APPENDIX B

Community And Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name Of Organisation : Brighton Science

Purpose For Which Grant Is : Pocket Science Festival

Sought

Total Project Cost : £7,000

Amount of Grant Sought : £5,000

Previous Grants : £5,000 – Pocket Science (2018)

Background Information

Brighton Science Festival brings science to young people and families in Sussex, particularly those who may not engage with science in schools, or are from backgrounds where they may not usually have the opportunity to reach higher education. This is delivered through organising Hands-On Half-Term, a week of science activities in central Brighton over half term in February and October, with demonstrations and hands-on workshops for over 8000 people; secondly, the Widening Participation programme reaches to young people across Sussex during the rest of the year, with workshops (tested in schools) in youth clubs and Scout and Guide troops; thirdly, the Pocket Science Funfair - a funfair with a science twist - gives a day of science fun wherever it sets up, with engaging activities and dedicated explainers. The aim is to make science accessible, affordable, and most importantly fun, for both the children and their parents.

The organisation is seeking funds to deliver the Pocket Science Festival in five venues in Mid Sussex. There will be 20 hands on activities designed to demonstrate measuring skills, internal maps reaction times.

Brighton Science Festival held the Pocket Science Festival in Mid Sussex last year with 1,000 attendees and feel assured that the numbers will increase if held in the same venues again this year. Evidence from previous events suggests that the Festival provides a unique and separate exposure to science from that which is taught in schools. Feedback from participants is very positive.

The funding will be used to pay for venues, transport, equipment, administration, Explainer's fees and publicity. The organisation proposes to raise funds for the remaining £2,000 project costs and through ticket sales on the day. Although visitor numbers to last year's events were low, they are expecting to double this based on experience in other areas they have worked in (Brighton and Billingshurst).

Head Of Corporate Resources Comments

Draft accounts have been submitted for the period ending 31st March 2017 which show a deficit of £3,154. Total income was £33,215; mainly generated from Ticket Sales and other income (£22,465) and Sponsorship, Grants and Donations (£10,750). Total expenditure was £36,369; consisting of Supplies and Services (£36,369). Balances held at the end of the period showed Net assets of £20,630: comprising of Tangible assets £3,115, Debtors £2,050, Cash £36,464 and Creditors (£20,999).

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's Evaluation Of The Project

Brighton Science Festival was awarded £5,000 in 2018 for the same project and although this proved relatively successful it's important that these events look to become sustainable in the long term. Whilst the Assessment team recognise the value of offering science to young people in a fun and accessible way, it is also important that an organisation that holds an event hoping to increase numbers year on year plans for sustainable funding. This could include a long term funding strategy and building sustainable partnerships. The Assessment team would like to see the Pocket Science Festival take place again this year but feels the funding should be awarded only for the Explainer's fees, equipment and a smaller contribution towards administration and venue hire. It is hoped that the popularity of the events will increase and become a popular event in Mid Sussex.

Overall Score: 7

The Project Meets the Following Corporate Objectives

Strong and Resilient Communities – Many young people do not engage with science in schools- this may be due to personal preferences or a lack of engagement with education in a forma setting. By engaging with science informally, in a hands-on way that allows them to experiment, learn from their mistakes and create, and by encouraging the parents to engage alongside them to kindle an enthusiasm for science, technology, engineering and maths, equipping them with vital skills for later life, whether they attend university or simply have the confidence to tackle the everyday challenges they encounter in the future.

Financial Independence – Through the widening participation work the festival covers bicycle maintenance, household repairs, home economics, cooking, clothes mending, gardening, pet management, issues of fairness, tact, honesty and integrity, and a multitude of tiny things.

Recommendation

That the sum of £2,500 from the Community and Economic Development fund is awarded to Brighton Science for the Explainer's fees, equipment and a contribution towards administration and venue hire to deliver the Pocket Science Festival 2019 in Mid Sussex.

Name Of Organisation : Burgess Hill Town Council

Purpose For Which Grant Is

Sought

Free Outdoor Film Showing in St John's

Park

Total Project Cost : £2,355

Amount of Grant Sought : £2,355

Previous Grants : £2,000 Summer Holiday Activities (2015)

£4,500 Summer of Youth (2018)

Background Information

Burgess Hill Town Council provides a wide range of services to the people of Burgess Hill, including a Help Point providing information leaflets and a response to complaints and queries, a networked Tourist Information Service, and outdoor Mobile Maintenance Team which looks after public spaces and provides a reactive service to problems identified in the town. Our Community Development Team organises a wide range of events for all ages including Summer Festival, Summer Fayre, Christmas event & lights switch-on, a programme of young carers events and various other activities. The Town Council also runs 2 community centres and the town's allotment sites as well as organising civic events.

The Town Council are seeking funds to put on a free outdoor film showing of The Greatest Showman in St John's Park on Saturday 7 September 2019. Following a spate of anti-social behaviour in the town centre some of the Town Councillors consulted with young people in St John's Park on their views. Their feeling was there was nothing for young people to do in the town. An outdoor film showing of Spiderman Homecoming in the park last year was very successful and well attended, with approx. 500 people attending on the night. Positive feedback was received on the Town Council's Twitter and Instagram after the film with requests for more events of this type. The funds will be used to hire the equipment, obtain the licence fee, First Aid, publicity and lighting.

The screening aims to increase young people's participation in events and their trust in the council by demonstrating that they were listened to. Reduce antisocial behaviour by providing a positive and accessible activity. Increase the sense of community and security by reclaiming the park for the community from general perceptions of a no-go area in the evenings.

The event will be evaluated by recording the number of attendees, feedback forms and comments on social media.

Head Of Corporate Resources Comments

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

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's Evaluation Of The Project

Inclusive community events are important to encourage and foster community cohesion. The public cinema screening will bring people together who may not otherwise come together to share a positive experience. MSDC is also planning youth activities in Burgess Hill over the summer including a Playday in Fairfield Recreation Ground; two outreach activity programmes in Denham Road and World's End. The Burgess Hill Strategic Partnership has also been funded by MSDC to hold an Easter Egg Hunt. In light of the support for these projects, the Assessment team recommend that the project is part funded.

Overall Score: 10

The Project Meets the Following Corporate Objectives

Effective and Responsive Services – The Town and District Councils will be able to demonstrate they have listened to residents' concerns about safety in the park and the impact of anti-social behaviour. The Town and District Councils will be able to demonstrate they have listened and responded to young people.

Strong & Resilient Communities – Bringing people together for this evening event in the park will help reclaim this public space in the heart of Burgess Hill when residents had felt intimidated by the anti-social behaviour. It will send out the message that there are no no-go areas in Burgess Hill. The film chosen will appeal to a wide age range and will bring people of all ages together for a communal event.

Recommendation

That the sum of £1,300 from the Community and Economic Development fund is awarded to Burgess Hill Town Council as a contribution towards the cinema screen hire and licence fee for the free outdoor film showing of The Greatest Showman in St John's Park.

Name Of Organisation : Crawley Town Community Foundation

Purpose For Which Grant Is : Sports Activities for Young People in

Sought Court Bushes

Total Project Cost : £5,000

Amount of Grant Sought : £5,000

Previous Grants : None

Background Information

Crawley Town Community Foundation provides programmes and services based on the belief that engagement through sport can result in far more than developing sports skills. They aim to harness a sense of mutual respect and trust, widen horizons, raise aspirations and provide opportunities for people regardless of their background. The organisation uses the power of sport and football and appeal of the brand to engage inspire and empower people. They focus on developing communities through a range of programmes and services based on: Health & Wellbeing, sports participation, equalities and inclusion, education, enterprise, employment and skills, regeneration and community safety – working with local, regional and national partnerships.

The organisation delivers a variety of different projects with differing pricing structures. This project will however provide sessions free of charge to participants.

The organisation is seeking funds to deliver sports activities for young people with the Court Bushes community in Hurstpierpoint. This project is an expansion of a pilot project of 9 sessions funded by Mid Sussex District Council to engage with young people during the interim period of the opening of the new building in Court Bushes. The project has engaged with 20 young individuals, with parents dropping children off to sessions as well as staying to watch their children take part.

The aim of the programme is to continue to engage with young people from the local community to participate in sports activities as a distraction from potential participation in anti-social behaviour and similar activities. The project will provide safe, organised and structured sessions, delivered by qualified coaches who will not only deliver sporting activities, but communicate key messages around behaviour. The young people will be offered an opportunity to develop positive relationships and have exposure to positive role models.

The organisation will access the local playing field and new building and continue to work with Sussex Clubs for Young People.

Participants in the pilot project have expressed a strong for it to continue. Parents/carers have appreciated the positive supervised play that helps to bring the young people together in a safe space.

The project aims to reduce levels of anti-social behaviour, increase participation in physical activities and improve attitudes towards the local community and its facilities. Evaluation will be collected through registers, case studies, surveys and interviews.

Head Of Corporate Resources Comments

Independently examined accounts have been submitted for the period ending 30th June 2018 which show a surplus of £50,323.

Total income was £832,937; mainly generated from Grants (£631,915), Sales (£126,013), Fundraising income (£38,383), Donations and Other Income (£36,625) and Gifts (£1).

Total expenditure was £782,614; consisting of Supplies and Services (£615,680) and Staff related (£166,934).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net assets of £216,624: comprising of Tangible assets £11,606, Debtors £157,129, Cash £211,823 and Creditors (£163,934).

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's Evaluation Of The Project

Crawley Town Community Foundation has recently worked with MSDC on the pilot project in Court Bushes and has successfully engaged with young people in the area, including the identified targeted groups. They are also currently working in Stone Quarry, East Grinstead on a similar youth engagement project.

Court Bushes has been identified by the Council as an area needing diversionary activities for young people following the closure of the old Ex-Serviceman's Club. Following the construction of the new building the Council felt it was critical for success to establish engagement in order to encourage a sense of ownership of the building in the community who might otherwise feel it is not 'for them'. The pilot project was designed to encourage the community to come together and as well as activities, discuss the new building and what will be on offer. This followed on from tours of the building. The Council have also funded free music workshops that will take place in the building to which the young people engaged in the pilot and this project will be encouraged to attend.

The Assessment team feel that this project will help to progress engagement with young people in the area and would recommend that it is funded. However it is important the project works in partnership with the music workshops to be delivered by Hurst Festival and continues to partnership with Sussex Clubs for Young People. The Assessment Team suggest the funding is awarded on the basis that the organisation participates in the Hurstpierpoint Strategic Partnership and works with partners. This approach should assist with the long term planning in terms of funding and delivery options for the project post 2020.

Overall Score: 9

The Project Meets the Following Corporate Objectives

Strong and Resilient Communities – The project will support young people in Hurstpierpoint (Willow Way) to develop skills to think about the consequences of participating in anti-social behaviour. It will also seek to encourage participants to engage with and respect the facilities within their local community and use them accordingly in the correct manner. Project delivery will address key issues that are within the local domain and media including anti-social behaviour, drug and alcohol misuse and anti-knife crime, where appropriate and necessary. Through supervised and structured activity the organisation will provide an environment where the whole community can get involved.

Recommendation

The sum of £5,000 from the Community and Economic Development fund is provided towards the cost of sports activities for young people in Court Bushes with the proviso that Crawley Town Community Foundation participates in the Hurstpierpoint Strategic Partnership and works in close partnership with Hurst Festival and Sussex Clubs for Young People.

Name Of Organisation : Downlands School Association

Purpose For Which Grant Is : Building Survival Skills for the Teenage

Sought Years parenting classes

Total Project Cost : £2,538

Amount of Grant Sought : £2,538

Previous Grants : None

Background Information

The Downlands Association is made up of a combination of dedicated parents and staff who work as a team to raise funds to enhance the school environment. Every student benefits from the fundraising efforts of the Downlands Association and in the past year new table tennis tables; picnic tables have been financed by them. The Association was able donate to the school £20,000 towards the exciting amphitheatre (Hassocks Outdoor Performance Space) which will be built next year. Every year they organise a Christmas Market at the end of November and a Summer Fayre in June. On top of that they provide refreshments for school events from Gig Night to school productions. The primary aim is to help provide the extras to improve the school experience for every child - whatever their background.

The Association is seeking funds to support the school to run a rolling programme (3 courses per academic year) of parenting classes for families who are struggling to balance modern working life/divorce/poverty with raising a teenager called "Building Survival Skills for the Teenage Years".

Each course will be 6 weeks long and delivered by Pastoral Support Officers. The sessions will take place in the evenings outside of school time. The aim of the course is to help families that are struggling with their teenagers. Support will be provided in a non-threatening, non-judgemental and safe environment where parents can pick up useful tips about why teenagers act the way they do and how we as a community can help them to become good citizens. The course will be free to attend.

The Association surveyed parents/carers and received 295 responses in support for the programme. The project aims to support parent/carers be more confident parents able to help the school guide their children into becoming more responsible and active citizens. Evaluation will include monitoring the impact on attendance, emotional well-being and performance in school. 60 families —up to 180 people (20 families per course) would benefit from the project.

Head Of Corporate Resources Comments

Unaudited accounts have been submitted for the period 2017/18 which show a surplus of £19,953.

Total income was £24,675; mainly generated from Fundraising (£24,675). Total expenditure was £4,722; consisting of Supplies and Services (£4,722). Balances held at the end of the period showed Net assets of £21,022: comprising of Cash £21,022.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's Evaluation Of The Project

Young People's mental health has been highlighted as an increasingly important issue both nationally and in Mid Sussex. Referrals to the Youth Emotional Support service in Mid Sussex are the highest for West Sussex. The Community Safety and Health Task and Finish groups are currently focusing on young people's mental health and parenting support. The project outlined illustrates a good model of working where they have consulted with the client base and are using the key people within the organisation (Pastoral Team) to engage and effectively deliver the project. The Assessment team would recommend the funding for this project and invite the association to present their ideas to the Better Young Lives forum to share good practice.

Overall Score: 11

The Project Meets the Following Corporate Objectives

Strong & Resilient Communities – The whole community of Hassocks and surrounding villages will benefit from more engaged citizens. The aim is to help the parent/carers of students who are not acting in positive ways when they are not in school, the local area as well as the school community. In addition, parents who are struggling with parenting skills will benefit. These parents are often going through or have gone through traumatic breakdown of the family unit and are struggling to keep all the balls in the air. The participants would be selected by the Pastoral Support Officers based on their knowledge of the family circumstances through their work in school. Although demographically Hassocks always appears in the wealthy bracket, There are many families students who do not have enough to eat, who show indicators of deprivation from dirty and unkempt uniforms and bad personal hygiene to challenging behaviour. The aim is to support families in their parenting skills so that the students would benefit and achieve better outcomes - both academic and as individuals –and become more engaged citizens with a sense of responsibility and civic duty.

Recommendation

That the sum of £2,538 from the Community and Economic Development fund is awarded to the Downlands School Association to deliver the Building Survival Skills for the Teenage Years parenting classes for families.

Name Of Organisation : Haywards Heath Baptist Church (HHBC)

Purpose For Which Grant Is : Provision of Astro Turfed play area

Sought

Total Project Cost : £5,000

Amount of Grant Sought : £3,150

Previous Grants : £24,003 Lift Grant (2018)

Background Information

Haywards Heath Baptist Church is a group of people based on Sussex Road who are seeking to reach out to the local community. The church operates community activities across a wide range of ages, for those who do not attend church as well as those who do. Some examples include,

- Providing facilities and volunteer liaison for external non-profit organisations such as Haywards Heath Foodbank and those working with special needs groups.
- 2. School holiday clubs for local children.
- 3. CAP Money Restored Lives Courses.
- 4. Community activities, i.e. exhibiting work for the Art Trail.
- 5. Make Lunch Group School Holiday provision of lunch for children who receive free school meals coming shortly.

The aim is to let out the building on a donation basis. They have previously hosted a Dyslexia Support Group, Ardingly Choir, and have had enquiries from Haywards Heath Chess Club, recently U3A and any number of weight watcher clubs. The Group also hope to have a cafe area open to the public. The Church has only been in the premises since December and are still in the process of planning around lettings and use of building.

The Church is seeking funds to astro turf (with cushioned underlay for safety reasons) an area to the south of the building that is designated for a children's play area for ball games and general exercise not always compatible to being held inside the building. The area will also allow young people to be out in the air when weather permits, for groups to hold their activities in summer months, for social gatherings such as bar-b-ques and other social events. In the main it is for children to be able to let off steam outside of the confines of the building in which their activities normally take place. There are currently 400 regular users of the facility and the warm weather has highlighted the need for outside space where people can overspill into the garden area and pursue the various activities. The outdoor space will be made available for community functions including during school holidays and lunch clubs.

Head Of Corporate Resources Comments

Independently examined accounts have been submitted for the period ending 31st December 2017 which show a surplus of £723,658

Total income was £1,066,776; mainly generated from Donations, Legacies and Grants (£836,657), Gain on Sale of Property (£210,958), Rental income (£12,000), Income from Charitable Activities (£5,050), Income from Investments (£1,661) and Other income (£450).

Total expenditure was £343,118; consisting of Premises related (£236,190), Staff related (£44,408), Supplies and Services (£39,159) and Third Party payments (£23,361).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net assets of £1,475,343: comprising of Tangible assets £588,630, Debtors £13,761, Cash £1,122,604, Creditors due in less than 1 year (£145,100) and Creditors due after more than 1 year (£104,552).

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's Evaluation Of The Project

The Church operates as a community asset by offering a facility that meets the needs of the local community. The church has identified the advantage of developing the outside area to provide an enhanced offer for the community. The Assessment team feel that although it is important to support projects that enhance community facilities, these must be made available for all sections of the community. The team would recommend funding this project but must ensure that the facility is open to both members of the church's congregation and noncongregation through the end of grant form.

Overall Score: 10

The Project Meets the Following Corporate Objectives

Strong & Resilient Communities – When the re- build began it was anticipated that those using the building, and the associated activities that run, would have an improved quality of experience due to the improved facilities and ease of accessibility. It was also planned for an increase in the number of initiatives and services that HHBC would offer from the building to the community. The new initiatives were envisaged through the creation of new and existing community based partner relationships in the area (mainly through making available to other users, the new building's facilities). There is the potential for expanding community activities with the School, Holiday Lunch club, and Art Trail Exhibition. Having the small outside space astro turfed helps to improve the quality of the space and experience for those using the facilities. It will also provide further space for meeting people, hospitality, and improve the quality of the space and facilities.

Recommendation

That the sum of £3,150 from the Community and Economic Development fund is awarded to Haywards Heath Baptist Church as a contribution towards the installation of an Astro Turfed play area.

Name Of Organisation : Hurstpierpoint Gymnastics Club

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Purpose For Which Grant Is

Sought

Equipment, transport, awards &

Competitions

Total Project Cost : £5,225

Amount of Grant Sought : £4,575

Previous Grants : £1,900 Equipment, Transport, awards &

Competitions (2018)

Background Information

The Club offers gymnastics coaching to about 350 children from the Mid Sussex area, boys and girls ranging from 3 to 16 years old. The Club offers a safe environment for children to develop their skills and confidence working on the ethos of Enjoyment, Exercise and Excellence. Pre-school children have half an hour a week, developing their balance, co-ordination and suppleness. School age children have an hour every week to develop their fitness, strength and skills leading to the presentation of the British Gymnastics Awards, which are presented every term. Junior and Seniors have two competitions every year designed to improve their presentation skills and ability to work in partnership with others as well as to reward their gymnastic achievements.

The organisation is seeking funds to build on their club activities by providing recognised awards, undertaking an enrichment activity, running two competitions, replacing old mats, purchasing small hand held equipment to extend the range of activities and offering training to the volunteer coaches. The club currently has 350 students and the project will be monitored by the numbers of children attending regular classes and attendances at specialist coaching courses.

Head Of Corporate Resources Comments

Unaudited accounts have been submitted for the period ending 4th April 2018 which show a surplus of £164.

Total income was £43,630; mainly generated from Subscriptions, Grants etc. (£43,630).

Total expenditure was £43,466; consisting of Transport related (£30,279), Supplies and Services (£9,372) and Premises related (£3,815). No balance sheet was provided.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's Evaluation Of The Project

Hurstpierpoint Gymnastics Club has a wide reach in Mid Sussex and offers an affordable gymnastics classes for children. The Club was awarded £1,900 in January 2018 and this application is requesting funds similar to the previous

application. Whilst the Assessment team recognise the importance of a club that is accessible to different sectors of the community, it is also important that organisations aim to be sustainable through long term planning. The Assessment team feel that the Club should look to fund their awards (which are integral to the club), enrichment activities, competitions and hand held equipment through other forms of more sustainable funding, including commercial sponsorship. The Assessment team would recommend the funding of the new gymnastics mats on the proviso that the club submit costings from at least three providers to ensure value for money. The Assessment team would also recommend funding the training for volunteer coaches as opportunities to support the development of volunteers will impact on the community at large.

Overall Score: 7

The Project Meets the Following Corporate Objectives

Strong & Resilient Communities – By offering affordable gymnastics classes - at less than half of the commercial rates offered at Sports Centres - families at the fringes of economic stability are able to be supported. The hardship fund supports families who are in danger of falling through financial safety nets. No child has yet been refused whose families are in financial need. This strength offers support to all sections of our community, stretching across the whole district. There are gymnasts who started when they were just 3 and are now 15 and studying for GCSEs. Several gymnasts are able to use their participation and volunteering at the Club to further their Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

Recommendation

That the sum of £2,025 from the Community and Economic Development fund is awarded to Hurstpierpoint Gymnastics Club to purchase new gymnastics mats (at least 3 quotes to be provided before purchase) and the cost towards the training for volunteer coaches.

Name Of Organisation : Jubilee Hub

Purpose For Which Grant Is : Support for the Jubilee Hub social club

Sought

Total Project Cost : £4,070

Amount of Grant Sought : £4,070

Previous Grants : £10,000 Changing Places adapted

bathroom (2016)

Background Information

The Jubilee Community Centre is a facility that hosts a range of local groups including the East Grinstead Foodbank, the Hope Job club, Arise Counselling service, Meridian Radio and Little Lambs preschool. Other hirers of the building include a range of musical and exercise groups as well as companies running training. The Jubilee Community Church runs various community groups from the centre in addition to the Sunday church services. These include Short Mat bowls for older people, a well-attended parent and toddler group (Little Stars), a Friday night youth club and youth mentoring scheme, a monthly lunch club for older people, the Sustain Cafe for parents/carers of children with additional needs and The Jubilee Hub, a weekly drop in group for adults, and for which funding is being sought. The Community Centre is seeking funds to continue the work of the Hub to include equipment, transport and furnishings. The nearest service similar to the Jubilee Hub is in Crawley and Horsham and clients need to take two buses to attend.

Head Of Corporate Resources Comments

Independently examined accounts have been submitted for the period ending 31st August 2017 which show a surplus of £112,812.

Total income was £649,864; mainly generated from Donations and Legacies (£429,500), Income from Charitable Activities (£137,460), Other Trading Activities (£41,573), Grants (£35,694), Gift (£5,602) and Investment income (£35).

Total expenditure was £537,052; consisting of Supplies and Services (£269,234) and Staff related (£267,818).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net assets of £2,586,964: comprising of Tangible assets £3,204,028, Debtors £65,658, Cash £200,777, Creditors due within 1 year (£133,135) and Creditors due in more than 1 year (£750,364).

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's Evaluation Of The Project

The Hub is a well-recognised facility in East Grinstead and receives referrals from key agencies. It works with vulnerable groups and supports mental wellbeing for those with mental health issues. The Hub works in partnership with various agencies and supports their volunteers to develop. The Assessment team would recommend funding aspects of the project that would enable the organisation to purchase equipment that will support activities to be sustainable; provide transport cost to remove barriers to participation and support volunteer training costs to enhance the skills base in the community.

Overall Score: 9

The Project Meets the Following Corporate Objectives

Effective and Responsive Services – The Hub has been set up in response to an increasing awareness that people are lonely and isolated in East Grinstead, and there was nowhere for people experiencing this to go. Other places in the town require money to access, or do not have a team of dedicated volunteers who are trained and prepared to talk and spend time with people. We are also responsive as we regularly ask users what they like to do, what interests them and what ideas they have to continually keep the hub interesting and inspiring. The Hub has become a community of its own, with people increasingly supporting each other by building friendships and helping outside of the Hub.

Recommendation

That the sum of £2,620 from the Community and Economic Development fund is awarded to The Jubilee Hub to purchase football goal posts, recover pool table, dartboard and darts, community transport costs and training costs for volunteers.

Name Of Organisation : Mid Sussex Community Support

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Association

Purpose For Which Grant Is

Sought

Support for a drop-in club

Total Project Cost : £2,600

Amount of Grant Sought : £1,300

Previous Grants : £10,000 Changing Places adapted

bathroom (2016)

£1,000 Mental Health drop-ins (2017)

Background Information

The Mid Sussex Community Support Association provides a drop in club with a two course meal (subsidised) and refreshment bar. Two part time paid coordinators lead members into games, darts, snooker, pool table, tennis and bingo. The group has an annual trip to Sussex and a monthly meal at a local pub. The group meet at Centenary Hall in Haywards Heath. The group work Burgess Hill Summer Haven project and some members are members of this club. The group are seeking core costs to continue to provide subsidised meals, games, Christmas meal and an annual trip for people with mental health issues. The funds will be used to pay the Coordinator and the rent for the hire of Centenary Hall. The group have 10-12 residents from Haywards Heath and Burgess Hill attend. The group aims to enable their users to address their own affairs and solve problems. Evaluation will be done through observing members and talking to them. The group have submitted 20 applications for further funding.

Head Of Corporate Resources Comments

Unaudited draft accounts have been submitted for the period ending 31st March 2019 which show a deficit of £2,813.

Total income was £2,850; mainly generated from Fundraising (£1,670), Contributions (£1,068), Admin (£107) and Interest (£5).

Total expenditure was £5,663; consisting of Supplies and Services (£5,663). No Balance Sheet provided.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's Evaluation Of The Project

Mental health has been identified as a key need in the District and there are a number of agencies providing support for people with mental health issues. The Mid Sussex Community Support Association offer a tailor-made drop in for local residents aimed at providing a safe space to socialise and meet new people. It's unclear if the coordinator who works with the group is trained in mental health and in what capacity they support the group. The Assessment team would

recommend funding for this group to enable the continuation of the service for the client group. However the team feel that the group needs to make contact with Sussex Oakleaf who are delivering similar groups across Mid Sussex. This could help with sharing good practice and referrals between the organisations.

Overall Score: 7

The Project Meets the Following Corporate Objectives

Strong & Resilient Communities – the group enable people with mental health issues to build friendships and stay connected. It helps to combat loneliness by building the confidence of their members so that they are able to address their own affairs and solve their own problems.

Recommendation

That the sum of £1,300 from the Community and Economic Development fund is awarded to The Mid Sussex Community Support Association to deliver the drop-in club in Haywards Heath for people with mental health issues.

Name Of Organisation : Relate North & South West Sussex

Purpose For Which Grant Is : Counselling services for residents of

Sought

East Grinstead and surrounding villages

Total Project Cost : £10,860

Amount of Grant Sought : £2,000

Previous Grants : £1,500 Relate Counselling East Grinstead

Outpost (2015)

£1,500 Relate Counselling East Grinstead

Outpost (2017)

Background Information

Relate North and South West Sussex is an independent charity and member of the Relate Federation. We provide services in Crawley, East Grinstead, Chichester, Horsham and the villages' surroundings these towns. We provide confidential counselling for all types of relationships. The service we provide is as follows:

Relationship Counselling: For couples/individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships.

Family Counselling: For parents and children, siblings, extended and blended families.

Psychosexual Therapy: For couples/individuals experiencing sexual difficulties. **Children and young People's Counselling:** A service for those aged 12 to 19, in a neutral space away from school and home. In order to provide our service for Mid Sussex residents, we rent counselling rooms at Glen Vue, Station Road, East Grinstead.

It costs in excess of £60 for Relate to deliver a counselling session. However, 42% of our clients are unable to meet these costs, so clients are asked to pay what they can afford and the cost is subsidised from the bursary fund. The aim is to not turn anyone away.

The organisation is seeking funds to continue with the full range of counselling services for residents of East Grinstead and surround villages. This is to include relationship, couple, family, children and young people's counselling and psychosexual therapy. The group aims to champion the importance of healthy relationships to promote cohesive family groupings which helps people to engage with their local community and wider society obviating the need for intervention by statutory agencies. The young people's counselling helps to explore needs and deal with challenges in life. These skills aim to help young people to remain in education, reduce the risk of future unemployment and possible exclusion from school. Relate receive referrals from MSDC Targeted Intervention Project.

Relate currently have a waiting list of people who specifically want to be seen in East Grinstead and they are the only counselling organisation in East Grinstead to provide the range of services under one roof.

Head Of Corporate Resources Comments

Independently examined accounts have been submitted for the period ending 31st March 2018 which show a surplus of £18,663.

Total income was £340,948; mainly generated from Charitable activities - Counselling (£189,748), Fundraising activities – Shop income (£115,255), Grants (£35,893) and Investment income (£52).

Total expenditure was £322,285; consisting of Staff related (£203,761) and Supplies and Services (£118,524).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net assets of £141,700: comprising of Tangible assets £2,022, Debtors £4,095, Cash £140,239 and Creditors (£4,656).

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's Evaluation Of The Project

Relate are a well established organisation that has been offering a valuable counselling service open to everyone with a flexible charging structure. The Assessment team would recommend funding for this project; talking therapy is increasingly recognised as an effective tool that can have long lasting positive impact on people's lives. The team are encouraged by the recognition that ability to pay should not be a barrier to accessing services and feel the provision would enhance the support services in East Grinstead. The organisation is in contact with key organisations in the district and is keen to work in partnership.

Overall Score: 10

The Project Meets the Following Corporate Objectives

Strong & Resilient Communities – All areas of counselling that Relate provides; couples, family, individual and young people, creates better selfawareness and understanding, which is a firm foundation to creating strength and resilience in the people who make up communities. People experiencing any form of relationship difficulty, whether it's with their mother, partner or children, often lose their self-confidence and feel isolated and unable to participate with their friends, let alone their communities. Divorce, separation and family breakdown are the greatest cause of non-work related stress, causing depression, alcohol abuse and mental illness, which could lead to social exclusion. It has been reported that children from families where there is a high level of conflict, are more likely to be involved in anti-social behaviour, drug use and crime. Serious persistent offenders are less likely to have supportive family relationships. Counselling is a preventative intervention, where issues are identified, understood and managed at an early stage, so that less intervention is required from external agencies. Young people's counselling helps to build selfconfidence, self-belief and esteem, so that a young person can draw on their own resources to solve challenges that they may face. Counselling supports families and individuals to identify problems and helps create a framework for tackling

them. Counselling also improves communication and understanding between family members, so that they are more caring and supportive towards one another. A cohesive family unit is one which is stronger and more resilient to external forces and unexpected events.

Recommendation

That the sum of £2,000 from the Community and Economic Development fund is awarded to Relate North & South West for room hire in order to continue to provide counselling services in East Grinstead.

Name Of Organisation : St John's, Felbridge

Purpose For Which Grant Is : Equipment for Youth Project to repaint

Sought and modify car in the summer holidays

Total Project Cost : £714

Amount of Grant Sought : £714

Previous Grants : None

Background Information

St. John's, Felbridge is a vibrant and thriving church in Felbridge with activities and services for all ages. It runs lots of different groups to meet the different needs in our community spanning all ages from youth groups to senior Connections group. For children and teenagers they provide groups for all ages from 0-24, including both Friday night and Sunday evening groups for teenagers. We run mentoring for teenagers and in partnership with a local secondary school. The Church also host courses to address specific needs such as dementia, parenting, and marriage, as well as conducting practical care and pastoral visits to people in the community. Finally they are connected with and support a number of other organisations that use our facilities and building such as a community art group and the uniformed organisations like Guides. The Church works with local churches to run joint youth event as well as meeting to discuss local youth work.

The Church is seeking funds to pay for equipment to enable and help a group of 5-8 teenagers to repaint and modify a Toyota Celica for 1-2 weeks during the summer holidays. A pilot project for a smaller number of young people painted a few interior and exterior parts and installed a simple circuit of LED lights. The project aims to build on this by offering the opportunity to young people from Imberhorne and Sackville schools in East Grinstead. The group will encourage teachers and pastoral teams to nominate young people they feel would benefit from having a productive focus and inclusive community space during what could be long and unstructured holiday time. The aim is to provide an opportunity to learn new skills in an informal and supportive environment, increase socialisation and social inclusion at a time when there is less daily support, improve mental wellbeing though accomplishment and ownership of a creative and practical project and provide mentors and role models outside school. The project will be evaluated from feedback forms by parents, young people and volunteers, attendance levels and achieving project timescales.

Head Of Corporate Resources Comments

Independently examined accounts have been submitted for the period ending 31st December 2018 which show a deficit of £734.

Total income was £176,009; mainly generated from Donations and Legacies (£155,971), Other income (£11,500), Charitable activities (£8,499) and Investment income (£39).

Total expenditure was £176,743; consisting of Supplies and Services (£143,138) and Staff related (£33,605).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net assets of £117,890: comprising of Tangible assets £14,531, Debtors £10,257, Cash £109,400 and Creditors (£16,298).

Overall Score: 10

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's Evaluation Of The Project

The project is following on from a successful pilot and has ambitious plans for taking the project forward. The project will target young people in East Grinstead schools who will benefit from additional support during the summer holiday. The Assessment team would recommend the funding for this project. The grant will be used to purchase equipment only and the cost of delivering the project (volunteers and staff) will be met by the organisaiton. The project could be a very good model of youth engagement and the group will be encouraged to present their outcomes to the Better Young Lives forum.

The Project Meets the Following Corporate Objectives

Strong & Resilient Communities — This project will promote healthy lifestyles by providing a creative, outdoor, and practical activity for teenagers. Instead of staying indoors playing video games or watching screens they will be learning new skills and engaging with others. It may also provide a safe space in which they can talk freely outside the traditional authority structures of a school with appropriate adults. This project will facilitate community and social inclusion for different teenagers who may not otherwise spend time together or engaging with activities outside of school. It also provides a place to go and a productive focus of time during the otherwise unstructured holiday time. This project directly provides community activities and services through which young people can learn new skills and develop existing ones, and take responsibility for a fun, unique, and creative project.

Recommendation

That the sum of £714 from the Community and Economic Development fund is awarded to St John's, Felbridge to purchase equipment to deliver a youth engagement project over the summer holiday to repaint and modify a Toyota Celica.