

A. REVENUE GRANTS

1	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	New Forest Disability Information Service	New Forest Disability 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. 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
£16,000	£16,000	£12,500

RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant of £12,500 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's objectives in a number of ways. NFDIS have adapted due to the pandemic and continue to provide their service, despite increased costs, such as ICT and to ensure compliance with COIVD regulations, and reduced income from fund raising. The grant will enable the team to expand and train more volunteers, and undertake further outreach work, including home visits. NFDIS actively works with other groups and organisations to support those in the community, including the Council with projects, such as promoting Disabled Facilities Grants and the Just Got Home scheme which helps newly discharged patients settle back in their home.

2	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	Community First Wessex	Community First Wessex provides support across the whole of 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, thus building the voluntary sector capacity, as well as volunteer placement which can be routes into work. CFW also acts as a representative voice for the sector and is involved in many working groups across the district. CFW works in partnership with statutory organisations to deliver a range of projects that support residents.

Last Year's Request	Last Year's Award	Request
£48,726	£30,000	£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 voluntary groups, including to support long-term unemployed, young carers, training and

skill development, advising groups on economic development, mental health and delivering services digitally. In 2019/20 CFW worked with 100 groups, often providing bespoke support. The Group acknowledged how CFW has worked closely with the Council throughout the pandemic, via the Local Response Centre and in supporting existing and new groups to support vulnerable residents. CFW has actively contributed in Community Engagement conversations and the Group recognised the improved working relationship with CFW. Discussions with Officers have already commenced on developing this relationship further to support our communities.

3	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	Community First Wessex	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. Recent projects have included to reduce isolation, promote health and wellbeing and befriending.

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant of £2,500 be given.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The Healthy Walks Scheme supports the Council's priorities by assisting the wellbeing of people by increasing physical activity whilst protecting the character of the area. The scheme works with others, e.g. Dementia support, Forestry England and GP's to reduce isolation. CFW intend to expand the number of walks available once restrictions cease due to the pandemic.

4	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, including ensuring residents from deprived backgrounds are not excluded. The Centre targets project work, for example with young people with mental health issues, working with schools, adults with learning disabilities, working with older people with long term conditions such as dementia or Parkinson's disease.

Last Year's Request	Last Year's Award	Request
£20,000	£15,000	£15,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant of £15,000 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. The venue also supports the wider community by providing accessible and affordable space for hire, host activities and events, and offer opportunities to showcase artistic output. Forest Arts supports Council objectives of improving mental and physical

wellbeing, for example Dance for Parkinson's, veterans project, and teenage mental health. Forest Arts are part of the FOLIO partnership and works with local schools and other agencies, such as Young Carers, and seeks to develop outreach work. Funding from other organisations has reduced significantly over the years and income generation is being reviewed from the impact of the pandemic.

5	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 mental illness, serious illness, addiction or abuse. YFM 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	£7,500	£15,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant of £7,500 be given.

REASON FOR DECISION:

YFM met the Council's objectives by assisting in the wellbeing of local people and supporting circa 300 families. YFM work with young people and families at risk by a combination of intensive one-to-one support, courses and early intervention. YFM actively works with partners including the family support service, social workers, schools, doctors and the Police, and is part of the Early Help Hub. YFM also actively supports the Safer New Forest community safety objectives and has been awarded the Queens Award for Voluntary Services. YFM have adapted their service delivery due to the pandemic, supporting the lonely and vulnerable, e.g. postcards, phone calls, zoom meetings and fruit boxes. YFM continue to run the foodbank, where demand is increasing so they have invested in new storage, supporting over 2,500 people with emergency food supplies during the pandemic.

6	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	Handy Trust	The Handy Trust provides full youth support services to children and young people aged up to 25, 365 days of the year in the Waterside. They offer a 24/7 service at home, in school and in the community. They work with children and young people from families who are experiencing hardship, which can include mental health, domestic violence and substance misuse, and support young people into 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
£4,000	£4,000	£5,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant of £5,000 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 and youth clubs, which will also aim to provide new opportunities to build self-esteem and confidence, and work with those suffering from anxiety. The Handy Trust works closely with a number of partnership agencies, including Families Matter, to provide holistic support, and with Children's service, police, schools and the Council on a variety of issues, including anti-social behaviour. The Handy Trust have adapted their service in response to the pandemic, including support for those entitled to free school means, via social media, lunchtime drop ins at schools, youth clubs via zoom, and engaged with 443 people in the summer holidays as part of their Minibus project.

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. Their theatre tours 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. teenagers). The Company works with those with additional needs and provides opportunities for older people to tackle social isolation.

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

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 by helping creative industries and providing experience for young people's employability. It works in schools, including its ELEVATE project for 15-16-year-olds. It produces online programmes, for example young carers, "Busy Bees" on Facebook, and drama sessions via zoom. Forest Forge works across the district, including rural areas, and will develop holiday programmes for young people, and continue to develop Act Your Age sessions which tackle isolation. It has collaborated with NFDC's Safer New Forest initiative and faces reduced funding. It has secured funding from Arts Council to facilitate homeworking and IT investment.

8	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 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 delivers bespoke workshops on the impact of drugs and alcohol.
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Last Year's Request	Last Year's Award	Request
£5,000	£5,000	£5,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant of £5,000 be given.

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 78 referrals from within the district between April and September 2020, and running preventative education programmes to raise awareness of these issues, such as STOP Domestic Abuse. Demand for its services is increasing and Yellow Door worked with 1,323 young people as part of its STAR project. Yellow Door work with a number of schools across the district. The group was pleased to note the organisation's continued involvement with the Safer New Forest and their involvement with the Safer New Forest Workshops, and that in February 2020 Yellow Door had won the Kings Fund GSK Impact Award for outstanding contributions to improving health and wellbeing.

9	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	St Barbe Museum and Art Gallery	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. 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".

Last Year's Request	Last Year's Award	Request
£N/A	£N/A	£5,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant of £5,000 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 many schools, disabled groups, and those suffering with dementia or autism. St Barbe run holiday programmes and a Young Curator group, as well as working with apprentices as part of the governments Kickstart programme. During the pandemic St Barbe has developed creative digital online experiences to increase accessibility, and has been financially impacted due to its closure. Part of the funding will be used to provide further volunteer training.

10	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	Minstead Trust	Minstead Trust provides individualised training for nearly 200 adults with learning difficulties to enable them to develop new skills, lead a fulfilled life and progress to greater independence in society. Minstead Trust offer transitional residential accommodation, respite services,

		supported living and day opportunities. It runs Furzey Gardens to empower people with learning difficulties to gain work experience, and Hanger Farm Arts Centre in Totton.
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Last Year's Request	Last Year's Award	Request
£N/A	£N/A	£20,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant of £10,000 be given.

REASON FOR DECISION:

Minstead Trust supports NFDC priorities by assisting in the wellbeing of adults with learning difficulties and providing support to those suffering with anxiety and behavioural changes due to the pandemic. It provides various programmes, including Set Up for Work which provides support and training and works with businesses to find suitable job opportunities and 31 people attend their Skill Up and Advice centre each week, During lockdown Minstead Trust offered online community theatre and video activities to support those in isolation, and provided telephone and one-to-one support. The grant will be used to provide additional 1-2-1 well-being support for up to 50 people to address emotional and confidence issues, and to start a new volunteer buddy scheme to partner people in their hobbies, recreation or meetings.

11	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	New Milton Memorial Centre	New Milton Memorial Centre is a community building which is used for a range of leisure activities, such as Zumba, concerts, bowling, crafts and stage shows, and provides social, welfare, recreation and cultural programmes. The centre also houses Little Angel's Nursery and Pre-School.

Last Year's Request	Last Year's Award	Request
£N/A	£N/A	£20,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That no grant is paid.

REASON FOR DECISION:

New Milton Memorial Centre has very limited income and minimal reserves with current operating costs being met from these reserves. The finances mean the Centre does not appear viable or sustainable as there was no clear business plan presented to the Group or sufficient information to ensure the current issues relating to the impact of COVID-19 would be overcome. There had been limited applications for alternative funding. The Group noted any grant would not be paid until April 2021 and therefore not assist with the immediate financial situation. The organisation did not provide sufficient evidence the centre would be a viable concern going forward and therefore it was deemed that the proposal was a risk for funding.

12	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, shop and Exhibition Gallery. The Education Team run year-round exhibitions and events programme.
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Last Year's Request	Last Year's Award	Request
£35,000	£0	£10,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant of £5,000 be given.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The New Forest Heritage Centre is a contributor to the awareness and understanding of the uniqueness of the District. It has a large collection of local historical documents and provides access to these for individuals and groups. Education organisations can benefit from access and closer working with the Heritage Centre. A member of the Council's FOLIO Partnership the centre has been a partner in the 22 Miles of Sea project collecting memories from the Waterside area. The funding is to support more community based work. The Heritage centre supports NFDC priorities through assisting with the wellbeing of those in the district, as well as attracting visitors and has been financially impacted due to its closure

The Group had previously considered grant awards 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 still not clear. However, the Group wanted to support the centre.

13	APPLICANT:	SUMMARY
	Families Matter	Families Matter is a small charity based in Hythe which supports 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 and behavioural problems. They work closely with local schools, supporting children in the transition to secondary school, and work with children suffering from bullying and promoting 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
£5,000	£5,000	£5,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant of £5,000 be given.

REASON FOR DECISION:

Families Matter contributes to the Council's priorities through assisting wellbeing of those in the District, working with vulnerable children and young people and parents, especially young people suffering with mental health issues due to the pandemic. Families Matter mentor children and provide weekly drop-in sessions in 5 schools in the Waterside area and maintain their "On the Right Track" project. Working in partnership with other organisations, Families Matter run parenting courses to those families struggling with their child's extreme behaviour and continue to support elderly people with dementia, and their carers, with monthly groups and the weekly Blackfield Bubble memory group. Families Matter support families struggling with addictions,

women's mental health and families with autism. With an increasing demand, the grant would be used to continue this work.

14	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	Compass Counselling	Compass Counselling aim is to preserve and protect mental health by the provision of a professional, high quality accredited 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 times or is not appropriate to their needs which has a detrimental impact on those that need help. Compass Counselling 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
£5,000	£5,000	£5,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant of £5,000 be given.

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, including supporting more people on a low income. This includes Younger adults being targeted for support as this is a growth area, exacerbated by the pandemic, 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 as there had been a 15% increase in this cohort. Due to the pandemic Compass provided counselling remotely by phone or Zoom.

15	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	Ellingham and Ringwood Rugby Club	Ellingham and Ringwood Rugby club provide opportunities for all ages and sex to play rugby with over 20 teams, and provide facilities for use of groups including pre-school, yoga, and sports. The Club also supports the community and works with other groups, for example Food Banks.

Last Year's Request	Last Year's Award	Request
£N/A	£N/A	£9,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant of £4,500 be given.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The Club supports the Council's priority of health and wellbeing and is requesting a one-off grant. The grant funding will be used to fund a programme of development work in all the local infant, junior and secondary schools to promote both the sport and the club. In addition to working with children, teachers will be trained to enable them to deliver future training. This project will be for both boys and girls and will support the Council's objectives of increasing physical activity levels

for targeted groups and improving the physical and mental wellbeing of local residents. The Club has had a reduction in income and is meeting running costs through reserves.

16	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
£5,000	£2,500	£5,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant is not paid.

REASON FOR DECISION:

Whilst the Group felt this was a good project which complied with the objectives of the Council, the request for £5,000 had not been intended for a specific project or ongoing running costs, but rather to be used to supplement reserves. However grants have been received from other organisations, to support their activities and the project appeared to be in a relatively robust state financially. The Council will look to work with the project in the coming year.

B. CAPITAL GRANTS

17	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 other organisations, such as CAMHS. The project is to improve the theatre building to enable it to be more self-sufficient, sustainable and energy efficient. This includes new flexible seating, replacing blown windows, creating a mezzanine floor for costume storage and converting a storeroom into a functional dressing room. This project will improve facilities, customer experience, enable conferencing and reduce energy bills.

Total Cost	Other Funding	Request
£60,000	£27,000	£30,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant of £19,000 be paid.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The project had a number of positive aspects that will contribute to the financial sustainability of the organisation by reducing overheads and creating a more environmentally friendly facility. It is hoped that by contributing to the reduction of costs, the savings will support the organisation allowing them to better use their funds on projects that continue to support the residents of the New Forest. The funding is expected to support the replacement of the windows of the Forest Forge Theatre Company building. This will ensure a secure, and more energy and cost efficient building and improve it aesthetically.

18	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	SPUD	SPUD intend to construct a bespoke purpose designed space for people living with dementia and their families, known as the Living Room. The Living Room is a 6m circular building which creates a safe, friendly and accessible environment and where participants can engage with artists to explore memory and share experiences. In time, the building may be used to provide a space for those suffering with mental health.

Total Cost	Other Funding	Request
£105,000	£55,000	£50,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That no grant be given.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The Group are supportive of SPUD and its activities but considered that £50,000 for a 6m wide building to be a significant sum when considering the overall budget and impact. Also it noted that partnership funding had not been secured. SPUD is applying for alternative funding and are encouraged to reapply once they have explored other avenues and the project is fully developed.

19	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	New Forest Heritage Centre	The project is the refurbishment of the shop at the Heritage centre to transform it into an inspiring and improved retail shop. This includes replacing display units, improving the entrance and flow around the shop. It is hoped an improved shop will increase footfall and income, and therefore make the centre more sustainable for the future.

Total Cost	Other Funding	Request
£150,000	£50,000	£50,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That no grant be given.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The Group had previously considered 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 still not clear. The Group considered many factors when deciding not to recommend a grant. This included the level of funding previously awarded to assist the Heritage Centre and the high cost of a retail project which was focussing on developing only the retail part of the building, at a time of uncertainty for the retail sector. There was a lack of clarity about the funding, with applications for funding yet to be made to other organisations. Any capital application should be as a last resort and funding for the project had not been secured. The

business case presented lacked evidence and it was not made clear to the Group how the grant would benefit the wider community and support the Council's objectives.

Whilst the Council had historically supported the Centre with significant grants, including a modest revenue grant for 2021/22, it did not feel that further support was appropriate at this time for this type of project.

20	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	Martin Club	Martin club is located in the small village of 425 people and is a social club open to all providing a bar, snooker, film nights and has a function room which is available for hire. The project is to repair the roof, rewire and insulate the building, install heating and refurbish throughout to ensure it is a vibrant community hub. The project will also include building a community owned 2 bedroom flat.

Total Cost	Other Funding	Request
£390,000	£240,000	£75,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That no grant is paid.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The Group considered that the grant request is a significant sum and the project is on a large scale in proportion to its membership of 140 persons. The Group felt the project could be scaled down and there was little indication that such a large-scale facility would be viable. The funding secured is from the potential sale of part of the land, which the Group considered could be used to fund improvements to a more modest building that can deliver essential services for the community.

21	APPLICANT:	SUMMARY
	New Milton Men's Shed	New Milton Men's Shed aims to bring men together in a safe and friendly environment in order to promote physical and mental health and reduce social isolation as well as benefiting the local community. The group currently meet in a temporary workshop which limits activities. The project involves the construction of a new permanent workshop. This will provide better access, space to facilitate more members, a better environment and a permanent location.

Total Cost	Other Funding	Request
£60,000	£5,000	£30,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant is not paid.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The Group were sympathetic to the project and supports its cause. However contrary to the funding criteria, planning permission has yet to be secured for the construction of the new workshop and there had been limited exploration of funding from other sources. Therefore it was considered that a grant is not appropriate at this stage. However, the Group are welcome to reapply when their project has obtained permission and explored further funding.

22	APPLICANT:	SUMMARY
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	Tottonians Rugby Club	Tottonians Rugby Club is a rugby club based in Totton which provide opportunities for all ages and sexes to play rugby and supports the wider community. The number of teams is increasing, especially with younger and female players. The existing changing facilities are limited and not suitable for the number of teams and ages and sexes of players. The project involves building changing rooms for female and children participants, a tractor and equipment store and clubhouse extension.
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Total Cost	Other Funding	Request
£165,000	£75,000	£25,000

That a grant of £25,000 be paid.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The Group recognised the positive impact Tottonians Rugby Club have in their community and encourage the promotion of sport and physical activity. The club have worked hard to secure the majority of funding for the project, including using their own funds, and the facility will be used to increase participation among female residents. This is a priority target for the council.

23	APPLICANT:	SUMMARY
	Orchard Junior School	Orchard Junior School is a school in Dibden for 360 children aged between 7 and 11. Currently pupils and staff have to access part of the building via an uneven grassed area which can become muddy and wet. This has become a greater issue with the pandemic due to maintaining class bubbles, and affects some children with limited mobility. There are also health and safety concerns, for example fire evacuations. The project involves the construction a perimeter path

Total Cost	Other Funding	Request
£8,190	£2,000	£4,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant of £4,000 be given should the application from Hampshire County Council not be successful.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The Group were supportive of the application to ensure a non-slip, clean, level surface to improve and enable safe access for children and staff. The pathway will enable safe access for a partially sighted pupil, reduce accidents, cleaning costs and provide a safer school environment, including fire evacuations and Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans.

24	APPLICANT	SUMMARY
	Fordingbridge and District Community Association	The Avonway Community Centre plays a vital role in the community, providing a social hub and facilities to around 40 groups and accommodates a pre-school and ad-hoc users. Weekly footfall is around 1,400. The project involves repairing the building, including the deteriorating roof which requires re-felting, re-battening, re-slating and flashings. The roof currently leaks, is poorly insulated, is costly to maintain, and is a health and safety risk. Youths have climbed onto the roof, posing a further risk, and works will be undertaken to remove two redundant chimney stacks which are unsafe.

Total Cost	Other Funding	Request
£44,615	£10,734	£22,300

RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant of £22,300 be given.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The Avonway Community Centre in Fordingbridge is widely used asset by a range of groups, hosting a variety of functions and activities. It is a vital hub for the whole community, supporting the Council's key priorities. The grant would go towards ensuring the building is safe, secure, and viable for the future, as well as reducing anti-social behaviour.
