

1	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	<b>Damerham Sportsfield and Cricket Club</b>	The Playing Field is integral to the community, providing the only open space in the village which is open all year round and used for people to maintain a healthy lifestyle. The Sportsfield was established to be used for a number of activities for Damerham and surrounding villages including hosting two cricket teams and a football team, provide a venue for the annual village fair (which attracts c2,000 from Damerham and surrounding area). The field supports larger events, hosts the Men's Shed and increased usage is being considered, however limited income has meant maintenance had not undertaken as hoped.

Last Year's Request	Last Year's Award	Request
£N/A	£N/A	<b>£ 7,000</b>

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That no grant be given.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

The organisation was living within its means, and the more funding it had available, the more activities it could support. The primary purpose of the grant would be to re-establish reserves, and with the growth activity and prudent management it is considered that this is achievable. The Group considered little had been done to generate additional income or seek alternative funding. When considering this, and the limited use of the pavilion, the Group did not consider a grant appropriate when considering other priorities.

2	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	<b>Marchwood Men's Shed</b>	The Men's Shed has recently formed with the purpose being to bring people together in a social setting, to improve mental health, reduce isolation, give a sense of purpose, and to educate and share skills. The Group has 22 members, being open to all, with member involvement on running activities. It intends to make links with the community, already undertaking a bird box and planter project. The Group is a member of UK Association of Men's Shed and is applying for charitable status.

Last Year's Request	Last Year's Award	Request
£N/A	£N/A	<b>£1,080</b>

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That no grant be given.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

Although the Group fully supported the project, and recognise its benefits, it was considered the group could do more to be self-sustaining, for example membership fees like other Men's Sheds, and apply for alternative grant funding. When considering this, and the membership numbers, the Group did not consider a grant appropriate when considering other priorities.

<b>3</b>	<b>APPLICANT</b>	<b>SUMMARY</b>
	<b>Youth &amp; Families Matter</b>	Youth and Families Matter (YFM) is a small 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. Support can be intensive one-to-one, or the charity targets support, e.g., parenting courses, works closely with schools, including 1-2-1 support, and with other organisations, signposts and provides a foodbank service and support to vulnerable households.

<b>Last Year's Request</b>	<b>Last Year's Award</b>	<b>Request</b>
£10,000	£10,000	<b>£10,000</b>

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That a grant of £10,000 be given.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

YFM met the Council's objectives by assisting in the wellbeing of local people and supporting families, through working with young people and vulnerable families at risk by a combination of 2,757 support sessions, 142 group work sessions, 2 nurture days, 3 activity days as well as holiday clubs and early intervention. YFM actively works with numerous partner groups, including, social workers, schools, doctors, and is part of the Early Help Hub. YFM continue to run the foodbank, distributing 3,181 food bags, supports the Food Larder, with 30-40 households being supported each week, provide fuel vouchers, as well as providing a warm space this winter and works with the Council as part of the Cost of Living Steering Group.

<b>4</b>	<b>APPLICANT</b>	<b>SUMMARY</b>
	<b>New Forest Heritage Centre</b>	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, shop, and Exhibition Gallery.

<b>Last Year's Request</b>	<b>Last Year's Award</b>	<b>Request</b>
£10,000	£0	<b>£5,000</b>

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That no grant be given.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

The Group took into consideration the work of the Heritage Trust, including their work with the Romany community, but on reviewing the financial situation, the Heritage Trust appeared to be financially secure for 2023/24, and that future funding and business model needs to be reviewed to ensure self-sufficiency. Therefore, the Group considered the limited funding available, the number of grants received, often working directly with vulnerable groups, and considered that this is regrettably not a current priority at this time.

5	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	<b>Forest Arts Centre</b>	Forest Arts Centre is part of FOLIO, a collaboration of arts and heritage organisations, and provides a leading venue for quality live music, comedy, theatre, 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 Centre's priorities include providing high quality cultural programming and community benefit and targets working with schools, including Greenwood, adults with learning disabilities, and older people with long term conditions such as dementia or Parkinson's disease. They have also worked hard to ensure that residents from more deprived backgrounds are not excluded from the programmes on offer.

Last Year's Request	Last Year's Award	Request
£15,000	£15,000	<b>£15,000</b>

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That a grant of £10,000 be given.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

Forest Arts contributes to the Council's priorities by helping local business grow by supporting artists and attracting visitors to the area, and service outcomes for the community with events, activities, and projects, with over 700,000 using the venue. The venue also seeks to provide accessible and affordable space for hire, e.g., Hampshire Autism, host activities and events, offering opportunities to showcase artistic output at affordable process. Forest Arts seeks to improve mental and physical wellbeing, for example Dance for Parkinson's, wellness walks and targeted projects that reach hard-to-reach people, i.e., elderly, and isolated people and seeks to develop outreach work, as well as a LGBTQ+ youth drop-in. Funding from other organisations has reduced significantly and income generation is being reviewed. The grant is ring-fenced to the Centre, ensuring our residents benefit, and the Group recommended exploring business sponsorship to increase fundraising income.

6	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	<b>New Forest Disability Information Service</b>	New Forest Disability Information Service (NFDIS) provides specialised, free, impartial, and 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 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, where they have a 98% success rate. NFDIS specialise in providing mobility aids, daily living equipment and home adaptations, collaborating with community and other organisations to help people maximise their wellbeing and live safely and as independently as possible in their own home.

Last Year's Request	Last Year's Award	Request
£18,500	£18,500	<b>£18,500</b>

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That a grant of £18,500 be given

## REASON FOR DECISION:

NFDIS is the only organisation of its kind in the district and provides an essential service to the vulnerable in the face of ever-increasing demand and supports the council in many ways, including with the Just Got Home, working from Lymington and Fordingbridge hospital, and Independence Matters projects. NFDIS supported over 2,000 people in 2021, some involving complex and lengthy casework. The grant will enable the team to expand and train more volunteers, and undertake further outreach work, including home visits, and deal with the increased number of casework they are handling. NFDIS actively works with other groups, such as Citizens Advice and Foodbanks to support those in the community and the Group fully appreciated the valuable work of the service, recommending a Service Level Agreement be considered to provide financial security.

7	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	<b>Hammersley Homes</b>	Hammersley Homes apply a person centred approach to provide emotional and practical support for people with mental health and aims to provide supported living accommodation for vulnerable adults so that they can live independently. They provide an outreach programme and aim to keep people out of hospital by providing support in their own home. Hammersley Homes support 30 adults and receive referrals from other groups, including Social Services and Social Prescribers, and have set-up a training programme for volunteers.

Last Year's Request	Last Year's Award	Request
£20,000	£0	<b>£20,000</b>

## RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant of £5,000 be given.

## REASON FOR DECISION:

The Group supported Hammersley Homes ambitions and aims and the importance of the work they do with supporting vulnerable people, focusing on those with mental illness and their families, and that the funding will enable them to increase their programme to support more people as demand is expected to increase.

8	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	<b>Handy Trust</b>	The Handy Trust provides full youth support services 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 schools, providing drop-ins and advice and support on relationship, sex and drug issues, as well as in the community, and provide holiday clubs and run youth clubs. 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, and support young people into work, and have a mini-bus project for targeted outreach work. The Handy Trust actively works with other agencies, including the Council on matters such as mental health and homelessness.

Last Year's Request	Last Year's Award	Current request
£7,000	£7,000	<b>£7,000</b>

## RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant of £7,000 be given.

**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 engage with and support young people into work, provide free holiday clubs during school holidays to vulnerable families and youth clubs, which provides advice on budgeting and lifelong skills, builds self-esteem and confidence, and work with those suffering from anxiety or bullying. The Handy Trust worked with circa 3,500 young people during the year. It actively works closely with a number of partnership agencies to provide holistic support, and with Children's service, police, and schools on a variety of issues, including anti-social behaviour and mental health, which it has experienced an increase in demand due to reduce service provision. The Group recognised the value of the grant and the huge work and outcomes achieved by The Handy Trust.

9	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	<b>Minstead Trust</b>	Funding was sought to expand a community theatre group for those with learning disabilities where they can create their own stories and encourage creativity. The project will develop communication, performance skills and confidence and bring together people with learning disabilities to perform two public shows.

Last Year's Request	Last Year's Award	Current request
£N/A	£N/A	<b>£21,000</b>

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That no grant be given.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

Although the Group recognised the benefits of the project the Group considered the overall cost, alternative funding that could be applied for, e.g., Arts Council, the number of people involved in the project compared to the funding request, and Minstead's finances, the Group considered this was not currently a priority and were unable to support this.

10	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	<b>The Crossings</b>	The Crossings offer support and help to homeless people and those at risk of homelessness and marginalised in the Waterside area. They operate three drop-in centres which provide a welcoming, non-judgemental space in which people can feel safe to discuss their current issues. Many clients present with multiple issues around housing, rejection, loneliness, isolation, and economic insecurity, as well as the impact on their mental health. The Crossings support people to make Homesearch, Universal Credit or other benefits applications, some of whom struggle with literacy or numeracy, or they are digitally excluded, and provide signposting advice and information. The Crossings have developed a support programme for those who have recently moved back into accommodation but need support and who may not be able to visit a drop-in centre. This was conceived in dialogue with NFDC's Housing Options Team following a successful pilot.

Last Year's Request	Last Year's Award	Current request
£N/A	£N/A	<b>£15,000</b>

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That a grant of £5,000 be given.

## REASON FOR DECISION:

The Group recognised the valuable work done to support 130 vulnerable households and the joined up working with our Homelessness Teams where there is joint attendance and collaboration at drop-ins. The grant will enable The Crossings to continue their drop-in and expand their home visits capacity. The longer-term plan is for The Crossings to expand beyond the Waterside and The Group fully support this.

11	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	<b>Yellow Door</b>	Yellow Door (YD) 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 the Handy Trust. YD provides therapeutic support, advocacy, impartial advice, and information, and runs the STAR project which delivers bespoke workshops in collaboration with others on the impact of drugs and alcohol, image-based abuse, and abusive relationships.

Last Year's Request	Last Year's Award	Request
£5,000	£5,000	<b>£5,100</b>

## RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant of £5,100 be given.

## REASON FOR DECISION:

Yellow door supports the Council's priorities by delivering outcomes for the community and working with others, including the Safer New Forest partnership. It works with families offering support to those affected by abuse and running preventative education programmes to raise awareness of these issues, such as STOP Domestic Abuse. Demand for its services is increasing, with 306 referrals from New Forest residents, and Yellow Door worked with young people as part of its STAR project. The Group were pleased to see the work undertaken with many schools across the district regarding healthy relationships, domestic abuse, and consent, and that they have worked with 1,092 students and provided 65 sessions. The Group recommended working with additional schools, e.g., Burgate and New Forest Academy schools, and were reassured that the grant is used solely for the benefit of the New Forest.

12	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	<b>New Forest Bike Project</b>	New Forest Bike Project (NFBP) is a registered Not for profit Community Interest Company and re-cycles bikes and sells them at reduced rates in the community, benefiting 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. NFBP works with others, including the police, and supported Ukrainian refugees.

Last Year's Request	Last Year's Award	Current request
£N/A	£N/A	<b>£5,000</b>

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That a grant of £2,000 be given.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

The Group support the work of this project, especially as part of the greener agenda and to encourage recycling and cycling, as well as providing volunteering opportunities and training. NFBP have recently relocated to a temporary accommodation and The Group offered advice for relocating to more affordable and suitable accommodation.

13	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	<b>New Forest Pride</b>	New Forest Pride (NFP) is a registered charity which supports the LGBTQ+ community. NFP works with a number of charities, from victims of hate crime to NHS mental health support, iTalk, and Pride Priders and seeks to increase its presence across the district. NFP aim to host an event in Lymington, with an estimate of between 5,000 and 6,000 attending, after the first Pride festival which took place in New Milton in August 2021, was attended by approximately 700 people. As there were a number of challenges in relation to the last event, Southampton Pride are providing assistance to support the NFP committee.

Last Year's Request	Last Year's Award	Current request
£N/A	£N/A	<b>£1,500</b>

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That no grant be given.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

Whilst the Group supported the aims of NFP, it had concerns that a number of fundamental aspects of the event were unresolved, including permission to host the event, security, ticketing, and parking and therefore the Group did not feel it appropriate to grant funds on this occasion. However, the Group would welcome a grant application for the following year's event, once a developed and approved event plan with costings confirmed and stated that the Council is keen to work with the group on future projects.

14	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	<b>St Barbe Museum and Art Gallery</b>	St Barbe is a museum and art gallery providing a cultural hub and educational facilities on the heritage, culture, history, and character of the New Forest. It is part of FOLIO, a collaboration of arts and heritage organisations and has had over 150,000 visitors. The galleries are accessible, and the museum provides learning services for schools and interest groups, including workshops, exhibitions, and curriculum-based activities. St Barbe also has a coffee shop which is used to support groups, e.g., an Elderly Programme for "memories" and works with low-income families, e.g. holiday workshops and activities and Food programme and outreach work, for example crafts and tea and memories in villages.

Last Year's Request	Last Year's Award	Request
£10,000	£10,000	<b>£16,000</b>

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That a grant of £10,000 be given.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

St Barbe supports NFDC priorities through assisting with the wellbeing of those in the district, as well as attracting visitors. St Barbe provide a wide range of activities, for all ages, and is a vibrant community hub, working with 15 schools, disabled groups, those suffering with dementia or autism, holiday programmes, and a Young Curator group, as well as working with apprentices as part of the government Kickstart programme. The Group were very supportive of the outreach programmes, by connecting them with cultural and creative activities, and projects for low-income families, such as summer camps for 237 children eligible for free school meals, work with Ukrainian families, arts, and crafts for 460 children. It also supported New Forest arts and cultural activities through the Culture in Common initiative and The Group consider St Barbes offers high-quality engagement and was a model of good practice. Whilst the Group fully supported its work, regrettably pressures and limitations on budgets meant that it was not able to recommend meeting the grant request in full.

15	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	<b>River Studios</b>	River Studios (RS) is a youth inclusion music network based in Totton, aimed at 12 to 25 year olds. It has over 44 young people and children (NEETS) attending with a 93% retention rate. The project helps young people overcome anxiety and increases confidence with music activities. The organisation had established links with local organisations where they had offered free sessions. They have relationships with Garage Youth Club, SoCo Southampton, Catch-22, Inclusion Recovery, Step by Step, and the Hampshire Music Service. It was noted that Youth Music (YM) had ceased to fund RS, as it was now focussing on different parts of the country.

Last Year's Request	Last Year's Award	Request
£N/A	£N/A	<b>£8,750</b>

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That no grant be given.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

Although The Group recognised the benefits of the project, it considered the wider community benefit with the limited number of clients (44 young people) and pointed out that other funding streams are available. When reviewing this, and given the limited grants budget, the Group regrettably were unable to recommend a grant on this occasion.

16	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	<b>Forest Forge Theatre Company</b>	Forest Forge is based in a purpose-built theatre in Ringwood and provides creative learning and outreach activities, whilst ensuring opportunities to participate in high quality theatre productions. 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 residents to encourage participation in a variety of activities such as workshops; work experience and targeted outreach projects (e.g., teenagers). 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. Forest Forge collaborated with NFDC on the Council's Health and Wellbeing Plan and works with partners including CODA, traveller community, and Ukrainian refugees.
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<b>Last Year's Request</b>	<b>Last Year's Award</b>	<b>Request</b>
£ 20,000	£10,000	<b>£30,000</b>

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That a grant of £10,000 be given.

**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 and provides experience for young people's employability and seeks to be fully inclusive by engaging with all communities. It works in schools, including its ELEVATE project for 15-16-year-olds, tours a production about mental health, has set-up a youth theatre with 72 attending and a trans youth theatre. FF works across the district, including rural areas, and will develop holiday programmes for young people, and continue to develop Act Your Age sessions which tackles isolation and improves physical and mental wellbeing for the over 60's. The Group felt that there was a risk to their future if FF was overdependent on grant funding and that it needed to diversify its fundraising activities further. The Group appreciated FF's work in the community and the quality of its productions and programmes.

17	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	<b>hArt</b>	hArt are an art therapy charity that looks to provide support for the mental health needs of people of all ages and abilities through creative activities. They organise workshops and creative activity project and programmes across the district, where limited access to services and opportunities for social contact add to the increase in mental health issues by making loneliness and isolation a factor. Working with social prescribers from across the New Forest, run two Arts on Prescription programmes in each of the three locations in 2021/22 with 41 people taking part in total. Works in close partnership with CODA, using its premises for arts and crafts sessions. hArt provides specialist help through Art Psychotherapy and runs various programmes, including the Arts on Prescription and Creative Wellbeing, with positive outcomes and benefits to those attending.

<b>Last Year's Request</b>	<b>Last Year's Award</b>	<b>Current request</b>
£N/A	£N/A	<b>£7,500</b>

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That a grant of £2,000 be given.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

The Group fully support the work of hArt in supporting residents and improving mental health through creative activities and the range of programmes and workshops, including outreach work across the district. However, due to funding limitations, it was unable to offer the full amount requested.

18	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	<b>SPUD</b>	SPUD is an arts and education charity that creates opportunities for people to engage with art, architecture, design, and the environment. SPUD supports people creative development, and collaboratively works with and support various groups including, youth, disabled, autism, LGBTQ+ and dementia. SPUD had reported a reduction in income from rentals, workshops, and exhibitions. SPUD is developing funding streams and partnerships and spreading into other areas.

**Last Year's Request      Last Year's Award      Request**

£15,000                      £10,000                      **£15,000**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That a grant of £10,000 be given

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

The Group support the work SPUD does with vulnerable groups, which aligns closely with the 'Culture in Common' programme that the Council is involved in delivering across the district. SPUD's work with residents with dementia and with young people to support their mental wellbeing was noted, as was their outreach programme that builds on the community partnerships. The Group supports the work SPUD does, acknowledging the increase in utility costs, across various groups and its aim of being self-sustaining by the end of 2022. The Group was impressed with the impact of SPUD, its geographic spread and its track record of nurturing talent, its business case and noted the covid impact. With limited fund, the Group unfortunately could not recommend the full grant request.

19	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	<b>Community First Wessex</b>	Community First Wessex (CFW) provides support across the whole of the voluntary sector in the New Forest with the aim to create a thriving and successful voluntary sector. This involves activities such as DBS checks, training, funding advice, volunteer recruitment and assistance with setting up and operating groups, building the voluntary sector capacity. 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. CFW works in partnership with many organisations to deliver a range of projects that support residents.

**Last Year's Request      Last Year's Award      Request**

**£35,000                      £35,000                      £35,000**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That a grant of £35,000 be given.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

CFW contributes to the Council's priorities by supporting organisations through working with many groups, including to support long-term unemployed, young carers, training, and skill development, advising groups on economic development, mental health and delivering services digitally. CFW provide help and support to the local community and voluntary sector. The Group were pleased to hear that CFW worked with numerous organisations and helped groups secure £135,000 in grants. CFW has continued to work closely with the council throughout the pandemic, via the Local Response Centre and in supporting existing and new groups to support the vulnerable. CFW has contributed to Community Engagement conversations and the Group

recognised the improved working relationship with CFW and discussions with Officers have already begun on developing this further to support our communities, including loneliness, economic hardship, and digital inclusion

## B. CAPITAL GRANTS

20	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	<b>Testwood School</b>	Testwood School have a full-sized Synthetic Turf Pitch (STP) which is 18 years old, lasting double its expected lifespan and is at risk of being condemned as it does not meet Football Association standards. The facility was used by 750 people per week, including 400 under 18's. The project is to develop the facility into a high quality STP will include resurfacing of the existing pitch, new LED energy efficient lighting, new spectators standing area and new recess areas for goals to allow appropriate 'run off' areas. The project will enable local clubs and community groups to retain and increase participants in football, focusing on increasing participation of girls and traditionally low participant groups, to enhance the range and quality of opportunities to participate in football through both formal and informal, such as FA programmes, the development of pay and play and small sided leagues, and to facilitate opportunities for older persons, such as walking football.

Total Cost	Other Funding	Request
£470,000	£220,000	<b>£30,000</b>

### RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant of £20,000 be given.

### REASON FOR DECISION:

The Group supported the project to increase physical activity within the local community and to enable local football clubs/teams/holiday club providers and the school community to continue to develop and grow football in the local area. This facility has been identified as a priority project by the New Forest District Local Football Facility Plan (LFFP) and will enable FA pitch registration. There is an overall aim to work with partner clubs to deliver a comprehensive football development plan that maintains existing provision and supports targeted work to increase participation amongst all groups, especially under-represented groups, irrespective of ability, age, gender, disability, or ethnicity, which the Group support.

21	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	<b>Paultons Cricket Club</b>	Paultons Cricket Club is a facility not just used by Cricket teams but the wider community, including Jaguar Club, Beavers and Scouts, Bartley School, local book club, yoga, darts, and pool Team and is a Warm space. Paultons Cricket Club is affiliated to Hampshire Cricket Club and has over 20 members, with 4 men's teams, 6 colt's teams with over 100 junior members aged between 5 and 16, have girl's teams, which they hope to expand, and a women's softball team. Due to arson the building needs rebuilding and the project is to build a safe and suitable clubhouse that will benefit the wider community, be used for hire and functions, to create four changing rooms allowing exclusive facilities for women and girls, shower facilities for disability cricket at the club and ensure the club is fully accessible. To be environmentally friendly, there will be electric car charging points, air heat source pumps, solar panels, and rainwater tanks.

<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Other Funding</b>	<b>Request</b>
£800,000	£439,500	<b>£50,000</b>

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That a grant of £40,000 be given.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

The Group were very supportive of the project and the physical mental health benefits the club brings to the community. The Group sympathised with the plight of the club following the arson attack which destroyed their clubhouse. It was acknowledged that Paultons were a key organisation in their village and offered opportunities for a wide range of local people and organisations, which would increase following completion of the new building. The rebuild of the clubhouse would allow Paultons Cricket Club to survive and to grow their club and the community offer. The Group recognised the fund-raising efforts, that the English Cricket Board were keen to support the project and that the grant would enable leveraging of further funding.

22	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	<b>East Boldre Community Stores</b>	East Boldre is a rural village with only one shop, which is at risk of closure and is the focal point of the village, which has already lost amenities, and has limited public transport. The project is to create a new community shop and Post Office that will be a focal point for the village and serve the needs of the whole community with a range of affordable products and provide a full range of services, such as banking, postal, top-ups, and paying bills. The shop will be owned and managed by members.

<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Other Funding</b>	<b>Request</b>
£610,500	£410,500	<b>£17,000</b>

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That a grant of £17,000 be given.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

The Group noted that the store location was in a rural area of deprivation and would provide affordable products and valuable services for East Boldre and its surrounding parishes. The store will be a vital asset for the local community, especially to those that are isolated or vulnerable. The Group noted that shares in the store could be bought by local people for as little as £15, and it was hoped some of the 800 locals would invest considerably more, to raise the sums needed. This was a similar model that has been engaged in other community stores and the Group were impressed with the detailed business plan and recognise the importance of the store to village vitality and the wider community.

23	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	<b>Everton Sports and Social Club</b>	Everton Club is located in the village and is used by many users from yoga, art and dance to meditation, Pilates and a community drop in/warm space group. It is used for free charity fundraising events and the building is part of annual village events on the recreation ground and is also used by villagers for private celebrations and events. The project is to modernise and improve the kitchen facilities, including the replacement of kitchen units, boiler and pipework and creating a dedicated boiler room and cleaners' area within existing kitchen, to enable more hiring and increased income generation for future sustainability.

<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Other Funding</b>	<b>Request</b>
£15,000	£7,500	<b>£7,400</b>

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That a grant of £5,000 be given.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

The Club has a capacity of 60, with 250 people using the facility on a weekly basis, and it promotes the health and wellbeing of users. The facility is well used by the local community and has recovered well since the pandemic. The impact of the pandemic has reduced the funding available to complete the work. The club is run by a small committee of volunteers. It was felt that the award would allow the club to continue their recovery from the pandemic and to ensure that they were sustainable. Fundraising activities had not yet been fully exhausted, and The Club was considering approaching HCC for funding, and the Parish Council had offered a small contribution towards the project.

24	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	<b>Hordle Community Association</b>	The Pavilion is located in the village and used by many users including as a sports bar, bingo, quiz nights, discos, a learning disability group, art, cafes and provides a social area for the village residents and a warm space during the winter. The project is to replace 2 inefficient and old boilers and to improve the kitchen facilities to meet standards.

<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Other Funding</b>	<b>Request</b>
£16,000	£8,000	<b>£8,000</b>

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That a grant of £5,000 be given.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

The Group recognised the importance of the Pavilion to the community and the numbers of group that use it. The project supported the wider rural community and offered support for a wide cross section of the community. The impact of the pandemic had meant that, whilst they are a sustainable concern, the ability to replace the outdated facilities. The works would result in long term impact helping to improve the energy efficiency, reduce costs and increase sustainability.

25	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	<b>Hythe Parish Council</b>	The facility is a 1970's community build and is no longer energy efficient. It is a centrally located, well used community facility run by the Parish Council for any community group or hirer. In addition to one-off use by parties/events, regular hirers include 2 Zumba classes, church groups, bowls, yoga, monthly cinema, a friendship club, flower club, line dancing, U3A, a network group, preschool group, youth group and tea dances. The project improvements involve a wider project of a new boiler, which regularly breaks down, new roof, LED lighting, improved wall insulation and additional insulation via upgrading remaining (single glazed and wooden) doors and windows to double glazing. This application is for a replacement new boiler and double-glazing windows/doors upgrade. The grant is to be used for boiler and window replacement.

<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Other Funding</b>	<b>Request</b>
£60,825	£45,000	<b>£15,825</b>

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That a grant of £5,000 be given.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

The Group support the project as the facility is a community hub and provides activities for various users of all ages, especially groups supporting local older people, and was used by a number of active youth clubs as well as private bookings. The Group recognised the challenge posed since taking on the buildings lease and were supportive of its objectives of being able to provide a secure, watertight, warm, energy efficient, and safe community building and were keen to contribute to this outcome.

26	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	<b>Marchwood Junior School</b>	Marchwood Junior School has 326 children between 7-11 years old and has an existing activity trim trail which has limited equipment, capacity and is not accessible. The project is to increase the diversity of play equipment, to increase the play load of the current trim trail (number of children that can safely play at the same time), improve the accessibility and inclusivity of the trim trail, and play equipment for children with mobility/health support requirements and to provide fun, safe, and modern facilities to the school community, that encourage interaction and physical activity in an inclusive environment. This project is part of a long-term vision to create outdoor learning area.

<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Other Funding</b>	<b>Request</b>
£54,000	£27,000	<b>£22,815</b>

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That no grant be given.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

Whilst the Group recognise the benefits of the project to the pupils of the school and that it will be a useful asset to the school, it did not appear to offer much additional benefit to the wider community outside of the school. The applicants had not approached HCC, as it was assumed the project would be seen as low priority and had not undertaken any fundraising themselves or approached local businesses. The Group took the view that the school's local education authority should be the first port of call. Therefore, the Group considered that given the limited funding available it was not appropriate to make a financial contribution.

27	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	<b>Milford On Sea Parish Council</b>	Barnes Lane Pavilion has not been upgraded for many years, and although not in a state of disrepair, does not comply to modern standards and is not Football Association compliant. The Pavilion is used by Milford Youth Football Club, with 185 boys and girl's players, a girl's cricket club and a men's cricket team. There are occasions when the facilities are used by the wider public for birthday parties and held a classical concert in recent years. The project is to modernise the facility, including, converting the open showers into individual cubicles, moving the kitchen so it is more convenient to improve access, alterations to the changing

		rooms as the rooms are visible from the outside, internal re-decoration, better access for disabled users and upgrade of the patio area.
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<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Other Funding</b>	<b>Request</b>
£45,126	£35,126	<b>£10,000</b>

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That no grant be given.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

Although the Group noted the pavilion is well used, the project is due to commence in January 2023 and if the grant was not awarded, the Parish Council would fund the balance shortfall. The Group considered additional funding applications could have been made. In view of this, and due to significant rising materials costs, the Parish had taken the view that it should progress the project without delay, irrespective of the outcome of funding applications, and will underwrite any shortfall. Whilst the group understood the decision, beginning in January 2023, unfortunately this made the project ineligible for the grant funding. Therefore, the Group considered that given the limited funding available it was not appropriate to make a financial contribution.