental costs of the Sheddingdean Community Association.

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name of Organisation	:	Sussex Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Services to support people with disabilities
Total Project Cost	:	£8,843
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£2,000
Previous Grants	:	2015 - £1,500 2014 - £1,000 2013 - £800 2012 - £750 2011 - £1,000

Background information

SASBAH was formed as an independent charity in 1965, in response to the growing demand for support services for those with Spina Bifida and/or Hydrocephalus in Sussex. The organisation offers support for over 500 people of all ages in the counties of East and West Sussex, and Brighton and Hove. They deliver a wide range of services and programmes, all based on needs identified by service users themselves.

SASBAH currently provides a range of services in Mid Sussex including an 'Adviser Service' providing information, advice, support and advocacy on health care, housing, transport, benefits, employment, family support, and help towards independent living; a 'Social Programme' offering a varied programme of social events throughout the year; a one-to-one befriending scheme called the 'Sussex Buddy Scheme' and the Mid Sussex Local Support Group which enables users and their families to come together on a monthly basis for support and guidance. The grant will part fund the general revenue costs towards these activities.

The organisation has secured £3,180 from: Ernest Kleinwort (£520), Henry Smith Charity (£520), Morrisons Foundation, (£1,040), Cotton Trust (£104), Sir Jules Thorn CT (£130), D'Oyly Carte CT (£312), DB Simpson CT (£104), Burgess Hill Town Council (£250), SASBAH Community Fundraising (£200). They have also made applications for a further £2,325 to: Raymond and Blanche Lawson CT (£250), Bill Brown 1989 CT (£500), Garfield Weston Foundation (£1,000), Wyfold CT (£200), and Sussex Community Foundation (£375).

The organisation collects information on levels of attendance, membership and type of queries dealt with. Service users are encouraged to feedback through forms, questionnaires and surveys. Case studies are also written based on observed changes resulting from service interventions.

Head of Finance Comments

Independently examined accounts have been submitted for the year ending 31st December 2015 which show a deficit of £8,790.

Total income was £223,314: mainly generated from Charitable Activities (£158,142), Donations (£64,249) and Investment Income (£923).

Total expenditure was £232,104: consisting of Staff Related (£139,324) and Supplies and Services (£92,780).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net Assets of £116,195, comprising of Tangible assets £100, Debtors £37,775, Cash £127,553 and Creditors (£49,213).

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

The services are offered free of charge to the user (apart from some social outings) and provide a support network that can help to improve access to services, combat isolation and improve health and well-being. The Buddy Scheme recruits volunteers who are trained and matched with a service user. The organisation has proactively sought match funding from a range of sources and this project is recommended for funding.

Overall Score: 10

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives – the project focuses on social inclusion and independent living through helping service users create and develop opportunities for involvement in community life, thereby helping them towards a richer and more fulfilling life. Regular contact with the service enables users to proactively identify health needs, which helps towards improving their health and mental wellbeing.

Better Services – the project recruits a significant number of volunteers which helps to keep costs down and has an impact on the wider communities. The project works towards promoting independent living in the community which helps towards reducing the burden of expensive residential care, which may be the only alternative for some of their users.

Recommendation

That the sum of £2,000 from the Community and Economic Development Fund be agreed as a contribution toward the provision of SASBAH support services in Mid Sussex.

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name of Organisation	:	Tadpoles
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Pool hire and volunteer expenses
Total Project Cost	:	£3,200
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£1,200
Previous Grants	:	2015/16 - £1,000 2014/15 - £1,000 2013/14 - £550 2012/13 - £500 2010/11 - £860 (S106)

Background information

Tadpoles was set up in 1982 to provide recreational swimming facilities for people with disabilities and diagnoses that could benefit from water therapy. The organisation is affiliated to the National Association of Swimming Clubs for the Handicapped (registered charity no. 247772). The club delivers high standards of assistance by properly trained teachers in water therapy to children, young adults and older people who have specialist requirements to help them cope with life and be more self-sufficient.

The range of conditions of the participants includes learning difficulty, asthma, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, post stroke, sight impairment and amputees. The club provides enjoyment and social contact to its participants and also helps in rehabilitation following stroke or surgery.

People can join Tadpoles through open membership or medical referral, there are approximately 74 members aged 10 – 80 years old (comprising 23 helpers, 4 lifeguards and 47 tadpoles) who pay a small annual subscription charge of £2 plus 50p per session. Through active participation, under trained supervision, members gain self-confidence, learn to swim and/or be active in water.

Tadpoles is dedicated to improving the quality of life for disabled people of all ages by providing weekly swimming sessions at the Kings Centre Swimming Pool, with specialist one-to-one attention from professionally trained helpers. This provides activity to those who may otherwise find this difficult to arrange, in an environment which is both physically and intellectually stimulating.

The grant is essential in enabling the service by contributing to the cost of pool hire. The club has upgraded equipment installed and located at the swimming pool which has ensured that an increasing range of disabilities can be accommodated, improving the experiences for club members and their carers.

The club has received a grant of £500 from the Town Council and seeks sponsorship from local businesses, conducts fundraising activities, receives donations and makes other grant applications to make up the budget.

Head of Finance Comments

Unaudited accounts have been submitted for the year ending 31st March 2016 which show a surplus of £31.

Total income was £5,059: mainly generated from Donations (£4,379), Subscriptions (£490), Charitable Activities (£181) and Interest (£9).

Total expenditure was £5,028: consisting of Supplies and Services (£5,028).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net Assets of £13,876, comprising of Cash £13,876.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

The Tadpoles Swimming Club for the disabled provides a valuable service to people, predominantly in the north of the district, with disabilities and rehabilitation needs. It provides training for volunteers, opportunities for social contact and improves member's quality of life and health.

Overall Score: 12

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives - By attending swimming sessions members enjoy social contact with other people with disabilities and also able-bodied people, increasing their self-confidence and helping them learn to cope better with their physical and mental problems, thus ensuring a better quality of life.

Recommendation

That the sum of £1,200 from the Community and Economic Development Fund be agreed as a contribution toward the cost of pool hire costs and volunteer expenses.

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name of Organisation	:	West Hoathly Local History Group
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Purchase of projector and screen
Total Project Cost	:	£587
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£587
Previous Grants	:	None

Background information

The West Hoathly Local History Group was founded in 1983 and a collection of historical local photographs was started in about 1990. Since then the amount of material has grown rapidly and in 2008 the West Hoathly Local History Archive was established as a separate entity specifically to maintain, develop and publicise the collection.

The Archive currently consists of around 1250 photographs, 507 documents, 109 maps and 14 recordings of reminiscences together with various artefacts. The photographs are mostly in digital form as well as copies and originals. The digitisation of all the maps and documents is now complete.

The group holds monthly illustrated talks (Sept-Apr) on topics of local historical interest and occasional visits to historical places of interest. Membership is charged at £15 per annum and non-members are invited to attend talks for £3 per meeting.

The group is part of the Hoathly Hub which provides information about the Parish of West Hoathly. The group actively undertakes local projects and are currently studying the development of Sharpthorne from the 1700s into the present day community. All photographs, documents and maps of the parish are made available to the public through their web based Local History Archive. The group's website is fully accessible and all the information collected from projects is available to view online.

The group would like to purchase a projector and screen to enhance the illustrated talks by enabling images, PowerPoint and video to be used to give a visual dimension to the talks. The applicant has requested the full cost of the projector and screen and has provided two comparable quotes. The success of the project will be measured by numbers of people attending meetings and membership uptake.

Head of Finance Comments

Unaudited accounts have been submitted for the year ending 31st March 2016 which show a surplus of £33.

Total income was £912: mainly generated from Membership (£480), Sales and Activities (£426) and Donations (£6).

Total expenditure was £879: consisting of Supplies and Services (£879).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net Assets of £1,269, comprising of Cash £1,269.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

The project will provide opportunities for leisure activities and increase educational opportunities in local history for residents of West Hoathly and the wider community. The grant will enable the group to make available a resource to speakers which will enhance the talks they deliver to the group. The project meets the assessment criteria and is recommended for funding.

Overall Score: 6

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives – the West Hoathly Local History Group aims to enhance the lives of local residents by using local history to connect communities. The group undertakes projects that uncover historical facts of the area and they use this knowledge to produce resources that are accessible to all residents. This promotes a sense of community identity and provides a free resource to residents and the wider community.

Recommendation

That the sum of £587 from the Community and Economic Development Fund be agreed as a contribution toward a Projector and Screen for the West Hoathly Local History Group.