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CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

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Report of the Director of Public Health

UPDATE ON PUBLIC HEALTH COVID-19 EMERGENCY FUND (Health and Communities)

1. Purpose of the Report

To provide an update on organisations supported through the Public Health COVID-19 Emergency Fund.

2. Information and Analysis

The ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic has seen many organisations across Derbyshire working to ensure the basic needs of the most vulnerable residents are met, and it has become apparent that a number of community and voluntary sector organisations have insufficient resources to maintain their current level of response. In addition, supporting the clinically extremely vulnerable, social isolation and requirement for activities to comply with social distancing guidance have compelled many organisations to quickly adapt their service delivery model to operate within the guidance, often requiring additional resources to enable this.

On 24 June 2020, the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities approved the establishment of a Public Health COVID-19 Emergency Fund to support voluntary and community sector organisations in mitigating the impact of COVID-19 on local communities, and to work to improve the health and wellbeing of local populations. Funding of up to a maximum value of £2,000 is available for constituted groups and £250 for non-constituted groups.

The Public Health COVID-19 Emergency Fund is funded from the Public Health Grant. For this reason, all applications must be linked to the current Public Health work programme, for example to support mental health and emotional wellbeing, increase social connectedness, or to prevent demand on statutory services. This will allow the Public Health Emergency Fund to run concurrently with other corporate grant schemes, whilst retaining a clear focus on improving public health outcomes.

Authority for approval of applications was delegated by the Cabinet Member to the Director of Public Health, with quarterly update reports in respect of organisations funded to Cabinet Member meetings. This is the fourth such quarterly update covering organisations who have received funding from 22 February 2021 to 26 April 2021.

In addition to the 74 organisations that have already been funded, additional applications, detailed below, have also been reviewed and approved for funding. Funding decisions are made by a panel comprising of an Assistant Director in Public Health, a Public Health Lead and a Health Improvement Practitioner, before ratification by the Director of Public Health. The following organisations have been approved for funding:

| Organisation | Location | Application details | Funding approved |
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| Chesterfield Senegambia Association | Chesterfield | Enable members of this BME group to keep in touch virtually via purchase of 15 tablets to provide information on COVID-19 restrictions and other key health messages. | £2,000.00 |
| Belper Meadows Sports Club | Amber Valley | Purchase of equipment and enhanced cleaning provision to enable sports activity to take place. | £1,900.00 |
| Manor Fields Association | Chesterfield | Development of wildflower meadow in greenspace to support mental wellbeing. | £732.00 |
| Briteside CIC | Chesterfield | Purchase equipment to allow Cancer Support Group to run virtually. | £1,740.00 |
| 1st Ripley Guides | Amber Valley | Virtual activity event costs | £1,662.00 |
| First Art | North East Derbyshire | Engage 30 local people in Clay Cross to sign up to virtual Art Club and provide kit and newsletters | £2,000.00 |
| Hope Long Eaton | Erewash | Community food project in Petersham | £1,992.14 |
| Derbyshire Stroke and Neuro Therapy Centre | Countywide | Themed monthly COVID secure events for individuals attending centre | £1,920.00 |
| Whittington Hun Youth Club | Chesterfield | Virtual Easter Holiday Crafts session for 60 people | £299.40 |
| Polski Link Group | South Derbyshire | Mental Health and Wellbeing helpline for polish community | £1,808.00 |
| Parkside CIC | Erewash | Range of COVID secure outdoor | £2,000.00 |

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| | | activities to support young people in Ilkeston and Cotmanhay area | |
| High Peak District Scouts | High Peak | Return to scouting programme to support confidence in young people | £2,000.00 |
| Holymoorside Pre-school play group | Chesterfield | Support with loss of income to enable successful re-opening of group in relation to rent and equipment | £2,000.00 |
| New Houghton Community Hub | Bolsover | Opening of Community Café and to ensure COVID secure | £1,870.00 |
| Mickley PTFA | NE Derbyshire | Continuation of community-based foodbank | £1,896.94 |
| Rogue Runners | Amber Valley | Running/ walking group to launch and ensure COVID secure | £800.00 |
| Yellow Daisies | Amber Valley | Allow play group to reopen in line with COVID secure guidance | £350.97 |
| All Being Well | Erewash | Virtual and at home arts group sessions | £2,000.00 |
| Glapwell Community Centre | Bolsover | Support community café and foodbank | £2,000.00 |
| Whitwell Voice Choir | Bolsover | Run online virtual choir sessions | £714.00 |
| Bank House | South Derbyshire | Mental health support and support with key items to people impacted by pandemic. | £1,979.00 |
| Freedom Community Project | Bolsover | Digital mental health support project. | £1,996.40 |
| Standing Tall | Chesterfield | Mental and emotional support group delivered online. | £2,000.00 |
| Etwall Eagles Swimming Club | South Derbyshire | Support club to operate in COVID secure way with reduced attendance. | £1,315.00 |
| Chesterfield Male Voice Choir | Chesterfield | Purchase PPE and make activities COVID secure. | £100.00 |
| Caanan Trust | Erewash | Mental Health Support. | £1,700.00 |
| 2nd Brampton Scout Group | Chesterfield | Purchase PPE and make activities COVID secure. | £1,800.00 |
| Valley Cids Blend Youth Group | Amber Valley | Purchase tablets to enable remote creative digital arts activities to take place. | £1,771.50 |
| Swadlincote Swimming | South Derbyshire | Facilitate online meetings of swimming club. | £1,099.00 |
| Brook Community Centre | Bolsover | Food bank provision. | £2,000.00 |

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| Fleet Arts | Amber Valley | Socially distanced arts initiatives at care homes. | £2,000.00 |
| Waingroves Methodist Church | Amber Valley | Run community activities in COVID secure way for young families and older people | £1,000.00 |
| Health Friends of Edinburgh Park | Chesterfield | Wellbeing project to undertake environmental improvements to develop use of greenspace | £1,900.00 |
| Ashbourne Elm Church | Derbyshire Dales | Provision of essential supplies to support community foodbank | £2,000.00 |
| Total | | | £49,446.35 |

3. Financial Considerations

The overall value of the Emergency Fund is £0.200m and to date £185,657.23. has been awarded to Derbyshire organisations. Funding will be met from the Public Health Reserve and where appropriate from COVID-19 Contain Framework funding.

4. Human Resources Considerations

The funding will enable local providers to deliver projects and services. Derbyshire County Council accepts no employment or future redundancy liability, with all employment and related matters to be managed by the providers.

5. Legal Considerations

The Council's Financial Regulations allow grants of up to £0.100m to organisations to be approved by Cabinet Member. The Council's Constitution allows for Cabinet Members to delegate authority to officers to undertake the powers afforded to them by the Constitution. The Council's standard grant agreement shall be used to set out the terms and conditions for which the grants are made, which provides for clawback of funding in certain circumstances and shall also provide that the Council is not liable for any employment liabilities.

6. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: equality of opportunity, health, environmental, transport, property and crime and disorder considerations.

7. Background Papers

[Update on COVID-19 Emergency Fund – Cabinet Member for Health and Communities Cabinet Member Committee report](#)

[Establishing a Public Health Emergency Fund to support the response to COVID-19 – Cabinet Member for Health and Communities Cabinet Member Committee Report.](#)

[Update on COVID-19 Emergency Fund – Cabinet Member for Health and Communities Cabinet Member report \(February 2021\)](#)

[Update on COVID-19 Emergency Fund – Cabinet Member for Health and Communities Cabinet Member report \(March 2021\)](#)

8. Key Decision

Yes

9. Is it required that the Call-in period be waived in respect of the decisions being proposed within this report?

No

10. Officers Recommendation

That the Cabinet Member:

- i. Notes the allocation of the Public Health COVID-19 Emergency Fund to date.
- ii. Continues to delegate authority to the Director of Public Health to approve awards of no more than £2,000 to individual organisations.
- iii. Receives details of further recipient organisations on a quarterly basis.

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