



Dear Councillor

**GRANTS PANEL - WEDNESDAY, 1 JULY 2020**

I am now able to enclose for consideration at the above meeting the following reports that were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

**Agenda Item  
No.**

- 2. COMMUNITY CHEST GRANT AID AWARDS 2020/21 (Pages 3 - 8)**

Appendix 1 of the report is now enclosed.

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**Appendix 1 – Summary of Applications received including Officer’s comments**

Ref	Applicant/ Organisation/ Name	Description	Sum Requested	Eligible for Consideration?	Officer Comment
1	Cambridge Ghanaian Association	<p>This project will help people in our community who cannot access the government provided information to be educated by inviting healthcare professionals to provide information. People who cannot understand the relevant information provided by the government can also benefit from such organised talks/lectures by medical professionals who can relay the information to the people in our local language.</p> <p>This Committee will purchase the 2 laptops totalling between £450 to £600 each. The invitation of professionals to give talks may attract some</p>	£1,000	YES	<p>This application meets the funding ‘eligibility criteria’ and therefore available to be considered for funding</p> <p>1.What is the extent of the Ghanaian community in Huntingdonshire? The Ghanaian community is relatively extensive within the Huntingdonshire District Council and integrate very well with other members of the community. A substantial number forms part of the CGA membership. There are at present 40 families in the Cambridgeshire Ghanaian Association (CGA). The project will be focussing on our main group and extend to non-members who are not part of the CGA group. CGA members have played part in other community projects in the Huntingdonshire community including Unity in the community which is held annually and organised by the Huntingdon Community Group(HCG); fashion shows and donating to other charities as previously mentioned in the application. Other community based projects have</p>

		<p>cost depending on the professional charges of the persons delivering the presentation.</p>			<p>been planned including a Litter Picking Project which has had to be postponed due to the Covid -19 pandemic.</p> <p>2. How many people/ residents of Huntingdonshire do you intend to benefit from this messaging? Primarily the project will be about the Ghanaian community and any help we feel we can extend or address other families and friends from other BAME groups and communities.</p> <p>3. How many Huntingdonshire residents form part of the association? At present there are 40 members in the CGA group excluding children.</p> <p>4. How have you overcome language and translation barriers around key messages in the past? In the past it has been challenging even though we as a group have managed to overcome this challenge to some extent through phone calls to individuals.</p> <p>With the help of the funds, we will be looking to disseminate relevant information through printing of leaflets in our local language and getting professionals to assist through zoom or Skype meetings; that is, the laptops will be used for educational purposes.</p> <p>5. When we start to return to a new 'normal' and the risks associated with Covid-19 are minimal, what would the</p>
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					laptops be used for? Outside Covid -19 era we intend to use the laptop to educate the Ghanaian community and beyond including others that come under the BAME group, for instance, gather information about Ghanaian culture to disseminate to other non-Ghanaians. All these ongoing educational activities will be done within the Huntingdonshire Area.
2	The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Northamptonshire and Cambridgeshire	<p>Helping families at Paxton Pits Environmental Education Centre.</p> <p>We are committed to opening in August to provide family activities in ways that keeps everyone safe. We will offer 12 days of self-guided family visits suitable for all ages. We want safety measures to be implemented in an unobtrusive way to deliver workshops that will provide an escape from everything that has occurred over recent months. Activities will include pond dipping and minibeast hunting and</p>	£1,000	YES	<p>This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.</p> <p>Our project is tried and tested. It has been running successfully for more than eight years and regularly attracts 200 participants from the local community. The measures we are planning to make the activities safe are based on Government Guidance.</p>

		<p>nature journaling. We will also be inviting participants to 'take back' the grounds of the education centre from the virus by getting out and creating an 'enchanted wetland'. We have a track record of delivering our experiences safely and people will have confidence in The Wildlife Trust to manage the current situation appropriately.</p> <p>We need extra resources in order to restart activity with covid specific safety measures in place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Resources to direct and manage visitors. These including direction arrow mats and 'mystical spider webs' (for cordoning off areas that cannot be cleaned). We need a screen or planter to place in front of the entrance gate, which will be propped open, as a chicane to stop children running into the road. We</li></ul>			
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		<p>need washable gardening gloves for minibeast hunting. £200</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We need materials to disinfect and clean toilets and shared areas. We can't 'squirt and spray' toys (kept out of reach of children) to help interpret safety messages. We will need Covid19 suitable cleaning products, hand sanitiser and three hand towel dispensers. £150</li> <li>• Takehome resources in lieu of indoor activities at the centre, craft materials, notebooks etc. £60</li> <li>• PPE for staff: safety visors x 3, suitable coveralls that can be laundered. £50</li> <li>• Extra staff time to administer online bookings to stagger attendees. £540</li> </ul>			
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>£2,000</b>		

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