

INNOVATE AND CULTIVATE FUND – ENDORSEMENT OF RECOMMENDATIONS

To: Communities and Partnership Committee

Meeting Date: 23 January 2020

From: Sarah Ferguson: Assistant Director, Housing, Communities and Youth

Electoral division(s): All (also specifically Bar Hill, Burwell, Chatteris, Cottenham & Willingham, Hardwick, March North & Waldersley, March South & Rural, Roman Bank & Peckover, Whittlesey North, Whittlesey South, Wisbech East and Wisbech West)

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

Purpose: To provide the Communities and Partnership Committee with the outcome of the 16 January 2020 Innovate & Cultivate Fund (ICF) Recommendation Panel.

Recommendation: The Communities and Partnership Committee is asked to:

Consider the recommendations of the panel and confirm agreement to fund the following five applications through the Cultivate funding stream:

- Caldecote, Dry Drayton and Hardwick Community Scheme
- Burwell and District Day Centre
- Fenland District Council – Active Fenland
- Sustainable Cottenham
- Huntington’s Disease Association

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Innovation Fund was initially launched in November 2016. A review and refresh of the fund was carried out the following year resulting in the current Innovate and Cultivate Fund as agreed by Communities and Partnership Committee on 24 August 2017.
- 1.2 In accordance with Committee decision of 24 August 2017, a Recommendation Panel considers applications to the fund and is made up of three County Council Service or Assistant Directors, the Chief Finance Officer or Head of Finance, a senior officer involved in managing the fund, a representative of Cambridgeshire Community Foundation and five elected members from the Communities and Partnership Committee.
- 1.3 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 deliver projects and ideas that help address the needs of local residents.
- 1.4 There are two funding streams:
 - **Cultivate:** grants of £2,000-£19,000 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.
 - **Innovate:** grants of £19,001 - £50,000, for projects that demonstrate an innovative approach. This is a two-stage application process where second stage applicants present a more detailed project plan and quarterly activity and budget plans to the panel, after which the Communities and Partnership Committee consider the panel recommendations before confirming award.
- 1.5 All applicants to the fund are required to demonstrate a number of stated criteria including the following key criteria:
 - Project outcomes align with key funding priorities for Children & Families services, Adult Social Care or other council priorities
 - Projects show they will reduce pressure on council services and/or offer direct savings for the council,
 - Projects must be either new, or build on an existing project in a new location or with new beneficiaries.

2. MAIN ISSUES

- 2.1 On 16th January 2020 the Recommendation Panel considered 11 project proposals to the Cultivate funding stream.
- 2.2 The outcome of the panel is that 5 Cultivate applications have been recommended for funding and are reported to this Committee for final decision, namely:
 - Caldecote, Dry Drayton and Hardwick Community Scheme
 - Burwell and District Day Centre
 - Fenland District Council – Active Fenland
 - Sustainable Cottenham
 - Huntington's Disease Association

- 2.3 The amount of funding committed to date is £1,249,496.25. If the Cultivate applications recommended to the Communities and Partnership Committee within this report are approved, the total committed will be up to £1,285,735.25.

A summary of each of the recommended applications is detailed in **Appendix 1**.

3. ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3.1 A good quality of life for everyone

The focus of the Fund is supporting people to live healthy and independent lives. It focuses upon the most vulnerable groups and enables a locally delivered approach which improves the outcomes for our citizens and communities, as well as to prevent and delay demand for statutory intervention.

3.2 Thriving places for people to live

The Fund affords opportunities for individuals and communities to develop their skills and resilience to undertake initiatives that improve and enable independence, health and well-being.

3.3 The best start for Cambridgeshire's children

A key 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 children and families, providing opportunities for the whole population to succeed and to enable improved outcomes.

4. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Resource Implications

The resource implications are contained within the body of the report.

4.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

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.

4.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications

Legal advice has been taken in the setting up of this Fund and in the creation of the grant application and monitoring process.

4.4 Equality and Diversity Implications

The focus of this Fund on supporting the most vulnerable will mean this investment will make a positive contribution to issues of equality.

4.5 Engagement and Communications Implications

The plans for engagement and communication of this Fund are as agreed at 8th November 2018 Committee.

4.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement

Community empowerment sits at the heart of the Innovate & Cultivate Fund which enhances the opportunity for local community organisations to bid for projects which harness the energy of their community.

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.

4.7 Public Health Implications

The Innovate and Cultivate Fund affords opportunities for individuals and communities to develop their skills and resilience to undertake initiatives that improve health and well-being. The approved projects also support interventions to support those most vulnerable to prevent their health and wellbeing needs escalating and service needs increasing.

Implications and Officer Clearance

Communities and Partnership Committee on 17 January 2019 agreed that officer clearance for future reports of this type would not be necessary, given that the content is repeated except for the information on the actual applications being recommended for funding.

Source Documents	Location
Cambridgeshire Community Foundation Innovate and Cultivate Fund application forms and guidance.	Application Form: https://ukcf.secure.force.com/forms/ICF Guidance: https://www.cambscf.org.uk/icf.html

Innovate and Cultivate Fund

Cultivate Fund applications recommended by the panel to the Communities and Partnership Committee for final decision.

Applicant and Project Name	Project Description	Amount of funding requested
<p>Caldecote, Dry Drayton and Hardwick Community Scheme</p> <p>Community Timebank</p>	<p>To expand the existing Community Car Scheme by adding a Timebank with the objective of increasing the number and range of people engaging with the local community.</p> <p><u>Full project description</u></p> <p>A volunteer will fulfil the role of Timebank coordinator and will operate across the three villages of Caldecote, Dry Drayton and Hardwick, benefiting from the larger overall population from which to recruit members and making the most of the different demographics across the three contiguous villages. The existing car scheme will help to ensure that those without transport can take part in the time exchanges and activities.</p> <p>The requested funding is to help with set up costs and to become established as a financially self-sustaining volunteer-led Timebank.</p> <p>Timebanks have been highlighted by the County Council as one of the 'Cultivate Seed Fund' models which are good examples of community-led projects likely to help prevent, reduce and delay the demand for Adult Social Care services, in particular high cost services related to older people.</p> <p>The type of interventions that Timebanks carry out routinely like support with day-to-day activities (such as shopping, household tasks, collecting prescriptions, lifts to GP appointments, gardening, etc.), social activities that help reduce social isolation and loneliness (such as coffee mornings), activities that encourage healthy living (such as health walks, exercise sessions, etc.) are likely to help reduce or delay the need for domiciliary (home) care and provide additional support for carers.</p>	<p>£6,581</p>

<p>Burwell and District Day Centre</p> <p>Village Support Scheme</p>	<p>To support older people and those with disabilities in Burwell to live safely and independently at home by contacting them five days per week checking their wellbeing and visiting if necessary.</p> <p><u>Full project description</u></p> <p>A daily telephone call will be made to service users to ascertain their well-being and respond accordingly. The response will be tailored to the needs of the individual and can include, but is not limited to, collecting prescriptions, contacting GPs, adult social care teams or family members, help, where appropriate, with bill paying and forms, helping to arrange doctor's appointments and to arrange transport via the village car scheme for appointments.</p> <p>The service will identify people before they reach a crisis point and provide support to individuals following crisis.</p> <p>These types of interventions can support people to remain independent in their own homes and maintain a good quality of life, thus reducing or delaying the need for home care services. They can also support people to get back on their feet again following a stay in hospital or an illness, thus reducing the potential length of reablement packages for individuals and the likelihood of readmission to hospital or a relapse in their condition.</p> <p>The beneficial effects of the project's activities are likely to also extend to family carers who are supported to cope with their caring responsibilities and maintain their own physical and mental health.</p>	<p>£15,883</p>
<p>Fenland District Council – Active Fenland</p> <p>Forever Fit</p>	<p>A project for older adults 65+ that aims to reduce social isolation, promote better health and wellbeing and help people stay connected to their community.</p> <p><u>Full project description</u></p> <p>Forever Fit aims to improve the health and wellbeing of frail and isolated older people in Fenland. The 4 core elements of the project offer a comprehensive and joined up programme of health and wellbeing activities. The two activity streams covered by this funding include low intensity games and exercise sessions in Wisbech (short mat bowls, indoor kurling and table tennis with adapted equipment and seated options) and social events in Chatteris, March, Whittlesey and Wisbech. These will be complimented by Fitness MOTs and chair based exercise sessions funded by Public Health and the district council, which will allow for effective cross-referrals and signposting opportunities.</p>	<p>£5960</p> <p>The Panel agreed to fund up to £5760</p>

	<p>The low level physical activity proposed by the activity sessions and the social events will contribute to falls prevention and general health, and these activities will also help to combat loneliness and social isolation, which are shown to have negative effects on people's physical and mental health.</p> <p>The project is likely to help prevent, reduce and delay the demand for Adult Social Care services, such as domiciliary (home) care as well as support people following a stay in hospital or an illness, thus reducing the potential length of reablement packages for individuals.</p>	
<p>Sustainable Cottenham</p> <p>Cottenham Connected</p>	<p>A programme of events and opportunities for Cottenham residents of all ages to get to know each other; ease loneliness and isolation and introduce all generations to each other and share skills.</p> <p><u>Full project description</u></p> <p>Sustainable Cottenham is working together with Cottenham Connected to organise monthly 'Sunday Socials' afternoon get-togethers to whom older and younger Cottenham residents are invited. The intergenerational project targets older village residents as the key beneficiaries of the project, with a specific focus on those living on their own, the less mobile and/or 'housebound', the recently bereaved and their family carers. Transport would be provided to encourage attendance by less mobile residents.</p> <p>The aim for the project is to start off with the monthly Sunday Socials but to grow into a range of regular, more frequent social activities that will provide a 'gateway' opportunity to link older and more vulnerable residents with local networks and support organisations that can help them to remain living independent, safe and well in their own homes.</p> <p>The project was inspired by and will be linked in to the Generation Game Project, a 10-week course that offers young people the opportunity to learn how to be a safe and caring visitor to the elderly and to understand the challenges they face.</p> <p>The Cottenham Connected organising committee includes a parish councillor, an experienced youth worker and a community development senior coordinator from Care Network.</p>	£4015

<p>Huntington's Disease Association</p> <p>Specialist Huntington's Disease Advisory Service - Cambridgeshire</p>	<p>To develop the Cambridgeshire Specialist Huntington's Disease Advisory (SHDA) service, a vital lifeline helping people affected by Huntington's Disease to navigate the complex care, health and emotional needs of the condition.</p> <p><u>Full project description</u></p> <p>This project aims to deliver a specialist Huntington's Disease Advisory service to 69 people across Cambridgeshire providing specialist information, advice and support to people and their families who have a diagnosis of Huntington's' Disease.</p> <p>The project aims to prevent crisis and delay people needing statutory support. The service is delivered by Care Management Professionals who have knowledge of health and social care and enable people to access support to maximise their independence. The service will offer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information and advice • Home visits (approx. 6 visits per quarter) and practical support • Telephone helpline (approx. 150 contacts) • Inputting to 30 MDT meetings to ensure the needs of the clients are understood • Develop training and raising awareness of HD to 50 professionals • Developing Peer Support networks to help families and those effected by the disease • Deliver person centre end of life support to families <p>The SHDA offer person centred support and specialist knowledge which can result in timely interventions which may reduce crisis in care or carers breakdown.</p>	<p>£4000</p>
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