

List of Grants awarded January 2021

Introduction

This form provides a written record of decisions relating to grant giving during the 2nd funding round in 2020/21. Decision to award were taken on 21st and 26th January 2021. 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 priorities for grant giving.

Applications have been through our due diligence checks, assessed in terms of benefit and have been discussed and agreed by the Grants Panel.

Agreed revenue projects – Small Grants

Applications were considered on the 15th and 19th January.

Name of Applicant	Amount requested	Description	Amount recommended	Reason for decision and proposed conditions
Friends of Castle Park (small, new)	£300.00	The Friends of Castle Park are seeking funding towards the introduction of HSBC Breeze Rides to the park in Bishop's Stortford; these are women only bike rides and free to attend for all abilities. Full training for eight Breeze Champions costs £1,700 and the Friends of Castle Park are seeking £300 towards funding.	£300	Fully fund as meets priorities to support a less active group of people to get more active on the condition they register on the East Herts Lottery. Delivery must be done in a COVID secure way and processes submitted.

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Ware Age Concern (small, new)	£300.00	To replace sink waste pipes in Gents and ladies toilets and to extend and replace roof over bin area at rear of building. In order to ensure a safer and tidier, more pleasant community space and meet regulations	£300	Fully fund as ensures a community asset is safe and fit-for-purpose on the condition they register on the East Herts Lottery
Hertingfordbury Village Residents Association (small, new)	£300.00	To enhance the village identity by placing a historic village emblem / sign in a prominent part of the village. 5 volunteers organising and will be getting ideas from rest of the community - Up to 120 people to benefit.	£300	Fully fund as brings people together and builds community pride, on the condition they register on the East Herts Lottery

Agreed revenue projects – Large Grants

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Name of Applicant	Amount requested	Description	Average Score	Amount awarded	Reason for decision and proposed conditions
Red Kite Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Service (new start up)	£3,000.00	To set up a new Helpline to support victims and survivors of rape and sexual abuse. Callers to the Helpline will be supported and, if necessary, referred for counselling. Our aim is to prevent social isolation of victims; to support, guide and counsel resilience, help those who have resorted to self-destructive practices or are suffering from emotional harm and enable victims to move forward in	17.33	£3,000	Fully fund as supporting vulnerable residents and the amount requested is for 3 months contribution to fund the officer. There are 4 Local Authorities in the catchment area, therefore the funds requested within the application represent a quarter annual share and therefore is acceptable. The award is on the

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		their lives outside of the crime that has happened to them. Potentially up to 8,000 East Herts residents to benefit, Grant to be used to pay for Volunteer Coordinators salary for 3 months (July to Sept 2021). 35 existing volunteers.			condition they apply for match funding from the other Local Authorities within their catchment area for the continuance of their services, Increase ticket sales on EH Lottery evaluation by 50% and link closely with Future Living in Hertford and join the Healthy Hub East Herts partnership.
Always Bee You CIC (new)	£3,000.00	To deliver a programme called "The Art of Brunch" which will provide work training opportunities, a cook and eat club and a Saturday morning art support hub for up to 36 adults with learning disabilities, and 20 families and carers in Ware. Most of our clients are from Ware Trinity ward and Hornsmill in Hertford.	17.00	£3,000.00	Fully fund as they are supporting vulnerable residents on the condition that evaluation and monitoring is embedded into the programme from the start and that they increase ticket sales on EH Lottery by 50% and link with Aspire and Local Social if they haven't already. Delivery must be done in a Covid secure way and processes submitted.
Stepping out with Carers CIC (new)	£2,960	To organise three sociable, free led walks in Bishop's Stortford, Hertford and Ware for carers and the people they care for. Up to 75 to benefit. Grant would be spent on transport, publicity and volunteer expenses. There are two walks at every event to cater for all levels of ability.	15.67	£2,000.00	Part fund (excluding cost of refreshments) as supporting people who are most deprived of opportunity and motivation to be physically active and on the condition they submit plans on how they will reach people from disadvantaged areas, register for the East Herts Lottery, join the Healthy

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					Hub East Herts partnership and link with the East Herts Cultural Strategy
Children's Integrated PlaySchemes (CHIPS)	£2,999.50	To provide 350 additional hours of playschemes for up to 109 children with additional needs and their siblings aged 3-19 years so that participants can attend sessions regularly over the year. Playschemes are delivered at the Family Centre in Sele and in Bishop's Stortford and Ware. For many of the children,	15.00	£3,000.00	Fully fund as delivering in an area of disadvantage on the condition they Increase ticket sales on EH Lottery by 50% and link with the East Herts Cultural Strategy. Delivery must be done in a Covid secure way and processes submitted.
Re-engage, formerly Contact the Elderly (new)	£3,000	To expand our new Call Companions telephone befriending in East Hertfordshire, especially in Bishop's Stortford, where we have a strong local team, dedicated volunteers, and a track record in delivering success. 60 to 70 older people to benefit. Grant to be spent on a local support and development officer in Bishop's Stortford and volunteer and communication costs. Hope to recruit 10 additional older people.	15.00	£3,000.00	Fully fund as alternative service focussing on people in disadvantaged area and beneficiaries are the 'oldest old' category on the condition they submit plans on how they will reach people in the Havers estate; register on the East Herts Lottery and join the Healthy Hub East Herts partnership.

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East Herts Citizens Advice Service (capital & revenue)	£1,724.00	To start a rural outreach project (Buntingford, The Hadhams, Munden and Cottered, Watton at Stone, Spellbrook, Standon, Braughing and Puckeridge) to help those who would otherwise struggle to access services and/or do not know how the CAB can help. The project focuses on supporting rural residents on a wide range of issues including money and debt advice, housing employment, benefits, energy and scams. Up to 10,000 people to benefit.	14.33	£1,724	Fully fund revenue cost as innovative rural outreach using new technologies on the condition they ensure evaluation/monitoring embedded from the start and increase ticket sales on EH Lottery by 50%. Delivery must be done in a Covid secure way and processes submitted.
Grove Cottage - Bishop's Stortford Mencap	£3,000.00	To adapt and run services and activities throughout 2021, to ensure that local people with a learning disability remain socially engaged and receive the support they need through our weekly social clubs for adults and children, Saturday club / holiday clubs for children, Special Needs Nursery and one to one speech and language therapy. Up to 150 to benefit. People with a learning disability struggle with isolation and loneliness, which can have a huge impact on their mental health. This has been exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic.	13.33	£3,000.00	Fully fund as supporting vulnerable people on the condition that grant is spent on a specific programme such as the Saturday Club and Increase ticket sales on EH Lottery by 50%. Delivery must be done in a Covid secure way and processes submitted.

Name of Applicant	Amount requested	Description	Average Score	Amount awarded	Reason for decision and proposed conditions
Future Living Hertford (capital and revenue)	£3,000.00	Provide four 12-week free art therapy programmes delivered by an experienced art therapist in response to isolation, lack of physical community support and poor mental health due to coronavirus emergency lock downs during 2020. Grant requested to cover costs of materials and project leader. Up to 50 people to benefit.	12.67	£1,700.00	Part fund revenue costs as applicant has received significant funding in the past and the need for a project leader and the number of people to benefit was unclear. Grant mainly for materials on the condition they increase ticket sales on EH Lottery by 50%, join Healthy Hub East Herts and link with work on the Cultural Strategy. Delivery must be done in a Covid secure way and processes submitted.
Ware Arts Centre (trading as Southern Maltings) Capital and revenue	£1,400	Southern Maltings Digital Inclusion and Blended Learning Project will be working with members of the community to bring creative and mindful activities to life in the form of online (and face to face delivery where appropriate). This project is building upon the benefits provided to the community as part of the July 2020 Virtual Festival. There will be opportunities for members of the community who are currently isolated or more vulnerable to take part in organised events and socialising as well as increasing good mental wellbeing. Up to 1,000 to benefit. Grant to be spent on materials, tutor fees, room hire, insurance, publicity.	12.33	£1,400.00	Fully fund revenue as project is a new way of working and supports digital inclusion and East Herts cultural strategy. Grant is on the condition they submit plans on how they will reach people in Ware Trinity, link to Healthy Hub East Herts and continue to raise funds via the East Herts Lottery.

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Headway Hertfordshire (new)	£3,000	To restart peer support groups for people with a brain injury and their carers in Hertford, Waltham Cross and Broxbourne when permitted, and to offer new cultural social workshops at Place House in Ware (April to Dec 2021). Up to 30 to benefit reducing their isolation, improving their mental health and helping them on the road to recovery after their life changing brain injury.	12.33	£1,047.00	Part fund (excluding refreshments) as most of the proposed activity is outside the East Herts area but it is supporting very vulnerable people. Grant to fund support group in Hertford (and a cultural workshop in Ware) and is on the condition they increase sales on the East Herts Lottery by 50%, join Healthy Hub East Herts and link to work on the East Herts Cultural Strategy. Delivery must be done in a Covid secure way and processes submitted.
Homestart Buntingford Royston and S Cambs	£2,821.57	To deliver Buntingford Family Support Group at Seth Ward Community Centre to enable vulnerable families with children under 5 to integrate into the local community. Parent volunteers will run 14 two-hour sessions, planned activities, which will allow parents to develop friendships and a peer-support network. Children will develop improved communication skills, will have the confidence to play with other children and will be more prepared for the transition to nursery/school. Up to 45 people to benefit. Grant to cover costs during the Summer term.	10.33	£1,400	Part fund as application lacked details on long term sustainability but supports vulnerable families and on the condition they increase ticket sales on EH Lottery by 50%, join Healthy Hub East Herts and show evidence that at least 80% of participants are from Buntingford or the surrounding villages of East Herts. Delivery must be done in a Covid secure way and processes submitted.

Agreed capital projects – Large Grants

Applications were considered on the 19 January 2021.

Name of Applicant	Amount Requested	Description	Average out of 20	Amount Recommended	Proposed conditions of funding or reasons for not supporting
Much Hadham Tennis Club	£8,000.00	To erect a club hut comprising a toilet and wash basin, a changing area and store and a small kitchen area with a sheltered veranda for spectators. The lack of facilities is causing problems with safe guarding of children and also affects our ability to attract new members. The benefit for users would be huge in terms of the facilities provided and a club hut would also act as a meeting place for adult and junior players, Would benefit up to 250 individuals	14.67	£8,000.00	Fully fund as creating a new community facility that will make it easier for people to participate in a sport and significantly meets Council priorities/outcomes. Grant is on the condition that they continue to sell tickets on the EH Lottery and delivery of a community event (once it is safe to do so) linked to the emerging East Herts Cultural Strategy and receiving information on contingency planning
Walkern Parish Council	£7,969.00	To create a new fitness trail with 8 pieces of outdoors equipment encouraging all residents to use the recreation ground / sports field used by youth football and men's cricket affiliated to Walkern Sports and Community Centre and improving their health and wellbeing. Currently the facilities are underutilised and in response to village feedback, this project will create a more accessible, inclusive and inviting recreation space. Up to 1,000 people to benefit.	14.33	£7,969.00	Fully fund as creating a new community facility increasing usage of an outdoor space and enabling people to be active close to home and meets Council priorities/outcomes. Grant is on the condition that the equipment is accessible to people with mobility difficulties and demonstrations on how to use the equipment is provided, linked to the emerging Cultural Strategy and receiving information on contingency planning

Name of Applicant	Amount Requested	Description	Average out of 20	Amount Recommended	Proposed conditions of funding or reasons for not supporting
East Herts Citizens Advice Service (capital and revenue)	£1,272.00	Rural outreach project to help those who would otherwise struggle to access us and/or do not know how we can help. The project focuses on supporting rural residents on a wide range of issues including money and debt advice, housing employment, benefits, energy and scams. Will reach 10,000 people in Buntingford, The Hadhams, Munden and Cottered, Watton at Stone, Spellbrook, Standon, Braughing and Puckeridge. Grant to be use for laptop and phone	14.33	£1,272.00	Fully fund capital cost as innovative rural outreach using new technologies to include people, on the condition they ensure evaluation/monitoring embedded from the start and increase ticket sales on EH Lottery by 50%. Delivery must be done in a Covid secure way and processes submitted.
Sawbridgeworth Cricket Club	£8,000.00	The project is to provide "winter warmth" for those organisations that wish to hire our clubhouse in the winter months. The clubhouse was designed for the summer and as a result there is no proper heating or double glazing for the windows and sliding doors. To install central heating consisting of an air source heat pump, which when combined with solar panels, will provide green and cheap energy. In excess of 400 people to benefit	14.33	£8,000.00	Fully fund as will increase usage of the clubhouse and meets Council priorities and outcomes around environmental sustainability. Grant offer is on the condition that the facility is open for use by all members of the community, delivery of an event (when it is safe to do so) that links to the emerging East Herts Cultural Strategy, increasing ticket sales on the East Herts Lottery to reach the 50 ticket target. and receiving information on contingency planning

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Stocking Pelham Parish Council	£8,000.00	This project is designed to create a new play area on the edge of the recreation ground next to a small wooded copse. It is intended that the play area will cater for children from infants to young teens. We will also create = a woodland walk and glade in the adjacent wooded area. 30 to 40 children plus parents and grandparents	14.33	£8,000.00	Fully fund as creating a new play space that will make it easier for children to be active outdoors close to home and meets Council priorities/outcomes. Grant is on the condition that they register on the East Herts Lottery and delivery of a community event (once it is safe to do so) linked to the emerging East Herts Cultural Strategy and receiving information on contingency planning
Braughing Playing Fields Trust	£8,000	To refurbish community hall to make it fit for purpose by our users. These include: Guides, Carpet Bowls, Cricket Club, Football Club, Exercise classes (Including yoga and seated yoga). The hall was built in the 1960's and the original floor is now worn and damaged making it unfit for use by some of our user groups. We want to replace the floor with a multi-use surface which can be used by existing and new user groups. Between 500 and 800 people to benefit	14.33	£8,000.00	Fully fund as will increase usage of the hall and start process of it becoming a community hub and meets Council priorities and outcomes. Grant offer is on the condition that the facility is open for use by all members of the community, delivery of an event (when it is safe to do so) that links to the emerging East Herts Cultural Strategy, increasing ticket sales on the East Herts Lottery significantly and receiving information on contingency planning

Name of Applicant	Amount Requested	Description	Average out of 20	Amount Recommended	Proposed conditions of funding or reasons for not supporting
Future Living Hertford (capital and revenue)	£3,887	Provide four 12-week art therapy groups delivered by an experienced art therapist for up to 50 vulnerable residents and community of East Hertfordshire in response to isolation, lack of physical community support and poor mental health due to coronavirus emergency lock downs during 2020. Grant requested for staff costs and materials.	12.67	£2,977.00	Part fund capital costs as not all equipment considered essential. Grant to be used to purchase two kilns which will help generate income - on the condition they increase ticket sales on EH Lottery by 50%, join the Healthy Hub East Herts partnership and link with work on the East Herts Cultural Strategy. Delivery must be done in a Covid secure way and processes submitted.
Ware Arts Centre (trading as Southern Maltings) Capital and revenue	£1,600.00	Southern Maltings Digital Inclusion and Blended Learning Project will bring creative and mindful activities to life in the form of online (and face to face delivery where appropriate). This project is building upon the benefits provided to the community as part of the July Virtual Festival. There will be opportunities for members of the community who are currently isolated or more vulnerable to take part in organised events as well as increasing good mental wellbeing. Up to 1,000 to benefit. Grant to be spent on 3 ipads, cables and software	12.33	£1,600.00	Fully fund revenue as new equipment will be on loan and enables learners lacking access to IT equipment be included. Project is a new way of working and supports digital inclusion and East Herts cultural strategy. Grant is on the condition they submit plans on how they will reach people in Ware Trinity, link to Healthy Hub East Herts and continue to raise funds via the East Herts Lottery.

Capital projects – Eligible but withdrawn by applicants

Name of withdrawn application	Description
SUP on the Stort CiC (withdrawn by applicant)	To offer a new activity on the river – Stand Up paddle boards for hire to our local community from a site in Castle Gardens plus establish a social club from the Markwell Pavillion.
Bishops Wellbeing CiC (withdrawn by applicant)	To create a new community garden on a site bordering Hallingbury Road and Jenkins Lane in Bishop's Stortford, to create a cohesive, compassionate and inclusive environment that encompasses the sustainability goals whilst facilitating connected partnership working with local services to ensure positive change, Grant to be spent on establishing access to the site /car parking area and materials to build compostable toilets and small shelter Up to 300 to benefit.