

SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL

Report

Subject : Community Development Grants 2021/22
Committee : Services Committee
Date : 4 April 2022
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1. Report Summary:

1.1. This report provides details of the Community Development Grants awarded by the Communities Working Group in the year 2021/22.

2. Background:

- 2.1. This year the Communities Working Group have approved the continuation of 4 Medium Grants as well as 1 new Minor Grant and 8 new Medium Grants.
2.2. Grants awarded this year total £25,000, equal to the total budget for the year.
2.3. The grants are awarded in accordance with the Grants Policy.

3. Continuations of Medium Grants

- 3.1. **RISE 61** – this grant continues to part fund the salary of the bike hub manager with a particular focus on our weekly after-school ‘bike club.’ Giving social support and skills to young people in Bemerton Heath. The group has become grown during the past year, despite the difficulties caused at times by covid restrictions, with a core group of 8 students who regularly attend our sessions. We have also run a number of successful group mountain bike rides with our students during the past year.
- Awarded year 3 of 3: £3000
- 3.2. **Community Transport** – Supporting the on-going Community Car Scheme administration to allow us to continue to enable residents of Salisbury for those that are isolated, lonely and the struggle of accessing public transport unaided. We continue to look for new volunteer drivers to enable users of the service to access places of their choice, to go shopping, visits friends, medical appointments and go to support groups (Day Centre, Lunch Clubs) in and around Salisbury.
- Awarded year 3 of 3: £1500
- 3.3. **Soroptomist International** - Funding the creation of the Her Salisbury Map, giving residents and visitors access to the research of the Her Salisbury Women in local history project.
- Awarded: Second part of original application: £1000
- 3.4. **Family Counselling Trust** – Supporting the work of the trust by funding Family Liaison Officer hours, Psychological Therapy for 6 families per year (36 family members) and Coordinator hours as well as some administrative costs.
- Pending award: £3000

4. Minor Grants

4.1. **St Peters Place – Residents Group Website.** To fund the hosting and domain for a new volunteer run website for this residents group.

- Awarded in full: £450

5. New Medium Grants

5.1. **Devenish Bradshaw Trust** - Replacing temporary electric fencing with permanent post and wire fences and field gates to enable more inclusive/safe access, for Salisbury City residents, along permissive pathways around livestock paddocks and the River Bourne chalk stream. The trust is working with Riverbourne Community Farm and other local community organisations to enhance the infrastructure to increase access to and enjoyment of our water meadows and chalk stream habitats.

- Awarded in full: £2000 for 1 year

5.2. **Care Home Volunteers** – Coordinating the provision and training of volunteers across the city, to visit and support elderly residents of care homes who are risk of isolation and depression.

- Awarded in full: £3000 per year for 3 years

5.3. **Salisbury Walking for Health** – To pay for membership of the Ramblers Association giving access to insurance and training to enable local volunteers to provide weekly group walks which encourage people to keep active into older life, recover from illness or take up walking to improve their physical or mental health and wellbeing.

- Awarded in full: £750 for 1 year

5.4. **Well-City** – For the provision of additional evening and digital courses as part of the wider well-city programme of creative learning courses for people with mental health needs. These courses are being created in response to feedback from referrers and potential beneficiaries of Well-city to enable more people to access the project, including those in work.

- Awarded in full: £3000 per year for 3 years

5.5. **Underground Studios** – To support the provision of an alternative curriculum programme and afterschool provision digital creative media, music and coding. Including a youth club on Fridays for all participants. This grant will also enable bursary places on Underground studio activity.

- Awarded in full: £3000 per year for 3 years

5.6. **City Gate Church – Salisbury SOUP** (Based on the global SOUP model). Delivering workshop and one to one support for local community groups (24 over 3 years) and organisations who then pitch community project ideas to a group of local people at 2 SOUP events per year. Attendees at the event pay £5 for their soup and bread. The project voted best received the income of the event for their project as seed money for actions of community benefit. The winning pitch received continued advice and support to meetings their aims and objectives.

- Awarded at 50%: £1500 per year for 3 year enabling 1 of the 2 planned events per year.

5.7. **Salisbury Pride** – Support for the material costs of running the annual Pride event in the city.

- Awarded in part for 1 year rather than the 3 year originally applied for: £1400

5.8. **Harnham Memorial Hall** – Replace the main windows with double glazed windows given better security locks and are in line with today's window standards. Giving better comfort to the users.

- Awarded in part: £1400

6. Recommendation:

It is recommended that:

6.1. The Committee note content of this report

7. Wards Affected: All

8. Background papers: Nil

9. Implications:

9.1. **Financial:** As shown in this report

9.2. **Legal:** none

9.3. **Personnel:** none

9.4. **Environmental Impact** none

9.5. **Equalities Impact Statement:** Nil in relation to this report