

**INNOVATE AND CULTIVATE FUND RECOMMENDED APPLICATIONS**

*To:* **Communities and Partnership Committee**

*Meeting Date:* **27 September 2018**

*From:* **Sarah Ferguson: Assistant Director, Housing,  
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*Electoral division(s):* **All**

*Forward Plan ref:* **N/A** *Key decision:* **No**

*Purpose:* To provide the Communities and Partnership Committee with:

- a) The outcome of the 17 September Innovate and Cultivate Fund (ICF) Recommendation Panel
- b) A summary of funded ICF projects to date
- c) Deadlines for future funding rounds
- d) Outline of work in progress to further improve the Cultivate fund (2.6 in the report)

*Recommendation:* Communities and Partnership Committee is asked to consider recommendations of the panel and confirm agreement to fund two applications through the Cultivate Fund (detailed in Appendix One) namely:

- Disability Huntingdonshire - Focus on Older People
- Romsey Mill – Aspire

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<b>1.</b>	<b>BACKGROUND</b>
<b>1.1</b>	The Innovation Fund was initially launched in November 2016 and five projects were due to receive approved funding from April 2017 as a result of that application process. Learning from those early rounds a review and refresh of the fund was carried out resulting in the current Innovate and Cultivate Fund as agreed by Communities and Partnership Committee on 24 August 2017.
<b>1.2</b>	The fund is open to voluntary, community and social enterprise sector organisations based in and outside of Cambridgeshire and public sector bodies in Cambridgeshire, to realise their projects and ideas that help address the needs of local residents.
<b>1.3</b>	<p>There are two funding streams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cultivate:</b> small grants of £2,000-£10,000 aimed at encouraging local networks where people help themselves and each other. This is a single stage application process, where Communities and Partnership Committee consider the final recommendations of the panel before confirming award</li> <li>• <b>Innovate:</b> larger grants of up to £50,000, for larger projects that demonstrate an innovative approach within one of the seven key priorities for Cambridgeshire. This is a two-stage application process where applicants present a more detailed logic model, delivery and budget plan to the panel as part of the second stage, after which Communities and Partnership Committee consider the final recommendations of the panel before confirming award</li> </ul>
<b>1.4</b>	<p>All applicants to the fund are required to demonstrate a number of stated criteria including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• how their project will help to deliver one or more of the County Council's key outcomes</li> <li>• show they will reduce pressure on council services and/or offer direct savings for the council</li> <li>• be either a new, or build on an existing project in a new location or with new beneficiaries</li> </ul>
<b>2.</b>	<b>MAIN ISSUES</b>
<b>2.1</b>	The most recent funding round ended on 1 <sup>st</sup> August and was open to applications for the cultivate fund only. A total of 7 eligible applications were received in this current round.
<b>2.2</b>	Each application was carefully considered in full by the Recommendation Panel on 17th September 2018. In accordance with Committee decision of 24 August 2017, the Panel is made up of two County Council Service or Assistant Directors, Head of Finance, a senior officer involved in managing the fund, a trustee of Cambridgeshire Community Foundation and five elected members from the Communities and Partnership Committee.
<b>2.3</b>	The outcome of the panel is that two applications to the '£2,000 -£10,000' Cultivate

	<p>Fund have been recommended by the panel for funding and are reported to this Committee for final decision, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disability Huntingdonshire - Focus on Older People</li> <li>• Romsey Mill – Aspire</li> </ul> <p>A summary of each of the recommended Cultivate Fund applications is detailed in Appendix One attached.</p>
<b>2.4</b>	<p>Since the refresh of the Innovate &amp; Cultivate Fund in September 2017 and up to July 2018, nineteen projects have received grant funding, including twelve Cultivate and seven Innovate projects. Five projects previously received funding as a result of the original Innovation Fund, bringing the total number of projects receiving funding to twenty-four.</p> <p>A total of £546,597 of grant funding from the Innovation Fund and the Innovate &amp; Cultivate Fund has been committed up to July 2018.</p> <p>A brief summary of Innovation Fund and Innovate &amp; Cultivate Fund projects that received funding up to July 2018 is in Appendix Two attached.</p>
<b>2.5</b>	<p>The next funding round is currently being advertised with a deadline for applications of 1 November 2018 and is open to applications for both Innovate and Cultivate funding.</p> <p>The main service priorities remain as Adult Social Care and Children &amp; Families. A pre-application advice session for potential applicants was held on 24 September at March Community Centre.</p>
<b>2.6</b>	<p>Work is in progress to review the fund in line with the Communities and Partnership Committee agreement of 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018 which set out the questions to be addressed in the end of year evaluation. This includes reviewing the priorities of the fund to explicitly focus on successful service demand initiatives or interventions, and reconsidering the threshold of the Cultivate fund. The outcome of that work will be reported to the 8 November committee.</p> <p>Officers are also considering how ICF can dovetail with District and City initiatives and link with the draft Cambridgeshire Lottery and crowdfunding opportunities currently being explored by Transformation colleagues.</p>
<b>3.</b>	<b>ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES</b>
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Developing the local economy for the benefit of all</b>
	There are no significant implications for this priority.
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Helping people live healthy and independent lives</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The focus of the Fund is supporting people to live healthy and independent lives.</li> <li>• It focuses upon the most vulnerable groups who are most likely to experience</li> </ul>

	health inequalities.
<b>3.3</b>	<b>Supporting and protecting vulnerable people</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The focus of the Fund is to enhance delivery against this priority e.g. where the support of the voluntary and community sector could make a real difference to the lives of vulnerable people.</li> </ul>
<b>4.</b>	<b>SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
	The Fund makes most efficient use of resources. The finance team have agreed all recommendations.
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications</b>
	Although grants are exempt from procurement regulations, procurement advice has been taken on the grant application process and member involvement in recommending bids for award and final decision of award.
<b>4.3</b>	<b>Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications</b>
	Legal advice has been taken in the setting up of this Fund and in the creation of the grant application and monitoring process
<b>4.4</b>	<b>Equality and Diversity Implications</b>
	The focus of this Fund on supporting the most vulnerable will mean this investment will make a positive contribution to issues of equality.
<b>4.5</b>	<b>Engagement and Communications Implications</b>
	The plans for engagement and communication of this Fund are as agreed at July 2017 Committee.
<b>4.6</b>	<b>Localism and Local Member Involvement</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community empowerment sits at the heart of the Innovate and Cultivate Fund which enhances the opportunity for local community organisations to bid for projects which harness the energy of their community.</li> <li>In accordance with the decision at August Committee, Members play a key role in considering each application on its own merits and against the fund criteria. The Communities and Partnership Committee receive recommendations for funding from the Recommendation Panel</li> </ul>
<b>4.7</b>	<b>Public Health Implications</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Innovate and Cultivate Fund affords opportunities for individuals and</li> </ul>

	communities to develop their skills and resilience to undertake initiatives that improve health and well-being.
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Implications	Officer Clearance
Have the resource implications been cleared by Finance?	Yes Name of Financial Officer: Martin Wade
Have the procurement/contractual/ Council Contract Procedure Rules implications been cleared by Finance?	Yes Name of Officer: Paul White
Has the impact on statutory, legal and risk implications been cleared by LGSS Law?	Yes or No Name of Legal Officer: <i>response awaited</i>
Have the equality and diversity implications been cleared by your Service Contact?	Yes Name of Officer: Adrian Chapman
Have any engagement and communication implications been cleared by Communications?	Yes Name of Officer: Matthew Hall
Have any localism and Local Member involvement issues been cleared by your Service Contact?	Yes Name of Officer: Adrian Chapman
Have any Public Health implications been cleared by Public Health	Yes Name of Officer: Val Thomas

Source Documents	Location
Cambridgeshire Community Foundation Innovate and Cultivate Fund application forms and guidance.	Application Form: <a href="https://ukcf.secure.force.com/forms/ICF">https://ukcf.secure.force.com/forms/ICF</a>  Guidance: <a href="https://www.cambscf.org.uk/icf.html">https://www.cambscf.org.uk/icf.html</a>
Establishing a Local Authority Lottery in Cambridgeshire - Paper to Commercial & Investments Committee: 23 March 2018	Committee published papers:  <a href="https://cmis.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/ccf_live/Com">https://cmis.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/ccf_live/Com</a>

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**Innovate and Cultivate Fund**

**Cultivate fund applications (£2k-£10k) recommended by the panel to the Communities and Partnership Committee for final decision.**

<b>Applicant and Project Name</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Amount of funding requested</b>
Disability Huntingdonshire (DISH)	<p>To provide benefits information advice and support to older people to enable them to continue living independently. The project will increase the numbers of eligible older people claiming Attendance Allowance (a benefit which helps with extra costs if a person has a disability or long-term condition severe enough that they need somebody to look after them).</p> <p>The project aims to do this by supporting individuals to stay independent, safe and well in their own homes by enabling them to access financial information and advice at an early stage about the benefits and support they are eligible for, thus helping them to manage their finances and resources without necessarily seeking care and support from the Council. The project will also link individuals to other relevant community groups and services.</p> <p>In addition, the project will supplement the existing capacity of the Welfare Benefits Team to support older people within Huntingdonshire and South Cambridgeshire to receive benefits information and advice and support them to complete welfare benefit applications.</p>	£7,767
Romsey Mill	<p>To provide youth clubs for 140 children and young people with an autistic spectrum condition enabling them to meet others and develop social skills. This project will extend the Aspire programme, which provides youth work support to young people with Autistic Spectrum Condition from a reach of 90 young people to an additional 50.</p> <p>The groups increase the young people's sense of belonging, confidence and social skills providing a supportive space where they can be themselves, whilst offering practical help for some of the issues they face such as bullying, low self-esteem, independent living and developing friendships. The aim is to allow the young people to enjoy the same activities as others their age in a safe space where their needs are understood and where they don't face the risk of exclusion. This service will reduce demand on SEND specialist services and Early Help District Teams.</p>	£9,903

## Appendix Two

### All projects funded by the Innovation Fund or Innovate & Cultivate Fund up to July 2018

Organisation	Service	Project description	Awarded up to:
<b>Innovation Fund</b>			
Carers Trust Cambridgeshire	Adult Social Care	to develop carer friendly community hubs, open to all, but particularly targeted at the over 80s as most at risk	£49,999
CHS Group	Adult Social Care	to develop more Timebanks across the county, further integrate them with another Time Currency called Time Credits, and enable the Timebanks themselves to become more financially sustainable	£49,984
Little Miracles CIO	Children & Families	to deliver services for families with disabled children across Cambridgeshire	£35,000
Somersham Parish Council	Adult Social Care	to carry out activities specifically aimed at improving the quality of life for those with neurological conditions ; the variety of sessions would include dance, chair exercises, etc	£25,000
Switch Now CIC	Children & Families	to train, support and mentor young adults with learning difficulties to progress towards voluntary, paid or self-employment	£10,500
<b>Innovate</b>			
Age UK Cambridgeshire & Peterborough	Adult Social Care	to support the setup of a network of Friendship Clubs for older people in areas of Cambridgeshire where the provision of such services is limited	£32,740
Cambridgeshire Deaf Association	Adult Social Care	to hire a volunteer manager to develop a pool of volunteers who will provide support for people within the deaf community	£50,000
Care Network Cambridgeshire	Adult Social Care	to enable local communities and individuals to set up micro enterprises, circles of support, and groups to meet the identified needs of their communities, through research, promotion and support	£49,475
The Resilience Group (Blue Smile, CFMS & Relate Cambridge)	Children & Families	to provide therapeutic support to disadvantaged local children, whilst simultaneously providing parenting wellbeing programmes, in order to strengthen families and relieve Council pressures	£31,055
The Cinnamon Network	Children & Families/ Adult Social Care	to support churches across Cambridgeshire to start models of social action to reduce pressure on front-line council resources.	£17,800
Meadows Children and Family Wing	Children & Families	to support female victims of domestic abuse and their children through a range of 1-1	£49,478



		and group services.	
Romsey Mill	Children & Families	to provide specialist support for isolated and disadvantaged young people in Trumpington to help them fulfil their potential	£49,062.25
<b>Cultivate</b>			
British Gymnastics Foundation	Adult Social Care	to run Love to Move in a community venue, to help older people with improve their movement and social activity	£9,999
Ely St. John's Primary School	Children & Families	to train all school staff in the therapeutic behaviour model and to bring children, staff and parents together to design improvements to the school environment	£5,000
Godmanchester Town Council	Adult Social Care	to launch a Time Bank in Godmanchester to bring people together and help one another	£5,426
Holy Trinity Church Hildersham PCC	Adult Social Care	to appoint a community development worker to work alongside an existing Parish Nurse	£10,000
Houghton & Wyton Time Bank	Adult Social Care	to connect young people and old people through volunteering, to reduce isolation	£10,000
South Cambridgeshire District Council	Adult Social Care	to run a social prescribing service to help older people stay independent in their communities	£10,000
Stretham Youth Club	Adult Social Care	to run a community led drop-in and activities project for over 60s	£3,900
The Cambridgeshire Police Shrievally Trust	Children & Families	to run a Bobby Scheme to support families and children who have been victims of crime to help them recover from the trauma	£10,000
East Leightonstone PCC	Children & Families	to provide 2-3 additional youth cafes for young people to spend time after school and access pastoral support from trained volunteers	£10,000
Cambridge Women's Resource Centre	Children & Families	to identify and support 10 vulnerable mothers who might struggle to sustain a healthy pregnancy and prepare for a healthy relationship with their babies	£10,000
Cambridgeshire Hearing Help	Adult Social Care	to re-design the organisation's technology infrastructure to meet ever-increasing demand and prevent older people's social care needs from escalating	£4,680
Ramsey Neighbourhoods Trust	Adult Social Care	to establish and coordinate a Timebank to reduce isolation, promote community resilience and enable residents to live well independently	£7,500