

Cultivate Cambs – Endorsement of Recommendations

To: Communities, Social Mobility, and Inclusion Committee

Meeting Date: 8 December 2022

From: Interim Deputy Director of Communities, Employment and Skills, Paul Fox

Electoral division(s): All

Key decision: No

Outcome: To provide the Committee with the outcome of the 22 November 2022 Cultivate Cambs Recommendation Panel.

Recommendation: The Committee is recommended to:

Agree to fund the 17 grant applications listed in paragraph 2.2 of the report.

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1. Background

- 1.1 The Council's 'invest to save' Innovation Fund was launched in November 2016. A refresh of the fund was then carried out resulting in the Innovate and Cultivate Fund in August 2017. On 8 July 2021, the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee resolved to review and update the Innovate and Cultivate Fund to better align to the Council's updated priorities. The updated Cultivate Cambs fund was launched in July 2022.
- 1.2 Cultivate Cambs offers grants of £2,000-£15,000 for 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.
- 1.3 A Recommendation Panel considers applications to the fund. As agreed by the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee at its meeting on 8 July 2021, the panel is made up of seven Members (or their nominated substitute) from the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee, officers representing Adults Services, Children's Services, Think Communities, and the Finance team, plus a representative of Cambridgeshire Community Foundation.
- 1.5 All applicants to the fund are required to demonstrate 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 22 November 2022, the Recommendation Panel considered 24 grant applications.
- 2.2 The outcome of the panel is that the following 17 applications have been recommended for approval of funding by the Committee:
 - Cambridge Acorn Project CIC
 - Cambridge United Youth & Community Trust
 - Camms Meals on Wheels
 - Centre 33
 - Connections Bus Project
 - Disability Huntingdonshire (DISH)
 - Fight Against Blindness (FAB)
 - Gamlingay Community Centre
 - Luvely (formerly The Garage Community Trust)
 - Red2Green
 - Red Hen Project
 - Re-imagine Resource Centre CIC

- Romsey Mill Trust
- Sew Positive
- Speech & Language UK (formerly I CAN)
- St Barnabas Church Cambridge
- The Ferry Project

- 2.3 A brief summary of each of the recommended applications is attached at Appendix 1. Feedback will be given to unsuccessful applicants, including where alternative funding might be available and other support to achieve their proposed project ambitions.
- 2.4 The amount of grant funding committed to date is up to £2,092,857 for 103 projects over the full six-year period of the invest to save funding programme. If the 17 grant applications recommended to the Committee within this report are approved, the total committed to grants would be up to £2,298,165 for 120 projects. Taking account of the projected administration fees for all live grants, the remaining funds available for the 2022/23 financial year and the December 2022 funding round is approximately £163,000.

3. Alignment with corporate priorities

3.1 Environment and Sustainability

There are no significant implications for this priority.

3.2 Health and Care

The focus of the Fund is to offer opportunity for all organisations who want to provide local support to improve the quality of life for people and so they can 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.

3.3 Places and Communities

The Fund demonstrates continuing investment in communities, helping local groups and organisations to fulfil their needs and aspirations, fund projects which build community capacity, and design and deliver place based community-led support.

3.4 Children and Young People

A key focus of the Fund is to fund initiatives that support vulnerable children and young people, focusing on where the support of the voluntary and community sector makes a real difference to the lives of children and families, providing opportunities for the whole population to succeed and to enable improved outcomes. Moreover, building communities that are vibrant and have opportunity, and enhancing the social mobility of families, will directly and positively create the best possible start for our children

3.5 Transport

There are no significant implications for this priority.

4. Significant Implications

4.1 Resource Implications

The report above sets out details of significant implications in 2.4 and appendix 1 of this report.

4.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

There are no significant implications.

4.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications

There are no significant implications.

4.4 Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no significant implications.

4.5 Engagement and Communications Implications

There are no significant implications.

4.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement

There are no significant implications.

4.7 Public Health Implications

There are no significant implications.

4.8 Environment and Climate Change Implications on Priority Areas:

4.8.1 Implication 1: Energy efficient, low carbon buildings.

Positive/neutral/negative Status: N/A

Explanation: There are no significant implications within this category.

4.8.2 Implication 2: Low carbon transport.

Positive/neutral/negative Status: N/A

Explanation: There are no significant implications within this category.

4.8.3 Implication 3: Green spaces, peatland, afforestation, habitats and land management.

Positive/neutral/negative Status: N/A

Explanation: There are no significant implications within this category.

4.8.4 Implication 4: Waste Management and Tackling Plastic Pollution.

Positive/neutral/negative Status: N/A

Explanation: There are no significant implications within this category.

4.8.5 Implication 5: Water use, availability and management:

Positive/neutral/negative Status: N/A

Explanation: There are no significant implications within this category.

4.8.6 Implication 6: Air Pollution.

Positive/neutral/negative Status: N/A

Explanation: There are no significant implications within this category.

4.8.7 Implication 7: Resilience of our services and infrastructure, and supporting vulnerable people to cope with climate change.

Positive/neutral/negative Status: N/A

Explanation: There are no significant implications within this category.

5. Source Documents

5.1 [Cambridgeshire Community Foundation - Grant Application Forms and Guidance](#)