



Dear Councillor

GRANTS PANEL - WEDNESDAY, 8 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 - 6)**

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	Disability Huntingdonshire	We have noticed a distinct increase in the number of people requesting our support and also, the number of appeals that have been delayed due to the courts being closed means we will have a backlog of clients, cases and need for support. We need to increase the hours the caseworkers work for a limited period so we can ensure that no client is left waiting for support and also the number of hours needed to support appeals can be delivered. Although home visits will not be resumed immediately, we do anticipate being able to start to resume from September (following	£1,000	YES	This application meets the funding ‘eligibility criteria’ and therefore available to be considered for funding. £1000 will enable support for an additional 40 hours of case work time, supporting at least 20 people.

		<p>guidance from the government and access to testing). This will place an additional strain on the hours being worked as most home visits can take 3 – 4 hours and staff only work 5 per day. COVID has had a particularity damaging effect on the disability community and we know that many 1st time applications have been refused, and the need for additional support from DISH will be critical.</p>			
2	Play Nicely Theatre CIC	<p>We hope that we will have three or four local performances over a period of two days at the end of the summer and this will be publicised within the local area focusing on garnering an audience from local villages and targeting schools in Huntingdon through to St Neots. We will especially be aiming this performance at students in year 10 with</p>	£1,000	YES	<p>Press and publicity £150 Transportation for actors £100 Implementation of the post show tutoring £250 Digital “character” interviews £250 Rehearsal room hire £60 (most of the rehearsals will occur via Zoom) Admin £40 Payment towards actors £150 All actors/directors/stagehands will be paid at NMW for rehearsal and Equity touring rates for the performances.</p>

		<p>the view to then providing each year 10 student who comes to the show two 40 minute free tutoring sessions to be used in the run ups to their GCSEs. These will be provided by tutors that are already part of the crew and cast (and all of whom have tutored for many years). In addition to the show we plan to run a social media campaign online with a series of “interviews” with the Midsummer Night’s Dream characters discussing the characters that they are playing. For example the Midsummer Night’s Dream character Robin Starveling is playing Macbeth and as such will be interviewed as to the intricacies of playing Macbeth, which will serve as short, light-hearted excerpts which will be full of information to help with the understanding of the</p>			
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		play. These will be put online, where younger people from the ages of 8 - 16 seem to spend most of their time hanging out.			
3	Hilton Parish Council	The chosen project is to purchase books from the school reading scheme for children aged 5-11. These will be loaned (probably 3 at a time) to families from a central point in the village and returned once read. Suggestions have been made that families may be able to donate books they no longer need and that the collection will grow in due course. Some parents have already volunteered to assist with distribution, and one of the Parish Councillors has agreed to manage the project for the council.	£1,000	YES	<p>This application meets the funding 'eligibility criteria' and therefore available to be considered for funding.</p> <p>This project is aimed at primary school children who have not had access to physical books for the last 4 months. Children who have been home educated have been provided with online reading, by the local school but have not been able to open new books or touch the pictures in books. They have been sharing computers with parent who have been trying to work from home and reading as part of "screen time" is not very satisfactory for young children.</p>
TOTALS			£3,000	£3,000	