

Title: **COMMUNITY FUND GRANT SCHEME**

To: Commercial Services Committee

Date: 14 March 2017

From: Nick Ball, Neighbourhood Support Officer

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**1.0 ISSUES**

- 1.1 To note the grants offered under delegated powers from the Community Fund grant scheme. The Community Fund is a revenue grant scheme which helps to provide vital community-run local services to some of our most disadvantaged residents.
- 1.2 The maximum grant available to projects under this grant scheme is £1,000, therefore all grants are offered under delegated powers.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 Members are requested to note the grants offered under officer-delegated powers:-

Ref No.	Organisation	Project	Total Cost	Score
61	East Cambridgeshire Arts Festival Society	Arts festival delivery to rural communities across the District	£1,000	75
62	Little Downham Village Hall	Theatre stage and curtains replacement	£1,000	75

**2.2 East Cambridgeshire Arts Festival**

East Cambs Arts Festival Society was established to develop and coordinate the Isle of Ely Arts Festival covering both Ely and the surrounding rural villages. The society has helped to bring together local venues, community groups and amateur arts organisations as well as supporting individuals from all art forms. The Society has experience drawn from four years running the festival.

In 2013 they brought partners together under a single banner to present mainly existing activities. In 2014 funding enabled them to be more ambitious, greatly increasing what the festival could offer and significantly benefiting performers and audience alike. Through the 2014 festival, partners commissioned and produced new work (Lantern Dance Theatre Company), worked with new audiences (Ely Sinfonia) and worked with Arts Award students (local dance schools). more partners joined the festival. These included Ely Cathedral, Cambridge Open Studios and Fen Speak Poets. These new partners brought a range of additional skills; not least valuable marketing and networking. The Society is delighted to now have a large number of venues, organisations and individuals offering considerable in kind support to the festival and bringing a range of skills and ideas to the table. The society is supported by ADeC; an experienced arts development charity who have helped nurture local arts

### 2.3 Little Downham Village Hall (LDVH) – Stage improvements

The grant will support an upgrade for the stage as more groups are wishing to use the stage and at present the facilities are inadequate and outdated. In particular the curtains are sited in such a way that over 3 feet either side of the stage is covered by the curtains and as the hall is large and L shaped the view onto the stage is obscured for many of the audience. LDVH have recently purchased front de-mountable stage blocks but this doesn't address the vision difficulty when actors are using all the stage. LDVH can use the existing curtains which are of good quality and fire proofed but there is an element of building works required to re-site the track and supply a new pelmet. The other problem is the sound system which is antiquated and useless for some, even though there is a hearing loop. Actors on the stage are often not heard properly which negates the performance for many. Community fund grant will address all these issues and improve the facilities to the benefit of all.

### 3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The applications can be funded from the Community Fund grant budget.
- 3.2 The East Cambridgeshire Community Fund grant scheme remaining budget for 2016-17 financial year is £1,363.70

### 4.0 APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Combined appraisal form Grant number 61  
Appendix 2 - Combined appraisal form Grant number 62

#### Background Documents

Application form for the above project.

#### Location

Room FF115  
The Grange,  
Ely

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**Appendix 1 GRANTS APPRAISAL FORM reference number 61**  
**(Community Fund Grant Scheme)**

<b><u>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</u></b>		<b>East Cambs Arts Festival</b>	
Description of the project		Mobile arts entertainment programme to rural East Cambridgeshire residents	
Who will benefit?		Up to 2000 local residents in rural locations	
What difference will the project make?		Arts and interactive events for otherwise excluded communities	
<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>			
Where is the project located?		Various across the District	
<b><u>APPLICANTS ORGANISATION</u></b>			
Name -		East Cambs Arts Festival Committee/ADEC	
Nature -		Vol Org	
Project/ service open to the public -		Yes	
Area served -		Across District	
<b><u>PROJECT COSTS</u></b>			
Total expected costs -		£14.4K	
Costs including VAT -			
Basis of costing -			
<b><u>FUNDING PACKAGE</u></b>			
Funds already raised -		£13.4K	
Funds to be raised – Grant applications submitted to -		£1K	
Able to reclaim VAT -		Y	
Grant sought from the District Council -		£1K	
<b><u>RELEVANT DISTRICT COUNCIL POLICIES:</u></b>		All in place	
<b><u>PAST GRANT APPLICATIONS:</u></b>		Yes	
<b><u>OTHER COMMENTS/SUPPORTING INFORMATION:</u></b>			
<b><u>SCORING SYSTEM</u></b>			
(Average from two scores)			
0 – 39 Recommended that no grant be considered  40 - 100 Recommended that a grant be considered	Demand/Need	15	
	Usage	20	
	Funding Package	20	
	Benefits and Outcomes	10	
	Sustainability	10	
	<u>Total score</u>	75	
<b><u>RECOMMENDATION: Approve for grant</u></b>			

**Delegated Officer approval**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Appendix 2. GRANTS APPRAISAL FORM grant reference 62**  
**(Community Fund Grant Scheme)**

<b><u>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</u></b>		Little Downham Village Hall 'Curtains Up!'.	
Description of the project	Stage improvements and sound system improvements to village hall		
Who will benefit?	Performers and audience members using the hall as a theatre/venue		
What difference will the project make?	Increased usage and uptake by performers and visitors		
<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>			
Where is the project located?	Little Downham		
<b><u>APPLICANTS ORGANISATION</u></b>			
Name -	Little Downham Village Hall Committee		
Nature -	Registered Charity		
Project/ service open to the public -	Yes		
Area served -	Little Downham parish		
<b><u>PROJECT COSTS</u></b>			
Total expected costs -	£1,687.38		
Costs including VAT -			
Basis of costing -			
<b><u>FUNDING PACKAGE</u></b>			
Funds already raised -	687.38		
Funds to be raised – Grant applications submitted to -	£1,000		
Able to reclaim VAT -	Y		
Grant sought from the District Council -	£1,000		
<b>RELEVANT DISTRICT COUNCIL POLICIES:</b>	All in place		
<b><u>PAST GRANT APPLICATIONS:</u></b>	Yes		
<b>OTHER COMMENTS/SUPPORTING INFORMATION:</b>	Business Plan/Constitution/Accounts/Treasurer's report		
<b><u>SCORING SYSTEM</u></b> (Average from two scores)			
0 – 39 Recommended that no grant be considered  40 - 100 Recommended that a grant be considered	Demand/Need	10	
	Usage	20	
	Funding Package	25	
	Benefits and Outcomes	10	
	Sustainability	10	
	<u>Total score</u>	75	
<b><u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Approve for grant</b>			

**Delegated Officer approval**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_