

Title: **COMMUNITY FUND GRANT SCHEME**

To: Commercial Services Committee

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From: Nick Ball, Neighbourhood Support Officer

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1.0 **ISSUE**

- 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
53	East Cambridgeshire Arts Festival Society	Mobile arts festival provision for rural areas of the District	£1,000	77.5
54	Relate Cambridgeshire	Ely outpost for relationship and family counselling	£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 three 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). In 2015

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 for 20 years. The grant will be used for promotional and support materials.

2.3 Relate Cambridgeshire

Relate provides impartial and non-judgmental counselling support for people of all ages (including children 5 years upwards), at all stages of couple, family and social relationships.

This Grant will be used to help with the running costs of the Ely outpost and make up the shortfall in client contributions. Relate accept donations for their services but inevitably this does not cover full costs. Relate therefore make a loss on every session delivered and are in desperate need of grants like this to subsidise their open door policy. Clients find it hard to pay the full cost and Relate want to remain accessible to everyone, and to ensure the Ely outpost stays open as it is clearly convenient for the local community

3.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 These applications can be funded from the Community Fund grant budget.

3.2 The East Cambridgeshire Community Fund grant scheme budget for 2015-16 is £7,500. Following allocation to these projects there is £1,250 now available.

4.0 **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Combined score sheet East Cambridgeshire Arts Festival Society (Community Grant Fund application number 53)

Appendix 2 – Combined score sheet Relate Cambridgeshire (Community fund grant application number 54)

Background Documents

Application forms for the above projects.

Location

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Appendix 1. Community Fund Grant number 53 combined scoring sheet

PROJECT DESCRIPTION		East Cambs Arts Festival	
Description of the project	Provision of mobile touring arts events to venues in the district		
Who will benefit?	Up to 2,300 attendees at arts events		
What difference will the project make?	Cultural programme to rural areas		
LOCATION			
Where is the project located?	Throughout parts of the district		
APPLICANTS ORGANISATION			
Name -	East Cambs Arts Festival Committee		
Nature -	Voluntary org.		
Project/ service open to the public -	Yes		
Area served -	All of East Cambridgeshire		
PROJECT COSTS			
Total expected costs -	£2,400		
Costs including VAT -			
Basis of costing -			
FUNDING PACKAGE			
Funds already raised -	£1,400		
Funds to be raised – Grant applications submitted to -	£1,000		
Able to reclaim VAT -	Y		
Grant sought from the District Council -	£1,000		
RELEVANT DISTRICT COUNCIL POLICIES:			
PAST GRANT APPLICATIONS:	Yes		
OTHER COMMENTS/SUPPORTING INFORMATION:			
SCORING SYSTEM			
(Average from two scores)			
0 – 39 Recommended that no grant be considered	Demand/Need	12.5	
	Usage	20	
40 - 100 Recommended that a grant be considered	Funding Package	20	
	Benefits and Outcomes	15	
	Sustainability	10	
	<u>Total score</u>	77.5	
RECOMMENDATION: Approve for grant			

Appendix 2. Community fund grant number 54 combined scoring sheet

PROJECT DESCRIPTION		Relate Cambridgeshire
Description of the project	Relationship counselling provision via Ely outpost	
Who will benefit?	Families and children in particular	
What difference will the project make?	Family break up avoided. Child well being. Relationship tensions eased and abated.	
LOCATION		
Where is the project located?	Ely counselling outpost in library	
APPLICANTS ORGANISATION		
Name -	Relate Cambridgeshire	
Nature -	Voluntary Sector	
Project/ service open to the public -	Yes	
Area served -	Ely and surround	
PROJECT COSTS		
Total expected costs - Costs including VAT - Basis of costing -	£4,730	
FUNDING PACKAGE		
Funds already raised -	£3,730	
Funds to be raised – Grant applications submitted to -	£1,000	
Able to reclaim VAT -	Y	
Grant sought from the District Council -	£1,000	
RELEVANT DISTRICT COUNCIL POLICIES:		
PAST GRANT APPLICATIONS:	Yes	
OTHER COMMENTS/SUPPORTING INFORMATION:	Full supporting policy and finance documents with the application	
SCORING SYSTEM (Average from two scores)		
0 – 39 Recommended that no grant be considered	Demand/Need	12.5
	Usage	20
40 - 100 Recommended that a grant be considered	Funding Package	22.5
	Benefits and Outcomes	10
	Sustainability	10
	Total score	75
RECOMMENDATION: Approve for grant		