

REVENUE GRANTS

1	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	Youth & Families Matter	Youth and Families Matter (YFM) is a small registered charity that works from the heart of the community in Totton to improve the health and wellbeing of children, young people and families whose lives are complex and impacted by many forms of disadvantage, mental illness, serious illness, addiction or abuse. The charity works with other organisations, signposts and provides a foodbank service and support to the homeless.

Last Year's Request	Last Year's Award	Request
£10,000	£5,000	£10,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant of £5,000 be paid.

REASON FOR DECISION:

YFM met the Council's objectives by assisting in the wellbeing of local people and supporting circa 300 families, through working with young people and families at risk by a combination of one-to-one support, courses and early intervention. YFM also actively supports the Safer New Forest community safety objectives. YFM will target 350 children who are self-harming with support. Self-harming is increasing and additional training to Youth Workers will be provided, as well as increasing their availability. YFM responded to referrals from CAMHS, those on the waiting list and from referrals so as to intervene and provide support at a much earlier stage. It worked with the family support service, social workers, schools, doctors and the Police, and is part of the Early Help Hub. The group will continue to run the foodbank, supporting over 1,000 people with emergency food supplies, and facilitate new courses for vulnerable families in 2020.

2	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	Handy Trust	The Handy Trust provides support to children and young people aged up to 25, 365 days of the year. They work in the Waterside area offering a 24/7 service at home, in school and in the community. They work with children and young people from families who are experiencing poverty and hardship, which can include mental health, domestic violence and substance misuse. They have Service Level Agreements with Marchwood and Hythe & Dibden Parish Council.

Last Year's Request	Last Year's Award	Current request
£3,740	£4,000	£7,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant of £5,000 be paid.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The Handy Trust contributes to the Council's objectives by assisting the wellbeing of young people on the Waterside and support those in crisis. They will continue to support

young people into work, provide free holiday clubs during school holidays and youth clubs, which will also aim to provide new opportunities to build self-esteem and confidence. It works closely with a number of partnership agencies, including Families Matter, to provide holistic support, and with Children's service, police and schools. The increased grant from the previous year would be spent on employing staff to provide additional support, organising activities for disadvantaged young people, and to work with vulnerable people, in partnership with others, in the Netley View area.

3	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	Yellow Door	Yellow Door provides a range of integrated specialist services, advocacy and therapeutic support to those who are at risk of or who have been affected by unwanted Sexual Experience or Domestic Abuse. This may include anything from rape, childhood sexual abuse, sexual assault to harassment, coercion or domestic abuse. The group covers the New Forest, Southampton and Eastleigh areas and works with the police, schools and other organisations within the district, such as New Milton Youth Club and the Handy Trust. Yellow Door runs the STAR project which will be delivering bespoke workshops in collaboration with others on the impact of drugs and alcohol. .

Last Year's Request	Last Year's Award	Request
£5,000	£5,000	£5,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant of £5,000 be paid.

REASON FOR DECISION:

Yellow door supports the Council's priorities by delivering outcomes for the community and working with others to achieve more. It works with families offering support to those affected by abuse, receiving 40 referrals from within the district in the last year, and running preventative education programmes to raise awareness of these issues, such as STOP Domestic Abuse. Demand for its services is increasing and will work with other organisations in 2020, including Youth and Families Matter, to deliver a wide range of services. Following Member recommendation it has extended its reach to include working with Arnewood, Priestlands, Testwood and Brockenhurst College. The group was pleased to note the organisation's involvement with the Safer New Forest and their involvement with the Safer New Forest Workshops. The grant would also be used to deliver 50 sessions to 1,000 young people from the New Forest, and to train volunteers to provide and develop a more dynamic team.

4	APPLICANT:	SUMMARY
	Families Matter	Families Matter is a small local charity based in Hythe which helps families in need in the Waterside area. They support parents through parenting classes and groups for parents and children with special needs, autism and mental health. They visit families in their home and give support through a crisis, i.e. separation, domestic violence, parenting, behavioural problems and foodbank vouchers. They work closely with local schools, supporting children in the transition to secondary school, and having a puppet project that goes in to schools to deliver a presentation on bullying and staying safe online. They also run groups for people with dementia and their carers and for families with drug and/or alcohol addictions.

Last Year's Request	Last Year's Award	Request
£6,000	£5,000	£5,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant of £5,000 be paid.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The organisation contributes to the Council's priorities through assisting wellbeing of those in the District, working with vulnerable children and young people and parents. Families Matter will mentor children in 5 schools, provide weekly drop in sessions at schools in the Waterside area and maintain their "On the Right Track" project. Working in partnership with other organisations, Families Matter will run parenting courses to those families struggling with their child's extreme angry behaviour. They will also continue to support elderly people with dementia, and their carers, with monthly groups and the weekly Blackfield Bubble memory group. With an increasing demand, the grant would be used to continue this work in the context of general grant reduction from other organisations.

5	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	CODA	CODA is an independent music trust offering support and therapy through music and health programmes, with links with local schools and community groups. They have run successful projects in the New Milton area and the application seeks to ensure that further project work can be undertaken, with aim to facilitate creative music making for all ages and sectors of the community through high quality participatory music programmes, workshops and projects.

Last Year's Request	Last Year's Award	Request
£2,500	£3,000	£5,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant of £2,500 be paid.

REASON FOR DECISION:

CODA supports NFDC priorities through engaging the public, supporting local business and working with disadvantaged groups. Programmes include 'Music for Health' and other learning and engagement initiatives. CODA is developing links with primary schools, GP's and building partnerships with other organisations, including local care providers. CODA will expand their provision of music and health services to improve the wellbeing of participants, including tailoring services aimed at areas of specific health, for example people with dementia. CODA will continue to promote and increase awareness of the healing role music can have on vulnerable individuals.

6	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	Forest Arts Centre	Forest Arts Centre is part of FOLIO, a collaboration of arts and heritage organisations, and provides a leading venue for quality live arts, activities and events based in New Milton and has an extensive outreach programme. The Centre is operated by Hampshire Cultural Trust and works with other centres as part of an overall strategy to introduce new projects and opportunities, focusing on arts, health and families. The centres programming has led to an increase of throughput and continues to be well supported. The Centre targets work and project work, for example with young people with mental

	health issues, adults with learning disabilities, working with older people with long term conditions such as dementia or Parkinson's disease which has produced excellent outcomes. They have also worked hard to ensure that residents from more deprived backgrounds are not excluded from the programmes on offer.
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Last Year's Request	Last Year's Award	Request
£17,000	£17,000	£20,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant of £15,000 be paid.

REASON FOR DECISION:

Forest Arts contributes to the Council's priorities by helping local business grow by supporting artists, and service outcomes for the community with events, activities and projects. Forest Arts seeks to improve mental and physical wellbeing, for example Dance for Parkinson's and teenage mental health. Forest Arts works in partnership with Folio, local schools and other agencies, such as YMCA, and seeks to develop outreach work. Funding from other organisations has reduced significantly over the years and income generation is being reviewed. The grant would be used for events, programming, working with schools on various projects and enabling the continuation of the Horizon 20:20 project with Greenwood Education Centre.

7	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	Forest Forge Theatre Company	Forest Forge is based in Ringwood and provides creative learning and outreach activities, whilst ensuring opportunities to participate in high quality theatre productions. Forest Forge works with others, such as CAMHS. There is a professional theatre which tours to communities and schools across the New Forest with an emphasis on creative learning and using theatre to tackle wider social issues such as bullying and mental health. The organisation targets local residents to encourage participation in a variety of activities such as workshops; work experience and targeted outreach projects (e.g. the Gypsy/Roma/Traveller community). The Company has a reputation for the quality of its work with those with additional needs and provides opportunities for older people to tackle social isolation and improve cross-generational understanding.

Last Year's Request	Last Year's Award	Request
£ 32,000	£20,000	£20,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant of £20,000 be paid.

REASON FOR DECISION:

Forest Forge contributes to the Council's objectives by providing creative learning activities and contributing to community cohesion and wellbeing. It supports local business by helping creative industries and providing experience for young people's employability. It works in schools, and seeks to tour a production about mental health and set-up new youth theatres. Forest Forge works across the district, including rural areas, and will develop holiday programmes for young people, continue to produce a family Christmas

show, and continue to develop Act Your Age sessions which tackles isolation. It has collaborated with NFDC's Safer New Forest initiative and faces reduced funding.

8	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	New Forest Heritage Centre	The free entry New Forest Heritage Centre is the only museum dedicated to the social and natural history of the New Forest. Their aim is to inspire visitors to explore and value the New Forest by collecting, conserving and interpreting collections and by providing educational activities and information to children, young people and adults visiting the Forest and living in the community. The Centre includes an accredited Museum, Reference Library, which preserves historical artefacts, and Exhibition Gallery. The Education Team run year-round exhibitions and events programme, for example a Year in the New Forest aimed at school children.

Last Year's Request	Last Year's Award	Request
£35,875	£10,000	£35,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That no grant be given.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The Group had considered previous grant awards which were to assist New Forest Heritage Centre as a transitional arrangement whilst new measures were implemented to broaden and grow financial support. The Group felt that the current business model and overall direction of the Centre was not clear and that the transitional support should end. It did not charge for its services and from the presentation there appeared to be a lack of clarity over its future role, business model and strategy. The grant had been requested to reduce a budget deficit, rather than on any specific project. Whilst the Council had recently supported the Centre with significant grants, it did not feel that further support was appropriate at this time.

9	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	New Forest Disability Information Service	New Forest Disability is a registered charity that provides free, impartial, confidential disability related information advice and guidance. They help anyone of any age with any disability who lives or works within the New Forest area. NFDIS hold the Advice Quality Standard at General Help with Casework in Welfare Benefits, and are the only organisation within the New Forest that support and represent the most vulnerable disabled clients at welfare benefit tribunals. NFDIS specialise in mobility aids, daily living equipment and home adaptations collaborating with community and other organisations to help people maximise their wellbeing and safely live as independently as possible in their own home.

Last Year's Request	Last Year's Award	Request
£15,000	£10,000	£10,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant of £16,000 be paid.

During the presentation NFDIS highlighted the Lymington Hospital Project, a valuable project which provides support, advice and information to patients. This ended on 30

November 2019 due to funding, which was not known at the time of submitting their application. NFDIS were actively seeking funding to continue this project and the Group was keen to support this. In addition to the £10,000 grant, a grant of £6,000 is to be paid, dependent on Officers confirming match funding for the Project.

REASON FOR DECISION:

NFDIS is the only organisation of its kind in the area and provided an essential service to the vulnerable in the face of ever-increasing demand and supports the council in many ways. The grant will enable the team to expand and train more volunteers, and undertake further outreach work, including home visits. NFDIS works with others to support those in the community and is seeking to expand the range of equipment and daily living aids.

10	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	Community First New Forest	<p>A. Community First New Forest (CFNF) provides support across the whole of the voluntary sector in the New Forest. This involves activities such as DBS checks, training, funding advice, volunteer recruitment and assistance with setting up and operating groups. With its work in training and operating the volunteer centre and volunteer placement, it also contributes to routes to work. It also acts as a representative voice for the sector and is involved in many working groups across the district. CFNF works in partnership with statutory organisations to deliver a range of projects that support residents.</p> <p>B. The Healthy Walks programme is a partnership between the National Park, NFDC and CFNF and delivers walks at locations across the district. The walks are available to all levels and those with a disability.</p>

Last Year's Request	Last Year's Award	Requests
A £58,373	A 30,000	A £48,726
B £2,500	B £2,500	B £2,500

A. RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant of £15,000 be paid, plus a further grant of £15,000, subject to the outcome of a progress report to the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel in September 2020.

REASON FOR DECISION:

CFNF contributes to the Council's priorities by supporting organisations through working with Job Centres to support long-term unemployed, training and skill development, advising groups on economic development and participation in Health and Wellbeing activities. It also undertook community and voluntary sector development activity for vulnerable adults, e.g. mental health. The Group were concerned that a high proportion of grant income was being spent on salaries. CFNF has merged with Community First Wessex yet proposed to retain its office in Ringwood to ensure a presence within the District. It is hoped the merger will reduce costs and bring efficiencies. It was not clear exactly how many organisations CFNF assisted, and it was felt that the organisation should be asked to attend a Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel meeting in September 2020 to clarify its position following the merger and demonstrate improvement before full funding was released.

B. RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant of £2,500 be paid.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The Healthy Walks Scheme supports the Council's priorities by assisting the wellbeing of people whilst protecting the character of the area. The scheme works with others, e.g. Dementia support, Forestry England and GP's.

11	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	Compass Counselling	The charity's objectives and principle activities continue to be those of preserving and protecting mental health by the provision of a professional, high quality counselling service for all sections of the local community who are suffering from psychological distress or relationship problems and to advance education and training in counselling. For many, the treatment programme available under the NHS involves long waiting lists or is not appropriate to their needs which has a detrimental impact on those that need help. They are committed to supporting those unable to afford private counselling by offering reduced rates to ensure no-one is excluded from counselling for financial reasons.

Last Year's Request	Last Year's Award	Request
£2,000	£4,000	£2,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant of £5,000 be paid.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The organisation met the Council's objectives by assisting the wellbeing of the people living and working in the New Forest area through increasing access to subsidised mental health counselling for all sections of the community. This includes Younger adults being targeted for support as this is a growth area and where there are long delays. As demand is increasing, a subsidised and tailored approach to counselling will continue to support those in need. Compass Counselling aim to work with care homes, support carers, and reach out to more 18-25 years olds struggling with mental health. Compass Counselling stated that they requested the same amount as last year as they assumed application requests could not be increased and knowing that funding is limited. When asked what could be achieved with additional funding, they stated they could support an increasing number of people through recruiting an additional 5/6 counsellors which would help towards meeting demand. Members were very keen to support this.

12	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	Burley Charities	The Burley Charities is a registered charity. It originates back to 1716 when William Etheridge left an annuity of £3 to be given to "the poorest" people of Burley". In future years, four other bequests were made. In 1988 the individual charities formed a single charity, The Burley Charities. The purpose of the charity is to support those in need in the parish of Burley. This could be individual grants or gifts for the prevention or relief of poverty such as food, household items or clothing.

Last Year's Request	Last Year's Award	Request
£N/A	£N/A	£750

RECOMMENDATION:

That no grant be given.

REASON FOR DECISION:

It was considered that the services and support offered could be provided by other organisations. There was little evidence of seeking alternative and additional fund raising, and there are no administration costs.

13	APPLICANT:	SUMMARY
	Lymington Arts Group	Lymington Arts Group was founded 40 years ago to promote enjoyment and appreciation of visual Arts and Crafts by providing monthly meetings, workshops and exhibitions of members work. The group has guest speakers, at a cost, and support local businesses by exploring the district. The group has 65 members and is open to all residents within the district.

Last Year's Request	Last Year's Award	Request
£N/A	£N/A	£400

RECOMMENDATION:

That no grant be given.

REASON FOR DECISION:

Grant request of £400 was below community grants threshold so the applicant is encouraged to approach local councillors for assistance.

14	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	New Forest Bike Project	New Forest Bike Project (NFBP) is a registered Not for profit Community Interest Company. By working with others, including the police, NFBP re-cycles bikes and sells them at reduced rates in the community, benefiting local residents by offering an affordable source of bikes and parts, especially to those on a low income, to keep people on the road, fit and healthy, reducing the need for car journeys and the impact on the environment. It also provides opportunities and a place to help those with issues in their lives improve their confidence, self-esteem, practical and social skills thus helping them become more active and involved citizens in the community.

Last Year's Request	Last Year's Award	Request
£N/A	£N/A	£10,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant of £2,500 be paid.

REASON FOR DECISION:

Whilst the Group felt this was a good project which complied with the objectives of the Council, the request for £10,000 had not been intended for a specific project, but rather to be used to supplement reserves, rather than with ongoing costs. However grants have been received from other organisations, since their application, to support increasing the number of bicycles saved or serviced, providing volunteer opportunities, apprenticeship and partnership working, such as supporting young people with learning difficulties at the Minstead Trust and Fortune Centre.

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15	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	Basics Foodbank	Lymington Food Bank supports the vulnerable of Lymington, New Milton and surrounding area with food and household essentials, distributing to roughly 2,500 people, including 800 children. The current building is too small, and Basics Foodbank is storing items off-site in containers at a cost. It is seeking funding to build a new building of 169m ² (2000 sq ft) to provide storage for food and other basic necessities for food parcels to be supplied to vulnerable people. Demand is increasing due to many factors, including Universal Credit and welfare reforms.

Total Cost	Other Funding	Request
£210,000	£125,000	£45,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant of £30,000 be paid.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The Council felt this was a very worthy cause and noted that funding had been received from Lymington and Pennington Town Council and New Milton Town Council and the difficulty in finding alternative premises. The Basics Food Bank covered a wide area of Forest and the building will enable improved storage and planning of distributions, and facilitate perishable and fresh items to be donated and distributed. It will also safeguard the future of the Basics Foodbank.

16	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	Brockenhurst Pre School	The redevelopment of the wooden building on the Brockenhurst Primary School site to enable the relocation of the preschool from the Village Hall site. This would provide a purpose built, secure, safe and stimulating environment for the children of the local families to attend. This positive move makes life easier for parents that have children in the primary school as well as preschool age. It supports social interaction and integration for parents as well as children. Having the preschool in the village enables greater community involvement in the village on economic, environmental and community aspects.

Total Cost	Other Funding	Request
£87,782	£20,000	£45,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That no grant be given.

REASON FOR DECISION:

Funding of educational establishments in this way was not in the grant scheme's remit.

17	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	Ibsley Village Hall	The hall is currently used by many groups including yoga, dance, Hyde School, keep-fit. The aim is to renovate and improve the Ibsley Village Hall to make it a usable facility and ensure its sustainability. The project includes providing a modern sound system, improved kitchen facilities, an easy to maintain floor and attractive wall coverings complimented by

		new secure entrance doors and new stage curtains. This will help to encourage usage and diversity, such as wedding receptions and theatre productions, contributing to a greater and continued sense of community.
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Total Cost	Other Funding	Request
£20,300	£10,150	£10,150

RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant of £10,150 be paid.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The village hall is a hub for the whole area around Ibsley, which is remote, and the Group were impressed at the considerable fund raising achieved. Once finished the hall will provide an asset to the local community and encourage increased usage.

18	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	Lymington Community Centre	<p>The Lymington Community Association (LCA) provides an important social, educational and recreational hub for the community. It has a membership of 1200 and 70 affiliated clubs and societies use the building. The project is part of a comprehensive redevelopment and refurbishment programme and aims to upgrade and extend lift access to allow people with limited mobility and pushchairs to benefits from activities which are widely recognised for their therapeutic and social importance.</p> <p>The project involves the installation of a 6-8 person lift serving the basement, craft and pottery, main entrance and first floor arts, dance and general fitness related activities</p>

Total Cost	Other Funding	Request
£138,600	£101,100	£37,500

RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant of £37,500 be given.

REASON FOR DECISION:

Lymington Community Centre is widely used, hosting a variety of functions and activities and is a hub for the whole community. The grant would go towards a lift to support disabled and elderly residents with access to the building.

19	APPLICANT:	SUMMARY
	Sway Bowmen	<p>Sway Bowmen is an archery club for all ages and has 120 members with the principals of friendship and inclusion, especially families. The current clubhouse and storage facilities are basic containers which are decaying. The project is the construction of a new clubhouse and equipment store for sway bowmen archery club. Planning approval has been obtained for a new clubhouse and equipment storage area. The building will provide a space for meetings, social events, coaching workshops and indoor shooting during winter months (a facility the club does not currently have).</p>

Total Cost	Other Funding	Request
£172,524	£127,268	£43,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant of £20,000 be given.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The Group were impressed with the fund raising achieved to date including £90,000 from Sport England and noted that the Club catered for people of all ages from 9-80 years old. The current buildings were in poor condition and the new facilities would fit in with the character of the area and would provide a facility which was not weather dependent. It was hoped the organisation would continue to increase its membership.

20	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	Testwood School	Testwood School currently has one artificial cricket pitch installed in its fields which has now been condemned by the PE Department as it needs a replacement shock absorber and carpet. ECB Pitch advisor and Hampshire Cricket Board both recommended that a new artificial pitch is installed in another area of the school fields. This would meet requirements, enable both Junior and Adult cricket fixtures, the hosting of competitions, encourage more juniors in cricket and provide Totton and Eling Cricket Club, who play their home games outside of Totton, with a home venue.

Total Cost	Other Funding	Request
£14,000	£3,000	£11,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That no grant be given.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The Group noted that the request was for more than 50% of the total cost and that insufficient funding had been agreed from elsewhere. Based on information provided by the applicant at the time, the Group felt there would be limited community use. The Group felt that once further funding had been secured the applicant could reapply and the application can be reconsidered.