

Report of the Shipley Area Co-ordinator to the meeting of Shipley Area Committee to be held on 28th July 2021

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Subject:

Community Chest Grants 1 April 2021 to present. Cohesion and Integration Innovation Fund 2020/2021

Summary statement:

This report summarises the Community Chest Grants awarded in this financial year April 2021 to present and the Cohesion and Integration Innovation Fund awarded in the financial year April 2020 to March 2021, for the benefit of communities within the Shipley Constituency.

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY:

The Community Chest grants is open to, and actively promoted to, groups and organisations and individuals working in and with all the communities in the Shipley Constituency.

The Cohesion and Integration Innovation Fund was actively promoted to, groups and organisations working in and with all the communities in the Shipley Constituency

The work undertaken by those in receipt of the grants described in this report contributes to Objective 3 of the Council's equality objectives by helping them to actively engage with their communities and enabling more people to take part in the life of the District.

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:

Corporate

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report summarises the Community Chest Grants awarded in this financial year April 2021 to present and the Cohesion and Integration Innovation Fund awarded in the financial year April 2020 to March 2021, for the benefit of communities within the Shipley Constituency.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Community Chest budget is intended to assist community based, leisure and cultural activities. Applications which meet with the criteria are considered from groups, organisations and individuals contributing across a broad spectrum of initiatives, to the well-being and development of communities within the Shipley area.
- 2.2 Details of the Community Chest grants awarded from April 2021 to present are outlined in Appendix A.
- 2.3 The Cohesion and Integration Innovation Fund was intended to give local communities an opportunity to provide initiatives for building cohesion and integration in their neighbourhoods. It is about stimulating new thinking, building new partnerships and testing innovative approaches.
- 2.4 Details of the Cohesion and Integration Innovation Fund projects and the amounts awarded in 2021/2022 are in Appendix B.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 None.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 The Community Chest budget for the Shipley Constituency for the financial year April 2021 to March 2022 is £11,500.
- 4.2 The Cohesion and Integration Innovation Fund budget for the financial year April 2020 to March 2021 was £10,000.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- 5.1 There are no issues.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

- 6.1 There are no issues.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1.1 Community Chest grants enable community groups to become more sustainable eg start up grants.

7.2 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

7.2.1 There are no issues.

7.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

7.3.1 Recipients of the Community Chest grant and the Cohesion and Integration Innovation fund have been instructed to follow the national Covid guidance when carrying out any activities.

7.4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

7.4.1 There are no implications.

7.5 TRADE UNION

7.5.1 There are no implications.

7.6 WARD PLAN IMPLICATIONS

7.6.1 Community Chest grants address priorities within all the Shipley area ward plans.

7.7 IMPLICATIONS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING

7.7.1 There are no implications.

7.8 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT

7.8.1 There are no issues.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

8.1 None.

9. OPTIONS

9.1 None.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That the wide range of groups, organisations and individuals across the Shipley area which have benefited from receiving a Community Chest grant and Cohesion and Integration Innovation Fund be noted and welcomed.

10.2 That the Grants Advisory Group is thanked for their work in providing guidance to the Shipley Area Co-ordinator in the effective allocation of the Community Chest grant and the Cohesion and Integration Innovation fund.

11. APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix A: Summary of Community Chest grants awarded April 2021 to present.

11.2 Appendix B: Summary of Cohesion and Integration Innovation fund awarded 2020/2021

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

12.1 None.

COMMUNITY CHEST GRANT UPDATE APRIL 2021 TO PRESENT

ORGANISATION	WHAT WAS GRANT USED FOR	AMOUNT AWARDED
The Parish Church of St Paul	Bird boxes, seating and top soil	£500.00
High Crag Primary Leadership Academy	Community garden to support food bank	£500.00
The Speak In Club CIC	Banners, flyers and posters, personal training to run a boot camp	£500.00
1 st Shipley Scout Group	Maps and compasses	£400.00
Wilsden Village Nursery	Mud kitchen and storage shed for outdoor play	£500.00
Baildon Green Community Association	Start-up grant for the new Community Association	£500.00
Menston in Bloom	Equipment for nursery/growing on area for plants which will then be used in planters and beds	£500.00
	Amount Spent	£3,400.00
	Balance Remaining	£8,100.00

COHESION AND INTEGRATION INNOVATION FUND 2020/2021

ORGANISATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT AWARDED
North East Windhill Community Association	<p>First Steps</p> <p>NEWCA will recruit people from the minority groups within the Windhill community area to visit BAME people, young people, women and white working class groups and invite them to the sessions detailed below at the Centre.</p> <p>Encourage them to address meetings as a "guest speaker" [Guest speakers will be invited to address the key areas where possible]; This is needed to reflect the diversity within the community and to promote equality of opportunity.</p> <p>Workshops [overview]...</p> <p>Welcome;</p> <p>Meet your neighbours: promote getting to know people in your area;</p> <p>Joining in with activities [to be decided by group];</p> <p>Refreshments;</p> <p>Introduction to ESOL;</p> <p>Q&A with a Welfare Advisor.</p>	£995.00
Wilsden Village Hall	<p>Acts of Kindness</p> <p>The aim of the Acts of Kindness project is to build a greater cohesion and understanding between younger and older members of the community. As in most communities, perceptions of young people can often be negative, particularly where young people are seen to be 'hanging about' on the streets, the perception from older members of the community is often that they are 'up to no good'. This is no different in Wilsden where periodically issues will arise in terms of anti-social behaviour which is either real or perceived and cause tensions in the community.</p> <p>The project will involve young people leaving small individual 'presents' or random acts of kindness on the doorsteps of older members of the community. Young people will also write letters to older people sharing aspects of their lives and aspirations and older people will be encouraged to write back to the young people in the same manner. It is envisaged that young people and older people can learn something about each other and break down barriers to engagement prior to actually meeting. When the groups finally do meet each other, they will feel that they have some knowledge of each other and with young people taking the initiative and leading the project, this will promote more positive images of young people in the community.</p> <p>When it is safe to do so, the young people and older people will be encouraged to meet face to face at local community buildings. This meeting will be planned and organised by the young people and will include an element of fun and also discussion about how young and older can work together to build a stronger and healthier community.</p>	£4,500.00

	<p>The aim will be to engage members of the community to engage in such activities as litter picks, flower planting and community events to improve the local environment, but also to share skills and knowledge through a series of projects following the initial kick start of the programme.</p> <p>The project will be delivered through a partnership between Wilsden Village Hall and the Youth Service and rolled out through the whole district. Wilsden Village Hall already has a small group of young volunteers and it is hoped that this will be extended through the Acts of Kindness project and the partnership between Wilsden Village Hall will continue to develop and blossom.</p>	
Bradford Disability Sport and Leisure	<p>Dance Artyfacts</p> <p>The disability participants (who are a variety of ages ranging from 8 – 70 years) have experienced isolation from friends including missing the social aspect of things throughout Co-vid 19. They had previously supported an art project online during covid where they had some interest from members. They want to encourage participants to have some FUN online with each other, encourage some physical activity and develop a new skill, something some of our participants have been doing through lockdown. These sessions provide a platform for Fun sessions with elements of Dance and Art, which will be related each week. They hope to increase participants self-confidence, social skills, learn a new skill, be inspired to try new things, encourage family and friends, developing some details of art awareness, ability to work and support one another (mentoring). They are also increasing health awareness, providing opportunities to work in a mixed ability (disability and able bodied) environment.</p>	£2,250.00
Friends of Roberts Park	<p>Promoting ownership by directly involving the wider Bradford community to plant trees and highlight the importance of bio diversity through direct hands on education. Participation from all our Bradford district communities of all ages and backgrounds.</p> <p>Highlight the importance of a clean safe spaces for general wellbeing and health for all.</p> <p>This project aims to improve bio diversity in Roberts Park while promoting the importance of green space in our urban district built environment.</p> <p>Create a natural visual splendour promoting Roberts Park as a tourist go place within Visit Bradford initiative.</p> <p>Green space heritage initiative promoting environmental improvement and historical planting. Completing an unfinished 1870 landscape design creating an avenue of Cherry Blossom trees for future generations.</p> <p>Encourage a greater range of pollinator /insects and wildlife improving our visitor green space experience.</p>	£2.255.00
	Amount Spent	£10,000.00