

**INNOVATE AND CULTIVATE FUND RECOMMENDED APPLICATIONS**

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

*Meeting Date:* **17 January 2019**

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

*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 7th January Innovate and  
Cultivate Fund (ICF) Recommendation Panel**
- b) A summary of funded ICF projects to date**

*Recommendation:* **Communities and Partnership Committee is asked to  
consider recommendations of the panel and confirm  
agreement to fund three applications through the Cultivate  
Fund (2.3 in the report and Appendix 1).**

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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 currently 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> November and was open to applications for the Cultivate Fund and the Innovate Fund. A total of 30 eligible applications were received in this current round, including 8 Cultivate applications and 22 Innovate applications.
<b>2.2</b>	Each application was carefully considered in full by the Recommendation Panel on 7th January 2019. 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.

2.3	<p>The outcome of the panel is that three 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cambridge City Council - Safer Communities Team: Mobile outreach support and information service</li> <li>• Histon &amp; Impington Community (HICOM): Histon &amp; Impington Worry Tree Café</li> <li>• Cambridgeshire Police Shrievalty Trust: Vulnerable Families Continued</li> </ul> <p>A summary of each of the recommended Cultivate Fund applications is detailed in the attached <b>Appendix 1</b>.</p>
2.4	<p>Six 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.</p>
2.5	<p>A further five unsuccessful applicants will be supported by CCC officers to develop their project plans and identify other sources of project funding.</p> <p>A brief summary of projects that received funding up to September 2018 is attached as <b>Appendix 2</b>.</p>
3.	<b>ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES</b>
3.1	<b>Developing the local economy for the benefit of all</b>
	There are no significant implications for this priority.
3.2	<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 health inequalities.</li> </ul>
3.3	<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 resource implications are contained within the body of the report
<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 communities to develop their skills and resilience to undertake initiatives that improve health and well-being.</li> </ul>

<b>Implications</b>	<b>Officer Clearance</b>
<b>Have the resource implications been cleared by Finance?</b>	Yes Name of Financial Officer: Sarah Heywood
<b>Have the procurement/contractual/ Council Contract Procedure Rules implications been cleared by Finance?</b>	Yes Name of Financial Officer: Paul White (as agreed for previous papers)
<b>Has the impact on statutory, legal and risk implications been cleared by LGSS Law?</b>	Yes Name of Legal Officer: Salma Kantharia (as agreed for previous papers)
<b>Have the equality and diversity implications been cleared by your Service Contact?</b>	Yes Name of Officer: Adrian Chapman (as agreed for previous papers)
<b>Have any engagement and communication implications been cleared by Communications?</b>	Yes Name of Officer: Matthew Hall
<b>Have any localism and Local Member involvement issues been cleared by your Service Contact?</b>	Yes Name of Officer: Adrian Chapman (as agreed for previous papers)
<b>Have any Public Health implications been cleared by Public Health</b>	Yes or No Name of Officer: Tess Campbell (as agreed for previous papers)

<b>Source Documents</b>	<b>Location</b>
Cambridgeshire Community Foundation Innovate and Cultivate Fund application forms and guidance.	<p>Application Form:  <a href="https://ukcf.secure.force.com/forms/ICF">https://ukcf.secure.force.com/forms/ICF</a></p> <p>Guidance:  <a href="https://www.cambscf.org.uk/icf.html">https://www.cambscf.org.uk/icf.html</a></p>

**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>
Cambridge City Council - Safer Communities Team  <b>Project name:</b> Mobile outreach support and information service	This project provides a mobile booth (covered vehicle) offering support and information to up to 100 people rough sleeping or begging in Cambridge. It offers an accessible, safe place on the street to carry out informal support and listening service in all weathers. The service will also provide early intervention and support to people new to street living to reduce the likelihood of entrenched and chaotic ways of living occurring or continuing. This form of intervention before a crisis allows for more meaningful engagement around addictions, mental and physical health and a reduction in the need for more intensive/expensive interventions. The booth will also offer information to the public about how best to help those on the streets and raise awareness of services for people living on the streets and will enable service providers to work in greater partnership.	£8,640.00
Histon & Impington Community (HICOM)  <b>Project name:</b> Histon & Impington Worry Tree Café	The funding will help to create a drop-in café that provides a safe environment where people who are struggling with wellbeing issues feel at ease and are comfortable talking about their experiences, want some solidarity / friendship with others in a similar position, need information and signposting. This is aimed at people struggling with mental health, carers of those with mental health challenges, people experiencing loneliness or people recently diagnosed with memory loss or other long term conditions. The charity has a three person wellbeing team who will be on hand at the cafe offer advice, support and information. The team includes a Village Older Peoples Worker, Village Dementia Support worker and a Village Mental Wellbeing worker. This project is expected to decrease demand on council mental health services including dementia support services and carer services.	£2,800.00
Cambridgeshire Police Shrievally Trust  <b>Project name:</b> Vulnerable Families	The Bobby Scheme visits and provides security to the homes of vulnerable and persistently targeted domestic abuse victims across Cambridgeshire. The Bobby Scheme is innovative as it provides both practical and psychological support to families, enabling them to feel safer and to remain in their own homes. As well as fitting security devices the scheme provides crime prevention advice and reassurance. The scheme is only	£10,000

Continued	<p>available to those victims of domestic abuse who are at high risk of homicide and have an IDVA.</p> <p>The scheme is fully supported by the domestic abuse partnership as it consistently delivers a high quality service to victims and their children and feedback is consistently very positive. This project has previously received Cultivate funding.</p>	
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## Appendix 2

### Projects funded by the Innovation Fund or Innovate & Cultivate Fund up to September 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 and group services.	£49,478



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
Disability Huntingdonshire	Adult Social Care	to provide benefits information advice and support to older people to enable them to continue living independently	£7,767
Romsey Mill Trust	Children & Families	to provide youth clubs for 140 children and young people with an autistic spectrum condition enabling them to meet others and develop social skills	£9,903