

List of Grants awarded - Spring 2021

Introduction

This form provides a written record of decisions relating to grant giving during the first funding round in 2021/22 financial year. Decision to award was taken on 28th May and 16 June 2021. The authorising officer was Nick Phipps, Community Wellbeing and Partnerships Service Manager, in consultation with Cllr Geoff Williamson (interim) and Cllr Jonathan Kaye, portfolio holder responsible for grant giving. These applications are recommended funding because they take forward the council's priorities for grant giving to a high degree.

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

These are considered on an ongoing basis - agreed 21st April, 5th May and 16th June

Name of Applicant	Description	Amount awarded	Reason for decision and proposed conditions
Saracens Foundation	To offer a seven week Love to Fitness dance session in Hertford starting in May. Fee will be £1 per class pay as you go to ensure that the cost isn't an issue.	£300	Approved as pilot will take forward priority of enabling residents to gently restart an activity and achieve a healthy weight. Applicant must submit plan on how they will publicise session to Sele residents.
Ware Music and Motors	To deliver a community event on the August 21st in Tudor Square, Ware and for the first	£300	Approved subject to Councillor Mentor statement and registration on East Herts

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	time providing musicians a token donation for supporting the event as the pandemic has meant many of them have been unable to earn anything from gigs and some have lost their jobs		Lottery. Takes forward new Cultural Strategy and increases footfall to the High Street and supports people adversely affected by COVID-19
The Nest in Ware	To help towards the running costs of the 'free-to-attend' Weekly Men's Brotherhood & Women's Sisterhood 'Safe Sharing & Support Circles'	£300	Approved subject to mentor statement, suitable bank account and satisfactory site visit. Enabling all residents to take care of their mental health, especially those most affected by COVID-19
Dance Nite Away Club	To help towards the running costs of a new sequence dance club on Wednesday afternoons at the Havers Community Centre to enable senior citizens to exercise our dance skills and steps in a local venue. Grant would pay for hire costs, liability insurance, PR license etc.	£300	Approved subject to receipt of mentor statement. This contributes to objective of local people helping themselves - older people get more active in an area of disadvantage; residents are stepping up to take action that is right for them
Sawbridgeworth Allotment Association	To organise Sawbridgeworth Allotments and Garden Autumn Show for the whole community of Sawbridgeworth. With 11 classes, covering growing and displaying of fruit and vegetables, flower arranging, craft, preserves etc. for adults and children.	£300	Approved subject to registration on East Herts Lottery. Links to objective of promotion of healthy eating and increasing usage of an outdoor community asset
Scotts Grotto / Secret Society of Yarn Bombers	To arrange an event in the grounds and Grotto in conjunction with the Secret Society of Hertford Crafters during the summer school holidays.	£290	Approved subject to registration on East Herts Lottery. A fun family event in grounds of a heritage asset; helps to take forward cultural strategy

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Bishops Stortford Lifesaving Club	To resume teaching resuscitation skills to young people in Bishop's Stortford by purchasing manakin faces and lung bags so each participant has their own and can safely take part in learning a life skill	£300	Approved, subject to registering on EH Lottery. Volunteers are teaching vital skills, group is contributing their own funds and has 25 years of experience.
Ware & District Photographic Society	To cover costs of the annual exhibition of members work (more than 100 printed and presented images on display for the enjoyment of both members of the public and, potentially, aspiring photographers / prospective members) at Thundridge Village Hall on Saturday 20 November 2021.	£250	Approved subject to registering on EH Lottery; contributes to EH Cultural Strategy bringing "joy" and a high quality event to a rural area

Agreed revenue projects – Large Grants

Applications were considered on the 28th May 2021.

Name of Applicant	Description	Amount awarded	Reason for decision and proposed conditions
Youth Create	To provide Workshops for children & young people from in and around Sawbridgeworth, promoting self esteem, wellbeing and inclusion Sessions will be delivered at the Bullfields Centre Cutforth Road	£3000	Approved - 39 workshops in Bullfields plus presentation evening on the condition they promote and sell more tickets on EH Lottery. Contributes to cultural strategy and objective of supporting vulnerable people and those most affected by Covid. Must acknowledge the financial support of the council

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Herts Inclusive Theatre	Through our partnership with Mudlarks, supporting adults with Learning Disabilities, we will bring 10 weeks of drama workshops to the Sele Farm area, benefitting up to 100 people. The pilot programme would begin in October 2021.	£2,180	Approved, subject to registering on EH Lottery to raise funds for projects locally. A great partnership project that contributes to aim of cultural strategy - reaching individuals who wouldn't normally participate in arts and drama plus supporting people who are vulnerable. Must acknowledge the financial support of the council
SPACE Charity	Provision of online Sleep courses for parents of teenagers with Autism, ADHD, and related conditions. This training aims to support parents and carers in East Herts to make positive changes to their child's sleep patterns, which will enable the whole family to benefit from more sleep. We will also provide fun, interactive online cookery sessions for children and young people with these conditions	£2,767	Approved as an evidence based project that supports vulnerable individuals and improves health and wellbeing. Must ensure that majority of participants are from EH and register on EH Lottery to raise funds for projects locally. Must acknowledge the financial support of the council
Leaside Church & Community Centre	Deliver two two-hour sessions each week, made up of one hour of specifically designed "Move It or Lose It" exercise followed by an hour of socialising with refreshments and occasional guest speakers.	£1,600	Approved as project addresses key priorities and is particularly relevant at this time given the damage we have seen to people's physical health, but also mental health as a result of social isolation. Must acknowledge the financial support of the council. Applicant is encouraged to register on EH Lottery and promote it to their congregation and wider networks

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Tech Safe CIO	Delivery of 6 free online safety workshops to up to 120 parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), primarily autism and ADHD starting September 2021	£2,000	Approved as contributing to digital inclusion agenda and safety of SEND young people online. Applicant must ensure that majority of participants are from EH and register on EH Lottery. Must acknowledge the financial support of the council.

Agreed capital projects – Large Grants

Applications were considered on the 17th June 2021.

Name of Applicant	Description	Amount Recommended	Proposed conditions of funding or reasons for not supporting
Bishop's Stortford Methodist Church	To install a new equal access 'Changing Places' disabled facility to enable people with long term health conditions more easily able to access the church. This is part of larger project of opening out the front of the church hall and bringing the building to one level and creating a less formal, more relaxed meeting area.	£8,000	Approved as project provides a needed facility for people with long term health conditions in a ward that is considered disadvantaged and in a town centre location. The applicant is encouraged to register on the EH Lottery and/or promote the lottery to its congregation and wider community. Must acknowledge the financial support of the council

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Active In CIC	To renovate a former scout hut (in the heart of Sele Farm), converting it from an unused building into a physical activity and wellness hub. Working with Volunteer It Yourself to carry out the building work, we will run City and Guilds qualifications for up to 15 local teenagers throughout the process, enabling them to learn about carpentry, decorating and much more.	£6,200	Approved as an innovative project creating a fit for purpose hub in an area of disadvantage. On the condition they aim to raise funds for the building via their existing EH Lottery page and also help the council raise awareness about the Lottery via its networks. We also would like to see them recruit local people to help manage the new facility - generating ownership and interest. Must acknowledge the financial support of the council
CVS Broxbourne and East Herts (in partnership with Network Homes)	To develop a Community Hub in Fleming Crescent, Sele Farm to support up to 600 local residents. We will provide open access computers for residents to use, as well as services provided by CAB, Job Smart, NetworkHomes surgeries, Councillor surgeries and Community Learning courses.	£4,400	Part fund eligible items. Office equipment and signage will enable the hub to be more effective and provide much needed support to residents in this area of disadvantage, On the condition they register on the EH Lottery to raise funds for the space and also help the council raise awareness about the Lottery via its networks. We also would like to see them recruit local people to help manage the new facility - generating ownership and interest Must acknowledge the financial support of the council

Name of Applicant	Description	Amount Recommended	Proposed conditions of funding or reasons for not supporting
Little Hadham Village Hall Trust (base for new Community Hub @ Ash Valley)	To provide a warm welcoming, safe and secure hall environment by installing replacement aluminium windows, window walling and door frames. Through this project we can improve our carbon footprint, reduce energy bills and greatly enhance the comfort and appearance of the building.	£7,000	Approved. Takes forward council priorities in a rural area; subject to them promoting East Herts Lottery. Must acknowledge the financial support of the council
Bishop's Stortford Swifts & Youth Football Club	To increase daytime and evening use of Silverleys clubhouse (up to 200 new hirers) by creating a more comfortable and appealing facility with more modern multi-purpose furniture.	£2,400	Approved as takes forward council priorities; Good case made that new furniture will enable them to attract new hirers. Subject to them registering on EH Lottery. Must acknowledge the financial support of the council
Albury Play Space	To improve the facilities in the small park and playground adjacent to the village hall; to provide a focus point for children to play and for people to exercise and socialise in the village. This will future proof our village's ability to interact and socialise against a background of an ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.	£7,000	Approved as takes forward council priorities in a rural area; genuine grass roots initiative; subject to them registered on the East Herts Lottery. Must acknowledge the financial support of the council
The Ware Drill Hall Association (WDHA)	To improve experience for users as follows: (a) increase accessibility for those with a hearing impairment by installing induction hearing loop (b) widen the range of options for using space for a multitude of activities using dividing screens and (c) modify acoustic properties in main hall events when required using portable theatrical drapes	£8,000	Approved. Fund using new Community COVID-19 monies as held vaccination clinics there since Dec 2020 and are part of the contain process. Must acknowledge the financial support of the council and register on East Herts Lottery

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Bishop's Stortford Baptist Church	This project will cover the 'fit out' of our Furniture Exchange ministry and follows on from a larger redevelopment project we're undertaking to rejuvenate an old building on our site. This project will provide shelving, access equipment and manual handling equipment for the safe storage and distribution of furniture and household items	£4,389	Approved but on hold as their major capital build project has been delayed due to COVID-19. Will fund out of the second funding round budget. Contributes to council priorities and helps a service for vulnerable people be more effective. Must acknowledge the financial support of the council and are encouraged to register on the Lottery to raise income for health and social care projects
Braughing Parish Council	Set up a community garden on the site of a small graveyard and turn it into a place of tranquility and meditation for residents. This will entail installing benches, planting shrubs and flowers protecting the plants from rabbits and installing a small, unobtrusive shed to contain a mower and tools.	£1,519	Approved. Fund as takes forward council priorities and will make a genuine difference in a rural area. Must acknowledge the financial support of the council and register on the East Herts Lottery
Furneux Pelham Community Playground/ Furneux Pelham Parish Council and the Brewery Tap Pub	To further improve and the new community playground which had been funded via donations from the crowd	£2,244	Approved as good example of a private public partnership and takes forward council priorities in a limited way. Grant to be spent on picnic benches. Must acknowledge the financial support of the council

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Parsonage Residents Association	To ensure sustainability of activities and clubs and improved accessibility and safe outside storage at Parsonage Hall, Millcroft Bishops Stortford by installing bike racks; safe outside undercover storage for buggies and improve access to hall for those with mobility issues,	£4,482	Approved as takes forward council priorities in a limited way. Grant to be spent on buggy storage only. Must acknowledge the financial support of the council and register on EH Lottery.
Ardeley Village Hall	Rethatching ridge on village hall enabling hall to be continued to be used by up to 150 local residents and for the village school to continue to use as a dining hall.	£2,000	Approved to part fund as a donation; as takes forward council priorities in a limited way and improvements will make a real difference locally. Must acknowledge financial support of the council and register on the EH Lottery. Would like to see hall become a community hub