

INNOVATE AND CULTIVATE FUND RECOMMENDED APPLICATIONS

To: Communities and Partnership Committee

Meeting Date: 21 December 2017

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

Electoral division(s): All

Forward Plan ref: Not applicable

Key decision: No

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

Recommendation: Communities and Partnership Committee is asked to consider the recommendations of the panel and confirm agreement to fund through the Innovate and Cultivate Fund the four applications set out in paragraph 2.3 and detailed in the appendix.

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1. BACKGROUND

1.1 The Innovate and Cultivate 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.

1.2 There are two funding streams:

- Cultivate: 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, with applications recommended by the panel put before Committee to confirm the recommended award.

- Innovate: 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 and those recommended by the panel at the end of the second stage will be put before Committee to confirm the recommended award.

1.3 All applicants to the fund are required to demonstrate a number of stated criteria including the following key criteria:

- how their project will help to deliver one or more of the County Council's key outcomes,
- show they will reduce pressure on council services and/or offer direct savings for the council,
- be either new, or build on an existing project in a new location or with new beneficiaries.

2. MAIN ISSUES

2.1 A total of 30 complete applications were received in this current round, of which 12 were for the Cultivate Fund and 18 for the Innovate Fund.

2.2 Each application was carefully considered in full by the Recommendation Panel. In accordance with Committee decision of 24 August 2017, the Panel is made up of two County Council Service or Assistant Directors, Chief Finance Officer, a senior officer involved in managing the fund, a trustee of Cambridgeshire Community Foundation and five elected members from the Communities and Partnership Committee.

2.3 The outcome of the panel is that four applications to the '£2,000 -£10,000' Cultivate Fund have been recommended by the panel for funding and are reported to this Committee for final decision, namely

- Ely St John's Primary School. 25 Year Anniversary Fund: Nurture Model
- Houghton and Wyton Timebank in the Community
- British Gymnastics Association: Love to Move
- Holy Trinity Church Hildersham: Parish Nurse Plus

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

- 2.4 Five applications for the '£10,000-£50,000' Innovate Fund have been invited to proceed to the second application stage, where their additional and detailed information will be further considered by the Recommendation Panel at a later date and then, if recommended for funding, will be submitted to this Committee for final decision at a later date.

3. ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3.1 Developing the local economy for the benefit of all

There are no significant implications for this priority.

3.2 Helping people live healthy and independent lives

- The focus of the Fund is supporting people to live healthy and independent lives.
- It focuses upon the most vulnerable groups who are most likely to experience health inequalities.

3.3 Supporting and protecting vulnerable people

- 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.

4. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Resource Implications

The Fund makes most efficient use of resources. The finance team have agreed all recommendations.

4.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

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 July Committee.

4.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement

- 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.
- 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

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.

Implications	Officer Clearance
Have the resource implications been cleared by Finance?	Yes Name of Financial Officer: Tom Kelly
Have the procurement/contractual/ Council Contract Procedure Rules implications been cleared by Finance?	Yes Name of Procurement Officer: Gus de Silva
Has the impact on statutory, legal and risk implications been cleared by LGSS Law?	Yes Name of Legal Officer: Fiona McMillan
Have the equality and diversity implications been cleared by your Service Contact?	Yes Name of Officer: Sarah Ferguson
Have any engagement and communication implications been cleared by Communications?	Yes Name of Officer: Christine Birchall
Have any localism and Local Member involvement issues been cleared by your Service Contact?	Yes Name of Officer: Elaine Matthews
Have any Public Health implications been cleared by Public Health	Yes Name of Officer: Val Thomas

Innovate and Cultivate Fund

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

Applicant and Project Name	Project Description	Amount of funding requested
<p>Ely St John's Primary School</p> <p>Project Name: 25 Year Anniversary Fund: Nurture Model</p>	<p>To train all school staff in the therapeutic behaviour model for understanding and responding to both pro-social and anti-social behaviours, with the aims of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • eliminating fixed term exclusions • supporting vulnerable children to progress. • improving behaviour and mental health outcomes. • bringing children, staff and parents together to design improvements to the school environment. <p>This approach will have the effect of reducing demand on the SEND service. Developing a model like this will create long term sustainable change in the school to better manage children with behavioural difficulties and therefore the savings will continue into future years. This pioneering approach to be trialled to develop best practice that can be shared more widely.</p>	<p>£5,000</p>
<p>Houghton & Wyton Time Bank</p> <p>Project name: Houghton & Wyton Time Bank in the Community</p>	<p>The Time Bank will support their 50+ elderly members to avoid isolation and the mental health issues that are associated with loneliness. They will create new opportunities for intergenerational links, for example by developing a programme for younger members to train elderly members in computer skills. They will increase opportunities for isolated people to make friends, get out of the house, support each other and ask for help and support. These interventions are likely to reduce or delay the need for domiciliary (home) care, support reablement packages for individuals (following a stay in hospital or an illness), and may potentially prevent or delay a need for residential care in some cases.</p>	<p>£10,000</p>
<p>British Gymnastics Association</p> <p>Project Name: Love to Move</p>	<p>To expand their successful Love to Move programme to a new community venue in Huntingdon for up to 50 new participants. The programme helps older people, many of whom have dementia and Parkinson's Disease, to improve their movement and social involvement by carefully integrating the use of</p>	<p>£9,999</p>

	gymnastic foundation skills, cognitive stimulation therapy and social interaction activities. The project was assessed to potentially avoid medium level care costs for its elderly participants and to potentially reduce the incidence of carers' breakdown, which would have an impact on respite care costs.	
Holy Trinity Church Hildersham PCC Project name: Parish Nurse Plus	To expand their successful Parish Nurse service covering 7 villages, by appointing a part time community worker to meet changing local needs and stimulate necessary community development. The community worker will work with the Parish Nurse to map existing resources, activities, interests, volunteers and help develop work on volunteering. The worker will establish and maintain networks of different age and interest groups in the community and develop ways to identify, describe, share knowledge, skills, experience, resources for individual villages as well as across the group of villages. As the project supports many elderly and vulnerable residents, it's is likely to help to prevent, reduce and delay demand for Adult Social Care services, in particular high cost services related to older people – e.g. domiciliary (home) care, reablement packages for individuals, and residential care. The beneficial effects of the project's activities are also likely to extend to family carers (who are supported to cope with their caring responsibilities and maintain their own physical and mental health), adults with long-term conditions and/or disabilities, adults with mental health needs and children and families.	£10,000

Source Documents	Location
<i>Grant application forms – confidential as contain business sensitive information</i>	Not applicable