

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 grant offered under officer-delegated powers:-

Ref No.	Organisation	Project	Total Cost	Score
46	The Word Garden	The Living Memory Book-interactive Heritage publication celebrating the historical legacy of J H Adams hardware store in Littleport	£1,000	50
47	Little Miracles	Family educational resources	£600	60

2.2 The Living Memory book:

The project will provide an educational and heritage resource for children and community groups. It popularises local history and legacy through promoting the traditional rural lifestyle of Littleport. Key Stage 2 pupils at Littleport Community Primary School will be encouraged into the historian's role as young archivists. They will go into the community looking for period artefacts, from bus tickets to domestic utensils. Armed with questionnaires, they will come face to face with living history, interviewing their families and members of the community about the social life of the period and former ironmongers J.H. Adams part in it.

2.3 Little Miracles

Little Miracles are a Cambridgeshire and Suffolk based parent led support group and Charity for families with children that have additional needs, disabilities and life limiting conditions, their carers and siblings. Our branch is based in [Ely Community Centre](#), on the Cambridgeshire and Suffolk border, reaching out to Soham, Ely, Newmarket and their surrounding villages.

The area of additional needs in children is vast and resource is very much limited in the local area . An example of just some of the areas we presently support and not limited to, are Autism (ASD), Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Epilepsy, Aspergers, Hypotonia, Cerebral Palsy & Hyper-mobility.

Grant funding will be used to support the dedicated sensory room with dual tall standing bubble tubes as well a range of audio, visual and scent stimulations. The room is soft furnished and hand held sensory equipment is also available. A sensory room is designed to relax and stimulate your senses, through different lights, textures and sounds. This can be used as therapy for children with limited communication skills.

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 2014-15 was spent all bar £272, which was offered as a saving.

4.0 **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Combined score sheet for Living Memory Book (Community Grant Fund application number 46)

Appendix 2- Little Miracles (Community Grant Fund application number 47).

Background Documents

Application forms for the above projects.

Location

Room FF115
The Grange,
Ely

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Appendix1. Living Memory Book – joint grant appraisal form

PROJECT DESCRIPTION		
Description of the project	The Living Memory Book- interactive Heritage publication celebrating the historical legacy of J H Adams hardware store in Littleport	
Who will benefit?	Education for children/community heritage resource/local people.	
What difference will the project make?	Popularises local history and legacy through heritage. Promotes Littleport and its traditional rural lifestyle.	
LOCATION		
Where is the project located?	Littleport	
APPLICANTS ORGANISATION		
Name -	The Word Garden	
Nature -	Charity	
Project/ service open to the public -	Yes	
Area served -	Littleport Parish	
PROJECT COSTS		
Total expected costs -	£5,315	
Costs including VAT -		
Basis of costing -		
FUNDING PACKAGE		
Funds already raised -	£250	
Funds to be raised – Grant applications submitted to -	Littleport Parish Council (confirmed) -£450 Marc Fitch Fund (TBC) - £3865	
Able to reclaim VAT -	No	
Grant sought from the District Council -	£1,000	
RELEVANT DISTRICT COUNCIL POLICIES:		
PAST GRANT APPLICATIONS:		
No		
OTHER COMMENTS/SUPPORTING INFORMATION:		
SCORING SYSTEM (Average from two scores)		
0 – 39 Recommended that no grant be considered	Demand/Need	15
	Usage	10
40 - 100 Recommended that a grant be considered	Funding Package	15
	Benefits and Outcomes	10
	Sustainability	0
	Total score	50
RECOMMENDATION: Approve for funding		

Appendix 2- Little Miracles – joint grant appraisal form

PROJECT DESCRIPTION		
Description of the project	Little Miracles Family educational resources	
Who will benefit?	Up to 300 people from local families	
What difference will the project make?	Increased number of families using facility due to specialist equipment for Disabled needs.	
LOCATION		
Where is the project located?	Larkfields Disability Hub	
APPLICANTS ORGANISATION		
Name -	Little Miracles	
Nature -	Charity	
Project/ service open to the public -	Yes	
Area served -	Ely, Soham, Fordham, Burwell	
PROJECT COSTS		
Total expected costs -	£800	
Costs including VAT -		
Basis of costing -		
FUNDING PACKAGE		
Funds already raised -	£200	
Funds to be raised –	NA	
Grant applications submitted to -		
Able to reclaim VAT -	No	
Grant sought from the District Council -	£600	
RELEVANT DISTRICT COUNCIL POLICIES:		
PAST GRANT APPLICATIONS:	None	
OTHER COMMENTS/SUPPORTING INFORMATION:		
SCORING SYSTEM (Average from two scores)		
0 – 39 Recommended that no grant be considered	Demand/Need	10
	Usage	15
40 - 100 Recommended that a grant be considered	Funding Package	15
	Benefits and Outcomes	10
	Sustainability	10
	Total score	60
RECOMMENDATION: Approve for grant		