

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

5 December 2019

Report of the Executive Director Commissioning, Communities and Policy

ACTION GRANTS PROGRAMME

1. Purpose of the Report

To provide an update on the projects supported under round six of the community activity and community safety Action Grants Programme.

2. Information and Analysis

At its meeting on 5 April 2018, Cabinet approved the establishment of a two year Action Grants Programme totalling £1.5 million to provide support to champion local communities, encourage local groups to deliver community activity and to support the Council's priorities in relation to resilient and thriving communities. The Action Grant Programme will run until May 2020 and enables local groups to apply for three levels of funding across four grant areas covering youth activity, community safety, community activity and physical/sports activity as follows:

- **Small Grants (up to £500):** Provides funding for 2,000 small scale, one off projects delivering positive activities in local communities
- **Medium Grants (up to £5,000):** Provides funding for new projects in local communities which can demonstrate local support and which have a more significant local impact.
- **Large Grants (up to £10,000):** Provides funding for new projects which have longer term viability, will continue to impact local people into the future and might cover more than one programme theme.

All projects need to be able to meet the following criteria:

- Support activity benefiting a designated area or area of interest in Derbyshire (excluding Derby City).
- Be time limited and not require ongoing funding from the Council.
- Complement, not duplicate other funding sources such as the Public Health Locality Fund, the members Community Leadership Scheme etc.
- Show how activity can benefit the community beyond the life of the funding.
- Meet an identified need which can be evidenced.
- Be delivered promptly and within agreed timescales.

- Show how local people have helped in the identification of activity or have been consulted/engaged.
- Show what difference will be made.

Projects that meet the selection criteria highlighted above are reviewed by an officer panel. Executive Directors have delegated responsibility for the approval of recommended projects that fall within their remit. Cabinet agreed at its meeting on 5 April 2018 that approvals would be reported to the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities on a quarterly basis.

This report provides an update on the applications received, and approved, for the community activity and community safety grants under round six of the programme.

Round Six

The deadline for receipt of applications for round six of both the community activity grants and community safety grants was 30 September 2019. In round six applicants were only able to apply for a small grant as the medium and large grants are only available on an annual basis, with the next deadline being 31 May 2020.

- **Community Activity Grants** - Community Activity Grants provide funding to help local residents, groups and organisations support the development of local community activities and projects which help local people to come together to shape the future of their neighbourhood. Funding is available to support 375 local projects which cover the following types of activity:
 - Setting up a community group, local fair or festival
 - Developing a community space
 - Protecting the local environment
 - Supporting vulnerable groups, for example setting up a club for carers
 - Promoting a community website etc.

76 small grant applications, set out in Appendix A to this report, were received under round five requesting funding totalling £36,388. A small officer panel, comprising of representatives from Policy, Adult Care, Children's Services, the Library Service and the Voluntary and Community Sector met to assess the merits of each application against the required criteria. In total 62 applications, the details of which are set out in Appendix A, were approved to the value of £28,889.

- **Community Safety Grants** - Community Safety Grants provide funding to help local residents, groups and organisations support communities to be safe places to live and work. Funding is available to support 500 local projects which cover the following types of activity:
 - Address local needs to combat crime, disorder and Anti-Social Behaviour

- Tackle harm caused by alcohol, drugs and violence
- Reduce the fear of crime in communities
- Help build cohesive communities and encourage diversionary activities
- Help raise awareness of scams and online fraud

Six small grant applications, set out in Appendix B to this report, were received requesting funding totalling £3,000. A small panel comprising of Community Safety Officers met to assess the merits of each application against the required criteria. Four applications, set out in Appendix B were approved totalling £2,000

Moving Forward

Monitoring of the Programme, including take up of the different levels of grants as well as geographical coverage, will take place on a regular basis to ensure equality of access across different communities in Derbyshire. This will ensure that there is some flexibility in the Programme as it moves forward and that spend on the programme is maximised. It will also help recognise those communities where more support may be required to identify and promote relevant projects.

4. Financial Considerations

The total cost of applications for both the community activity and community safety grant programmes stands at £30,889 and can be met from the Action Grants Programme budget. To ensure that there is compliance with the Council's Financial Regulations, all approved projects will be issued with standard conditions of grant and will be subject to monitoring and evaluation.

5. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, legal and human rights, equal opportunities, human resources, environmental, health and property and transport considerations.

6. Background Papers

Report to Cabinet on the Action Grant Programme 5 April 2018
Report to Cabinet Member for Health and Communities 4 October 2018
Report to Cabinet Member for Health and Communities 10 January 2019
Report to Cabinet Member for Health and Communities 11 April 2019
Report to Cabinet Member for Health and Communities 27 June 2019
Report to Cabinet Member for Health and Communities 10 October 2019

8. Key Decision

No

9. Call-in

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report? **No**

10. Officer's Recommendations

It is recommended that the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities notes the applications approved as set out below:

1. 62 small Grants for Community Activity approved to the value of £28,889.
2. Four small Grants for Community Safety approved to the value of £2,000.

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Appendix A – Small Grants Community Activity

Ref	Organisation	Brief Description	Funding requested	Grant Awarded	Panel Decision
CA2	Chapel-en-le-frith Mobile Physiotherapy Service	To provide a free physiotherapy service to people who would struggle to get to a hospital or clinic in the smaller villages in the High Peak. The service enables elderly housebound people to lead more independent full lives in their own homes	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
CA3	Spring Bank Arts	To expand the monthly science club for young people aged 7 - 14 and their families. The funding will provide more equipment and materials and gifts for speakers	£500	£440	Part fund - unable to fund gifts for speakers
CA4	Overseal Pre School	To purchase a variety of new sensory equipment which would be used within the pre-school for the children to build upon their skills and development	£499	£499	Fund - eligible
CA6	St Andrews Junior School PTA	To provide an outdoor environmental and storage area in the school grounds. The grant would be used towards the purchase of a static caravan.	£500	£0	Not fund - only benefits the children at the school not the wider community
CA7	Glossop Talking Newspaper 2018	Towards the purchase of CDs, the Glossop Chronicle, short term room hire and items to produce the discs	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
CA8	Whitfield Parish - St James' Church Glossop - Tots and Toast Toddler Group	To purchase nursery height folding tables and nursery stacking chairs for the under 5's toddler group	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
CA9	Dove Valley Community Project	To purchase recycled plastic picnic benches to replace the old oak ones which are rotting	£438	£438	Fund - eligible

		at Thistley Place Meadow Nature Reserve in Hatton			
CA10	Buxton Bad Nauheim Twinning	Setting up a new twinning association, towards website, launch events and publicity	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
CA11	New Hope Foodbank	To purchase racking to store essential everyday items at the foodbank	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
CA12	Elmton with Creswell & Hodthorpe Big Local	Towards the purchase of bicycles and cycling helmets for a community cycling group	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
CA13	Buxton Spring Fair	Towards the event street trading consent fee and land hire charges for the annual spring fair	£500	£0	Not fund - no future benefit as the items are one off
CA14	Friends of Belper Parks	To purchase materials and tools to create woodland style sleeper steps at the Forge Nature Reserve. This will improve the walking routes from the edge of Cromford Canal up the steep banks onto the Forge	£496	£496	Fund - eligible
CA15	OSCARI - Outreach Craft	To provide a weekly craft group, social meeting safe space and an opportunity to share skills, time and stories	£500	£0	Not fund - not enough information given in the application form
CA17	Ticknall Village Hall	To upgrade and repair the hearing loop system	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
CA18	Team Tree	Towards the installation of appropriate plugs in two lamp-posts in Ironville to enable them to mount Christmas lights on these posts	£500	£0	Not fund -not much community benefit for the money
CA19	Oxcroft Settlers Association	To establish Oxcroft Estate as a Local Wildlife Site. They have already had a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal, which	£500	£500	Fund - eligible

		recommended detailed species specific surveys			
CA20	Buxton Junior Football Club	To install heating and hot water heating for the showers at Sterndale Moor Football Club House	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
CA21	Alfreton WI Filmclub	Towards a projector, pull down screen and DVDs to set up a monthly film club	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
CA22	Muggington Village Hall Company	To renovate the current car park which has an uneven and worn surface	£500	£0	Not fund – unable to a car park
CA23	Heath Safer Communities Action Group	To purchase fruit trees which will be planted in the memorial gardens, plus trellis, compost, spades and timber for strawberry troughs	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
CA24	The Mill Community Project - Cinema	To run a community based cinema in Langley Mill Miners Welfare, towards the projector, screen and sound equipment	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
CA25	Brimington Bowling Club	Towards an all-weather viewing shelter for both bowlers and visitors	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
CA26	Belper North Mill Trust	To improve the presence that the museum has in the town by creating new appealing signage and to purchase eight microphone sets to improve the guided talks/walks	£500	£0	Not fund – felt that the trust should be funding these items
CA27	Ozbox	To purchase 17 pairs of adult boxing gloves for both the mobile gym and the twice weekly sessions at the Peter Webster Centre	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
CA28	Aston on Trent Community Group	To build and fit weather-tight doors and frame plus toughened glass and door fastenings to make the community noticeboard weatherproof	£460	£460	Fund - eligible
CA29	Sharpe's Pottery Museum	To build a programme of activities particularly for families with young children	£496	£496	Fund - eligible

		or teenagers who have a limited income. To purchase reusable resources to include Lego and base boards, Toot Toot Drivers toys and other toys			
CA30	Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire Muslim Women's Group	To enable a volunteer to undertake a GP referral qualification. This qualification will enable the group to start fitness classes for members of the community that suffer from medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes, arthritis, anxiety, depression, high blood pressure and cholesterol	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
CA31	Matlock Civic Association	The erection of a train based piece of art to the end handrail of the footbridge approaching Matlock Station	£500	£0	Not fund - not enough community benefit
CA32	Stonebroom Community Association	To decorate both halls in the community centre	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
CA33	Arkwright Society	To purchase more hand tools for the volunteers to carry out the conservation work in areas of land managed by the Arkwright Society	£491	£491	Fund - eligible
CA34	SCOPES4SEN	To install a permanent waterproof wooden outdoor display in Tissington with what to see in the night sky and star maps for members of the local community and visitors	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
CA35	Holmesfield Gardening Association	Hiring the village hall and kitchen for Holmesfield Gardening Association	£500	£0	Not fund – for long term rental and there was not enough information in the application form
CA37	Dronfield Heritage Trust	To fund part of the costs of relocating the Dronfield Archive to the public library, to	£500	£500	Fund - eligible

		purchase acid free envelopes, folders and photo sleeves			
CA38	6th Matlock Scout Group	To purchase camp catering equipment required for Peak 2020 and future Scout Group camps for all sections	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
CA39	Burbage Band	Towards replacing music stands and band uniforms	£500	£420	Part fund – towards the music stands and not the uniforms
CA40	Friends of Monkey Park	To assemble a group of community improvement volunteers to look after the park and perform regular tasks such as litter picks, grass strimming, weeding and planting. Towards litter picking equipment, bulbs, plants and topsoil	£496	£496	Fund - eligible
CA41	Miles of Smiles	To purchase a play table, sensory play items, pop up tent, pop up play house and a tunnel for the baby and toddler group at Draycott	£170	£170	Fund - eligible
CA42	Heage and Nether Heage Carnival	To hire the school site at the weekend to hold the annual carnival. In addition a skip to clear the rubbish from the site	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
CA43	The Village Morris	To create a morris dancing team in Holbrook Village, towards hall rental for six months and costumes	£500	£390	Part fund – three months rental £240 and costumes £150
CA44	Bradwell Centenary Players	Improve the quality of auditorium sound in the village hall and create a reliable feed to the adult and children's changing rooms	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
CA45	Friends of Little Abercrombies	To purchase an outdoor storage shed for toys and safety equipment (door gates) and	£495	£495	Fund - eligible

		a maths starter kit to go in the maths play shed			
CA46	The Polish Community Group in Shirebrook	To purchase a generator and gazebo for the Santa Claus event and other events throughout the year	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
CA47	1st Taxal Scout Group	Archery training for one member of their group so they can provide archery as a sporting activity and the scouts can work towards badges. They would also like to provide new longer bows for the older scouts	£450	£450	Fund - eligible
CA48	Ockbrook and Borrowash Heritage Society	Towards Ockbrook 1840 painting and creating and erecting an information board	£500	£0	Not fund - not felt to demonstrate wider community benefit
CA49	Special Needs Circle - Saturday Club	To trial a once monthly Saturday stay and play club for families who have children with additional needs and disabilities. The club would run on a Saturday afternoon at Emmanuel Church Hall in Swadlincote. The grant would be spent on room hire and equipment for use during the sessions.	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
CA50	Aldercar High School Parent Teachers Association	The school encourage students and staff to cycle to school each day rather than be driven here by a parent/carer or bring their own car. Funding to provide a cycle helmet hire service as it was felt that they were quite expensive to purchase	£460	£460	Fund - eligible
CA51	Holbrook Community Society	To recruit new volunteers and providing 15 volunteers in the café with Barista training to build on their skills and confidence as well as improve retention rates	£500	£500	Fund - eligible

CA52	Mastin Moor Gardens and Allotments	To purchase a rotivator to assist the allotment holders and garden volunteers to maintain the site	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
CA53	Ashover Parish Hall	To purchase new carpet tiles, soap dispensers, hand towel holders and rubberised floor paint for the sports pavilion	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
CA54	Rosliston, Seales and Linton Scout Group	To purchase replacement tents as a lot of the equipment was lost after the last camp due to the horrendous weather	£499	£499	Fund - eligible
CA55	Loundsleygreen Stay and Play	Replenish the old toys for the parents and toddler group	£430	£430	Fund - eligible
CA56	Heanor Vision	Towards the cost of hiring an ice rink for the Christmas Market	£500	£0	Not fund - ongoing hire not eligible
CA57	1st Chinley Scouts	Towards the purchase of eight lightweight stackable benches to support the regular camping trips for the scouts	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
CA58	Hodthorpe Community Social Club	Towards the installation of a disabled toilet at the community club	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
CA59	1st St Thomas Somercotes Beaver and Cub Scouts	To create a wildlife corner in the churchyard with small trees, bulbs, grassed areas and fushia bushes. This will also enable them to work towards badges	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
CA60	38th Chesterfield Scout Group	To purchase six compasses, mountain first aid kit, four backpacks and two ordnance survey maps	£250	£250	Fund - eligible
CA61	Bakewell Choral Society	At the November concert they are involving Froggatt young singers (school children aged 11 to 16) to sing with them with a professional orchestra and soloists,	£500	£0	Not fund – the application did not contain enough information and the start date is 1 October 2019

CA62	Eyam Green Group	To support the Edible Eyam project which will showcase the growing of edible plants (fruits/veg and herbs) in public spaces in a trail around the village. The plants will be in planters, small gardens and troughs. People will be encouraged to pick and use the edibles free of charge	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
CA63	Hilton Village Hall	To purchase a laptop and laser printer as the current items are old and do not have much memory	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
CA64	Burbage Primary School Parents, Teachers and Friends Association	To provide bikeability training for children in Year 5. Currently the school funds 24 places through its involvement in the High Peak Sports Partnership but they would like every child in Year 5 which has 50 children to be able to take part. This gives children the knowledge and skills to keep themselves and others safe on busy local roads.	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
CA65	Friends of Spital Cemetery	To have a permanent sign to give information to visitors to the cemetery about this gateway path area and its significance	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
CA66	3rd Ockbrook Brownies	Sports equipment, cooking equipment, stationery, storage for equipment, skill builder packs, badge books and unit meeting activity packs	£500	£400	Part fund – The panel took the decision back in July 2019 not to fund any future requests for resources for the new programme. These include skills builder packs, badge

					books and unit meeting activity packs
CA67	Tintwistle Allotment Gardeners' Association	To fund the cost of labour for relaying and extending the uneven and incomplete paving at the allotment	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
CA68	Chesterfield and District Smallholders Association	The group are wanting to harvest, store and distribute rain water to the allotments instead of using mains water. The grant will pay for the installation of guttering and downpipes onto all structures on the Old Road site	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
CA69	Guinness Care Ltd	Come Dine with Us is a new project where volunteer dining companions and hosts will run a regular shared meal at a sheltered housing scheme in Riddings primarily aimed at people aged 55+	£427	£346	Part fund - unable to pay for bus tickets
CA70	Chinley Youth Club and Chinley Craft Club	To purchase a sewing machine and materials for the youth club and craft club to join together to take part in arts and craft activities	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
CA71	Jessop Street Allotments	To set up a joint project with Codnor Junior School to develop a small plot of land on the allotments which will be for the sole use of 6-7 year old pupils. To purchase compost, seeds, plant pots, seed trays, basic tools and associated equipment and health and safety equipment.	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
CA72	North East Derbyshire Community First Responders	To provide the group with medical kit bags and pulse oximeters, so it will able more responders to log on duty at one time giving	£500	£500	Fund - eligible

		a wider coverage of medical assistance supporting the ambulance service			
CA73	Art Music and Books	To offer arts, music and books sessions to elderly people. To purchase a CD player, paper, pens and pay for room hire	£500	£0	Not fund – need more detail on the cost breakdown
CA74	Trades Hall Bowling Club	To purchase roofing felt, felt adhesive, brushes, nails and plywood to repair the leaking roof of the bowls pavilion	£261	£325	Fund - eligible
CA75	Bears Breastfeeding	To promote support groups and events by purchasing 25 waterproof posters, 3 pull up banners and 25 BEARS branded T Shirts	£500	£112	Part fund - unable to fund promotional T Shirts
CA76	Glossop Arts Project	To enable all their front line staff and volunteers to have half a day first aid training. They are working with younger people and more people at risk of self-harm and risky behaviour	£500	£0	Not fund – not enough information given on the application form and need to seek assurance on who they work
CA77	Baslow Village Hall	Towards the repair of the leaking flat roof over the kitchen and small committee room	£500	£500	Fund - eligible
CA78	1st Grassmoor Rainbows	Towards the Census which is an annual membership fee that the Rainbow Guides and Leaders have to pay, towards rental of the church hall, purchase of a wig wam and purchase of badge sashes	£500	£326	Part fund - not fund the Census
CA79	Your Safe Place CIC	The project is a 'safe haven' for people who have mental illness and encourages and supports people to utilise their skills and talents to support others, whilst building their own confidence and self-esteem.	No amount given	£0	Not fund – costs very vague, to apply again when they are fully set up
CA80	Kirk Ireton Parish Council	Towards time and expertise from Derbyshire Wildlife Trust to work with the Parish	£500	£500	Fund - eligible

		Council, children at the school, local young people as well as older residents / volunteers to advise them on how they can better manage the village field in a way that will enhance bio-diversity and to purchase labour and plants			
		Total	£36,388	£28,889	

Appendix B – Small Grants Community Safety

Ref	Application Title / Area	Brief description	Funding requested	Funding Allocated	Panel Decision
CSO 22S	Oxbox - Chesterfield	Provision of equipment for boxing gym - required to invigorate gym and encourage attendees	£500	£0	Not fund - not eligible As per the commentary in Feb 2019 when an application from Oxbox was first received. This second application is identical and does not meet the criteria required for community safety grants therefore not funded.
CSO 23S	Smart Water – Chesterfield / North East Derbyshire	Provision of Smart water kit and signage to deter criminals from vehicle breaking and tool thefts for local tradesmen in Heath village	£500	£500	Fund - eligible Originally CSO17S - This application was resubmitted following the intervention by the company SmartWater themselves who have availed the Derbyshire Constabulary with the relevant equipment at Chesterfield Police Station to scan for Smart Water in custody. Application supported by Sgt M Winterbottom.
CSO 24S	Bamford with Thornhill Recreation Ground Trust - CCTV	Provision of CCTV equipment to protect the recreation ground from further criminal damage.	£500	£0	Not fund - Not eligible Quality of application lacks sufficient supporting information, failed to meet the criteria score. DCC Community Safety do not support the implementation of CCTV. Further contact should be made with the High Peak Community Safety Partnership to help address ASB issues.

CSO 25S	Tansleywood Scout Centre (Derbyshire Dales) - Increasing security	Increasing site security by the provision of metal doors to protect toilet block from anti-social behaviour and damage, whereby making it more accessible for those using the scout centre building.	£500	£500	Fund - eligible Meets the criteria, provision of target hardening to secure the community building after suffering damage by perpetrators of ASB. This will reduce the fear of crime, with a view to increasing diversionary activities to help address ASB issues at this location.
CSO 26S	Rosliston, Seales and Linton Scout Group - target hardening equipment	Provision of fencing to prevent unauthorised access to the Scout Hut and buildings and reduce the risk of criminal damage to those buildings	£500	£500	Fund – eligible Meets the criteria, funding will help secure the community building after suffering damage by perpetrators of ASB. This will reduce the fear of crime, with a view to increasing diversionary activities to help address ASB issues at this location.
CSO 27S	P K W Kickboxing - New Equipment - Alfreton	Provision of additional equipment to support Kickbox club whose membership of 4-14 years has grown to 70 members. The club runs three classes on a weekly basis. Young people take part in positive activities whereby teaching them to gain confidence, discipline, improving health/fitness and preventing anti-social behaviour by teaching them	£500	£500	Fund – eligible The project offers diversionary activities and aims to improve health/fitness and prevent anti-social behaviour. The funding will allow the project to expand its reach, offering opportunities for more young people to participate. It has a track record in working with children and young people to gain confidence, understand discipline, and by teaching them respect for their community and pride in the local

		respect for their community and pride in the local area. This has been demonstrated by the changes in behaviour of the young people following their attendance at the club.			area. The club have worked with challenging young people and feedback from families/schools has been positive in relation to the impact of the project.
		Total	£3,000	£2,000	