

## **GRANTS AUTHORISATION FORM Officer Decision Written Record (Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014)**

Discretionary grant giving (1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31 March 2020) - 2<sup>nd</sup> funding round ending 16 December 2019

This form provides a written record of decisions on capital grant applications. The decision was taken on 5/2/20 and 11/2/20. The authorising officer was Jonathan Geall, Head of Housing and Health, in consultation with Cllr Suzanne Rutland Barsby, the Executive Member responsible for grant giving.

These applications are recommended funding because they take forward the council's health and wellbeing outcomes and priorities for grant giving.

The following projects have been through our due diligence checks, assessed in terms of benefit and have been discussed and agreed by the Grants Panel. An award letter was sent on 10/2/2020

Name of Applicant	Description	Ave score	Amount recommended	Reason for decision and proposed conditions
Sawbridgeworth Bowling Club	To build a disabled toilet, creating a fully accessible clubhouse by March 2020 and extending membership to include those who are lonely, suffering mental illness, lacking regular exercise and having physical disabilities. The club also wants to provide a building that can be used by residents to pursue other interests. Up to 300 people potentially to benefit.	16.00	£8,000.00	Fully fund subject to receiving copy of Sport England award letter. Conditions: Target residents living in nearby streets Cambridge road, Cutforth road, Northfield and Hallingbury and provide a special community wide activity for the Herts Year of Culture.
Bishop Stortford Youth project (BSYP)	Enable easier adoption of healthy lifestyles by purchasing a range of indoor sports/games and cooking equipment by March 2020 for use in the Thirst Youth Café, run by experienced youth workers. Up to 150 young people aged 11 to 18 to benefit.	13.67	£3,182.00	Fully fund. Condition: deliver a healthy cooking sessions and special activity for Herts Year of Culture.

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Hunsdon Parish Council	To transform the playing field/recreation area in the centre of Hunsdon into a multi-functional open space to support a range of sport, recreation and play facilities attractive and accessible across all ages and abilities within village. Phase one is to provide a Zip wire which was the top choice of children and young people who were consulted by Spring 2020. Up to 190 children and young people to benefit. Section 106 monies will be used for wider project.	13.00	£8,000.00	Fully fund. Condition: delivery of a special community wide activity for the Herts Year of Culture.
Little Hadham Village Hall Management trust	To help overcome rural and social insolation by providing equipment to sustain a volunteer led cinema club to further enhance the offering the village hall can make as a community hub. Up to 200 people to benefit.	13.00	£5,821.00	Fully fund. Condition: delivery of a special community wide activity for Herts Year of Culture and a dementia film screening.
Allens Green Village Hall	To modernize wooden clad hall by removing areas of rot; insulating external walls and cladding outside to improve energy consumption and reduce draughts by Spring 2020; enabling increased demand for hire by the community. Up to 250 to benefit	12.33	£8,000.00	Fully fund. Condition: deliver a special community wide activity for Herts Year of Culture.
Aston Parish Council	In partnership, develop 30 year old village playground by providing a new range of exciting equipment catering to older children such as a new basket swing, round-about and fitness trail by late spring 2020. This will	12.33	£8,000.00	Fully fund request to install fitness trail. Condition: deliver a special community wide activity for Herts Year of Culture.

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	double the number of children who can use the facility at any one time. Up to 160 to benefit.			
B. Green Store CIC	Reduce rural/social isolation and promote health and wellbeing among residents in Birch Green and nearby areas by turning local building into a community shop and hub (opening daily 8:30 to 4:30) and purchasing equipment (oven, fridge, bike rack, awning) to enable refreshments and local activities to be offered and ensuring a sustainable income. Up to 650 parish residents could benefit. Provides a local destination for people who do not have access to a car.	12.00	£2,811.00	Fully fund. Condition: deliver a community wide activity for Herts Year of Culture and set up a regular coffee morning for lonely and isolated residents. Note: the council will not fund outdoor heaters as they are not compliant with green agenda. An alternative item is permissible.
High Wych Memorial Hall	Refurbish the memorial hall by upgrading the accessible toilet facilities by Spring 2020 - bringing the facility for disabled and those requiring accessible toilet facilities up to the same standard. This will allow us to provide facilities for all local residents irrespective of disability. Up to 100/week could potentially benefit.	11.33	£2,500.00	Fully fund. Condition: deliver a community wide activity for Herts Year of Culture
2nd Bengoe Scout Group	Refurbish the 60 year old scout hall by laying a new floor and fitting double glazed windows by Spring 2020; enabling the hall to be hired more by local community groups and generate	11.00	£8,000.00	Fully fund. Condition: delivery a community wide activity for Herts Year of Culture.

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	income. Up to 100 scout members to benefit			
Anstey Parish Council	Develop play area by installing an exciting new piece of play equipment for children and young people aged 3 to 14 - roundabout at the Folly Playing field by Spring 2020. Up to 100 to benefit.	10.33	£2,275.00	Part fund. Condition: set up a Crowdfunding campaign to further develop area and engage with community, creating ownership and a sense of pride. Note: Grant offer and conditions not yet accepted by applicant 6/5/20
Benington Recreation Ground Charity	Purchase of blocks to erect walls to the existing steel framework of what will eventually become a new sports and community pavilion which we have been rebuilding as a community effort. Build to start by April 2020. Up to 1,500 to benefit.	9.00	£2,275.00	This is very much a community led initiative with people donating time and supplies, so inevitably will have to be carried out over a lengthier period than professional build projects. Panel agreed it wanted to encourage this type of initiative but that the project would not result in a useable building and achieve desired health and wellbeing outcomes within the one year timeframe. Bid was weak on consultation and project details/benefits. Panel noted that there was no information about the project or how to donate on the Parish Council website. It agreed to part fund subject to the following conditions: 1) use grant to kick start a Crowdfunding campaign to engage with wider community and create pride of place. 2) Have a fully watertight building by first quarter 2021. 3) Submit an estimate of figures as to the final cost 4) Submit a realistic timeframe and plan with milestones towards a fully operational building by summer 2021. 5) Register for the EH lottery. 6) Investigate other sources of funding. Note: Grant offer and conditions not taken up by applicant

## APPENDIX 2: TABLE OF INELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS

These applications did not achieve the 50% threshold.

Meesden Village Hall Committee	Plant fruit trees in grasslands owned by Parish Council which is adjacent to the Village Hall.	Not supported on this occasion as the panel noted that free trees were available from The Woodland Trust. Application was weak around consultation and community benefits. The panel agreed the project in principle and applicant will be invited to reapply for a more ambitious project (larger trees, wildflower meadow) that engages with residents and stakeholders in the community and delivers a community planting event and ceremony at the village hall. This type of event would increase footfall not only to field but hall.
<a href="#">Red Kite Rape Crisis Centre</a>	Establish and deliver recovery focussed services for survivors of childhood sexual abuse, rape and sexual assault by setting up a telephone helpline based in Ware. It is estimated that helpline will take 1,000 calls from people across south east Hertfordshire.	Reject on this occasion as application incomplete. The panel acknowledged the service was a good cause and that the trustees had a wealth of experience and appropriate skills. However quotes received were not for the equipment listed in application and there was no information on whether the group had a lease on the proposed office space. Applicant will be encouraged to reapply once detailed plans are in place. The application did not demonstrate evidence of need, how proposal would improve existing offer, community engagement, how volunteers would be recruited/trained and little detail on the services to be provided.

<a href="#">CHIPS- Children's Integrated Playscheme</a>	Withdrawn by applicant	New shed to provide a storage facility for playscheme in Bishop Stortford.
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## GRANTS AUTHORISATION FORM Officer Decision Written Record (Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014)

Discretionary grant giving

This form provides a written record of decisions relating to grant giving. Decisions were taken on 25 and 26 August 2020 and listed in a report dated 28 July 2020. The authorising officer was Nick Phipps, Community Wellbeing and Partnerships Service Manager, in consultation with Cllr Suzanne Rutland Barsby, the Executive Member for Communities - responsible for grant giving.

These applications are recommended funding because they take forward the council's health and wellbeing outcomes and priorities for grant giving.

### AGREED PROJECTS

Name of Project or delivery agent	Description	Amount Agreed	Reason for decision
Local Social Building community connections	Offer twice a month coffee and chat at the Jolly Bargeman Pub – as the appropriate social distance - and develop new activities (including digital options) to reduce isolation among residents on low income or with a long term health condition who are lonely; living in one of the top 10 deprived wards in East Herts - Ware Trinity. To be delivered in partnership with Tower Road Residents Association, Larkspur Academy, Ware Christchurch, Active In the Community and East Herts Council To be delivered later in the year and following the government's policy on Covid-19	£3,000	Takes forward the new Enabling Communities corporate priority. This project is taking an asset based community development approach. It is a collaboration with local volunteers to support them to find out what residents want and need; and to enable them to more effectively use community assets and skills of local people. It will create opportunities for volunteering and new social connections and a model that can be replicated in other disadvantaged areas

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Diversionary activities for young people across East Herts	Expand provision of climbing walls to Hartham and Bishop's Stortford during February half term 2020. The equipment will take forward the HYOc theme for February 'Skills Development & Volunteering', as rock climbing is likely to be a skill that young people wouldn't have had the opportunity to develop beforehand. The project will be delivered in partnership with Youth Connexions Herts, Future Hope, Bishop's Stortford Youth Project and Hertford Youth Trust	£1,000	Contributes to East Herts Community Safety Partnership priorities, being the following: Protecting vulnerable people and develop community safeguarding; primarily through the continuation of Op Stomp. To continue to disrupt County Line activity in the district and safeguard those who may be at risk or linked to this; with a specific focus on reducing youth related violent crime.
Bishop's Stortford Climate Group	Delivery of an interactive ECO film festival in Bishop's Stortford, linked to Herts Year of Culture. To be delivered later in the year and following the government's policy on Covid-19	£2110	Contributes to East Herts Council's priority around environmental sustainability
Project organiser not yet confirmed	Delivery of an interactive ECO film festival in Hertford linked to Herts Year of Culture. To be delivered later in the year and following the government's policy on Covid-19	£2110	Contributes to East Herts Council's priority around environmental sustainability. Payment of grant will be subject to the Council receiving a proposal.