

Cultivate Fund applications recommended by the Recommendation Panel held on 30 March 2022 presented to the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee for final decision.

Applicant and Project Name	Project Description	Amount of funding requested
<p>Astrea Academy Trust</p> <p>'St Neots Youth Provision'</p>	<p>This is a 2-year project requesting £15,000 towards a Community Youth Worker post and a youth café, to provide a safe space, with constructive activities, for young people at risk of exploitation in St Neots.</p> <p>Astrea Academy Trust runs two secondary schools in St Neots, Longsands Academy and Ernulf Academy. This project is a partnership with the two schools and ONE Leisure, which has a site at Ernulf. It will also work with a wider multi-agency partnership to fund diversionary and engaging positive activities and safe spaces for young people to ultimately improve their outcomes, their health and well-being and keep them safe. They intend to recruit, train and support a team of volunteers to enable a greater reach and capacity although initially the intention is to meaningfully engage and support 50 young people.</p> <p>Astrea will provide a safe social space with a café (ONE Leisure at Ernulf) and some structured activities. Outreach would take place in school and volunteers would be trained for the main social space and the additional activities. The future sustainability of the project depends on a combination of volunteers who will be trained and other community groups seeing the benefits and taking this over in the longer term.</p> <p>This project meets the objectives of the Cultivate Community Youth Worker Model.</p>	<p>£15,000</p>
<p>Cambridge & District Youth for Christ</p> <p>'Supporting Young People'</p>	<p>This is a 2-year project requesting £14,138.53 to increase the hours of a p/t Youth Worker in St Neots to enable them to run weekly breakfast sessions at a secondary school and establish a new weekly drop-in after school cafe at another school.</p>	<p>£14,138.53</p>

<p>across St Neots and the Surrounding villages'</p>	<p>Youth for Christ has experience of running youth activities and this grant will increase their Youth Worker from 50% FTE to 70% FTE to expand these activities to allow for additional mentoring, a weekly breakfast club and another Youth Café and outreach work across St Neots in some of its most in need areas.</p> <p>They will work with Ernulf Secondary school, Astrea Academy, The Food Bank, The Ely Diocese and others. They have piloted delivery of mentoring in schools, and the drop in café which they are now keen to develop and secure a long-term vision for as reliable, local youth services where young people can access a trusted professional in a safe, engaging environment. They aim to engage young people who are not attending school / lower attendance so this initiative will strengthen and compliment the Astrea Academy Trust application and extend the reach so that the youth offer across St Neots is accessible to all.</p> <p>This project meets the objectives of the Cultivate Community Youth Worker Model.</p>	
<p>Fusion Youth Projects CIO</p> <p>'Fusion Youth Projects'</p>	<p>This is 2-year project requesting £14,574.40 towards the salary of a full time Community Youth Worker to join the Fusion team in Huntingdon.</p> <p>Fusion will use a Community Youth Worker for two main projects – an in-school primary and secondary project and a volunteer project. This project will extend their reach to additional schools that they have not previously worked with including Hinchbrook and CRC Huntingdon. The core focus of this work will be to support the transition from primary to secondary and then working with those already at secondary school who are potentially less resilient and more immature than usual due to Covid-19. One in three children in this area are deemed to be living in poverty and multiple families are at risk of homelessness and the impact of the pandemic has worsened this situation with approx. 10% of the Oxmoor population having a clinical mental health diagnosis.</p> <p>The Youth Worker will also hold 1:1 session with any young people who require support prior to joining a group and support the development and delivery of existing and new projects and activities that will enable positive youth work</p>	<p>£14,574.40</p>

	<p>experiences for this cohort. Poor mental and physical health, poverty and poor social mobility and high rates of sexual and criminal exploitation and ASB amongst local young people means that a safe, supportive environment with professionals and role models can support significant change, reduce risks and promote better outcomes for the children and young people who access Fusion youth groups.</p> <p>120 children and young people will benefit from this funding (25 with additional needs).</p> <p>This application meets the criteria for the Cultivate Community Youth Worker Model.</p>	
<p>The Blue Smile Project</p> <p>‘Survive and Thrive transitions workshops’</p>	<p>This is a 9-month project requesting £13,130 to deliver Survive and Thrive workshop programmes across six Cambridgeshire secondary schools</p> <p>Blue Smile work with Children up to age thirteen who have emotional problems or poor Mental Health. They primarily operate in disadvantaged areas and run regular trips and activities. This project will engage Year 7 children at risk of ‘emotional based school refusal’ (EBSR) in 1:1 sessions with a therapist and six-week group workshops. 1-1 follow up sessions with the therapist and an additional group evaluation session will assess the impact of the programme.</p> <p>This project fits the local needs of children and young people well. There has been a specific increase in young people experiencing emotional school based avoidance which has become a more prevalent issue since the pandemic. Schools as a result are experiencing increased rates of persistent absenteeism and elective home education rates have increased.</p> <p>The areas of savings relate to reductions in school refusal, exclusion, missing from education, requiring alternative provision, and becoming NEET, leading to reduced Early Help/Intensive education interventions.</p>	£13,130
<p>Deafblind UK</p> <p>‘Early Intervention’</p>	<p>Deafblind UK are requesting £14,828 to work with 120 people from across the county through their Early Intervention project.</p> <p>The project aims to work with audiologists and opticians to provide a combined sight and hearing test. Deafblind UK will</p>	£14,828

	<p>work with Anglia Ruskin University to train students in dual sight and hearing tests. After the 6-month trial Deafblind UK will review the programme with ARU and assess the quantity of people that presented with potential dual loss.</p> <p>The second strand of the project also aims to work with audiologists and opticians to produce materials to raise awareness on the dual condition, this will be accompanied by a Sight and Hearing Health Roadshow allowing them to offer checks to the public and raise awareness of the dual condition.</p> <p>This project could potentially reduce the level of misdiagnosis of someone as deafblind. It could also be impactful in helping people to recognise their sensory loss as an issue and not simply an inevitable part of aging. It could also support people with learning disabilities to live independently for longer by diagnosing deaf blindness earlier. This cohort are often not recognised as having dual sensory loss as they are often not able to access dual sight or hearing tests.</p>	
<p>Find Your Wild CIC</p> <p>‘Wild Wellbeing for Carers’</p>	<p>Find Your Wild are requesting £7,342 over one year to develop their Wild Wellbeing for Carers project. The project aims to work with forty older carers and those they care for through delivering a course of nature-based wellbeing activities.</p> <p>The project focuses on building peer support and promoting physical and emotional wellbeing whilst building social connections and physiological coping strategies. The two hour sessions will be run fortnightly for 24 weeks. The sessions are led by a trained outdoor educator and a Wellbeing officer. The project will collect baseline data via self-reported wellbeing measure to assess the impact of the project.</p> <p>Find Your Wild will work in partnership with Illuminate, a Cambridgeshire based charity that offer mental health training and coaching.</p> <p>Find Your Wild have also built relationships with Metropolitan Housing Association, Social Prescribers and Cambridge Mental Health Network. These partners have all identified clients who they wish to refer into this project.</p>	£7,342

	<p>Working alongside Metropolitan HA the project also aims to recruit and train a network of Wellbeing Champions who will help to identify and recruit people to the project from their communities.</p> <p>This project has the potential to help prevent, reduce, or delay individuals from needing care and support and reduce the incidence of carer breakdown.</p>	
March Make and Mend	<p>March Make and Mend is requesting £2,500 over one year to develop a Men's Shed. The project aims to work with thirty older isolated men people in Fenland.</p> <p>Men's Shed features as one of the Seed Fund projects within the ICF linked to the ASC priority of 'connecting to the local community and staying well'. The benefits of connecting to the community and companionship and purpose are of course beneficial and for a number of men who may not feel comfortable in participating in community activities, Men's Shed provide a place with purpose. The benefits of participating include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved health and wellbeing, • Increased independence and a sense of purpose for men who are lonely or isolated, • Increased community involvement and social networks promote residents' health and well-being, • Improved mental health, • Reduced feelings of isolation and loneliness, • An offer informal learning opportunities, • Preventing carer breakdown by providing a network of support and companionship, • Improved cognition and dexterity, • Strengthened connections between younger and older members of the community. <p>As outlined above there are many documented benefits of the development of Men's Shed. This project has the potential to help prevent, reduce, or delay individuals from needing care and support with the specific focus on avoidance to our Older People's Team.</p> <p>The project is requesting £2,500, however the ICF Seed Fund Men's Shed is capped at £2,000 and it was therefore</p>	<p>Requested £2,500</p> <p>Revised offer: £2000</p>

	recommended by the ICF panel that the funding offered was £2,000.	
The Mordens and Litlington Mobile Warden Scheme 'The Mordens & Lilington Mobile Warden Scheme Relaunch'	<p>The Village Warden scheme is requesting £2,600 to review and relaunch village warden scheme that covers the South Cambs villages of: Guilden Morden, Steeple Morden, Bassingbourn and Lilington, with an aim of increasing the membership by twenty. The scheme offers support for older people enabling them to live independently in their homes and in the community they know.</p> <p>The scheme has a board of pro-active Trustees who wish to promote the service to increase uptake. It is hoped that this promotional push will increase membership which has dipped following Covid-19.</p> <p>The ICF funding will allow the scheme to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produce a brochure promoting the scheme which will be distributed to GPs, chemists, post offices and local community groups. This will encourage more people to take up the offer of the Village Warden scheme, • Scope additional services such as support with benefit applications. <p>The impact of Mobile Warden schemes in supporting people to stay happy and safe within their own homes is well documented. The project has the potential to support residents to achieve positive health and wellbeing outcomes such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reducing loneliness, - Improving mobility, - Providing co-coronation and support from other services delivered by the community and voluntary sector, - Acting as a helping hand and stop detrition of health and wellbeing through early intervention. <p>This project has the potential to delay the need for low level care packages and reduce the need for respite care for its clients.</p>	£2,600

<p>Cambridge Re-Use</p> <p>'Customer access co-ordinator'</p>	<p>This proposal is requesting £15,000 to employ a customer access co-ordinator to support the core aim of the charity to reduce the economic inequality faced by those on low income by offering low-income families furniture and home wares donated by the general public at very low cost. The project will last one year, and the co-ordinator will be paid for 25 hours per week during this time.</p> <p>The project covers Cambridge, East Cambs and South Cambs and aims to support 1500 people.</p> <p>The co-ordinator will manage stock, arrange deliveries and handle sales, records etc. They will additionally provide information to people changing to universal credit and work with community groups to help people on low incomes.</p> <p>The direct beneficiaries are families on benefits and low income which are evidenced on application. 75% of customers are in local authority housing and 65% are wholly on benefits. Of these 31% are on housing benefit, 30% on Council Tax benefit and 10% on Universal Credit. This project will look to help a wide range of clients, including a rising number that are referred from social care and those who are self-referring and not yet at the point of requiring social care. They work closely with agencies such as Jimmy's, Cambridge Aid, Women's Aid and Cambridge Housing Society.</p> <p>This early intervention project is likely to reduce pressure on Children's Social Care and reduce domestic abuse incidents.</p>	<p>£15,000</p>
<p>Cambridgeshire Community Reuse and Recycling Network Ltd (CCORRN)</p> <p>The Food Bridge</p>	<p>The proposal is requesting £15,000 for two years towards the salary of a part time Project Coordinator to extend the reach of CCORRN's Food4Good initiative beyond Wisbech and into towns and villages in Fenland.</p> <p>The Project Coordinator will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate the collection and distribution of food across the food hubs utilising CCORRNs existing fleet resources. • Support new and existing local community groups to access the right types and quantities of food for people in their villages and towns so that people who cannot 	<p>£15,000</p>

	<p>drive to the main hub can access support in their own locality.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrange swaps of surplus and proactive acquisition of food deficits. • Initiate and deliver food cooking clubs to share healthy eating and positive food relationship habits. <p>The project will support 100 families (400 people) and is likely to reduce pressure on Children's Services (early help, youth offending,) and reduce school exclusions and domestic abuse incidents.</p>	
<p>Diamond Hampers CIC</p> <p>'The Attic'</p>	<p>Requesting £8800 towards the start-up costs of a new volunteer-run shop in Huntingdonshire that offers subsidised and free homewares and clothing for low-income families, and also the provision of essential items in 'moving on boxes' for care leavers moving to independent living.</p> <p>The project will also offer opportunities for income generation via its "Made in Huntingdonshire" area of the shop that will sell locally produced items. It will also provide a 'rent a suit' scheme for job interviews and signposting to services and support such as financial and debt advice via its network of local partners.</p> <p>The Attic will complement Diamond Hampers' affordable food shop, The Pantry. Once open, The Attic and associated support services will be self-sustaining via the income generated via sales. The project is expected to reduce pressure Children's Services (early help, youth offending,) and reduce school exclusions and domestic abuse incidents.</p>	£8,800
<p>Meadows Children and Family Wing</p> <p>'Specialist Family Support Drop In'</p>	<p>Requesting £14,520 for one year to provide weekly specialist family support drop-in sessions for 200 mothers and their children, who are survivors of domestic abuse, addressing social and/or economic needs and preventing risks promoting positive healthy lifestyles and outcomes.</p> <p>The drop-in sessions will be facilitated by two specialist trained domestic abuse facilitators, a family worker and playworker based at the Meadows Community Centre in Cambridge.</p>	£14,520

	<p>The domestic abuse workers will provide support on areas including managing abuse past separation including around child contact and financial abuse, housing, debt management, parenting support including managing children's behaviour and recovery following abuse, healthy lifestyles, and economic challenges post-covid. The support staff will provide emotional and practical support e.g. writing letters for legal aid, issuing food bank vouchers, applying for vital resources through Central Aid applications and the Household Support Fund, referrals for specialist support including Rape Crisis, contacting utility companies, housing and debt companies negotiating repayment plans, and liaising with partners including mental health teams.</p> <p>Additional grant funding will be sought elsewhere to ensure the longer-term sustainability of this project.</p> <p>This project is likely to reduce pressure on Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVA) and Early Help Family Workers, leading to savings and allowing the services to focus on new high-risk cases.</p>	
<p>Anglia Ruskin University</p> <p>'Child Sex Trafficking in England and Wales: The need to address the gaps in knowledge'</p>	<p>This project is requesting £7,529 toward the costs of developing and delivering pilot training workshops on child sex trafficking (CST) that will help upskill social workers, child protection practitioners and other frontline staff working with young people in communities across Cambridgeshire.</p> <p>This pilot training programme will fill a training gap as currently there are no training programmes that specifically focus on child sex trafficking. The National Crime Agency (2021) have indicated that CST has risen 535% over the last eight years and is continuing to surge. Another related issue the training will address is the exploitation of children and young people by county lines drugs gangs, including the increasing trend to recruit females for sexual purposes.</p> <p>The applicant undertook their original research with Cambridgeshire County Council Social Workers. This project will also involve other services working with children and young people thereby ensuring a multi-agency approach that includes early help and health services, and youth offending</p>	£7,529

	<p>services, which are often the agencies having first contact with vulnerable children and young people.</p> <p>This project is likely to reduce pressure on looked after children's services, including fostering services, residential care and potentially child protection conference processes, safeguarding reviews (serious case reviews) and youth offending services.</p>	
Total grant offer:	£144,461.93	