



Report to: Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Performance & Finance  
 Decision Date: 19 July 2024  
 Portfolio Holder: Cllr Paul Peacock  
 Director Lead: Suzanne Shead, Director Housing, Health & Wellbeing  
 Lead Officer: Victoria Endersby, Senior Community Development Officer

Report Summary	
<b>Type of Report</b>	Open/Non-key decision
<b>Report Title</b>	Community Grant Scheme Allocations
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To approve the awards recommended by the cross-party panel for the Community Grant Scheme.
<b>Recommendations</b>	That the awards detailed within the report are approved.
<b>Alternative Options Considered</b>	That the awards are not approved
<b>Reason for Recommendation</b>	It was agreed at Cabinet 31.10.23 that in order to support the expedient allocation of awards that a Portfolio Holder decision would be sufficient to awards the grants following a cross-party panel having considered and recommended awards from all eligible application received. All members also had opportunity to feed into the decision-making process through direct feedback to the panel – there was no opposition from members to any of the successful application.
<b>Decision Taken</b>	

## 1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Council has been running the community grant scheme in its current form for the last two years. This year (Year 3), the scheme is made up of £100,000 approved by Cabinet through the budget process and a further £50,000 secured through the Shared Prosperity Fund.
- 1.2 A cross-party panel, made up of representatives from the three main political parties, met on 12 July 2024 to consider the 29 applications that had been received for Round 1 of the 2024-2025 Community Grant Scheme.

- 1.3 Each of the 29 applications was first assessed for eligibility – the eligibility matrix can be found at **Appendix 1**.
- 1.4 A Portfolio Holder decision is now requested to award the grants following a cross-party panel having considered and recommended awards from all eligible application received. All members have also had an opportunity to feed into the decision-making process through direct feedback to the panel – there was no opposition from members to any of the successful applications. Member comments on application can be seen at **Appendix 2**.
- 1.5 During this round of judging by the panel, one declaration of interest was made. This application was not funded by agreement of the other two panel members.

## 2.0 Proposal

- 2.1 That the Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Performance & Finance approve the following awards:

Group Name	Community Grant Fund Payment Awarded	UKSPF Grant Awarded	Notes
Support ME Maternal Project CIC	£7,101		Full Award
1st Coddington Scout Group		£15,000	Full Award
Bilsthorpe Miners Welfare Scheme		£4,000	Full Award
Walesby Juniors Football Club		£5,000	Full award
Winthorpe Allotment Association	£2,670.72		Full Award
Mending Lines	£4,906.32		Full award
Rainworth Miners Welfare	£5,000		Full award
Friends of Trent Vale Trail		£20,000	Full award
Bilsthorpe Emergency Team	£4,238		Full award
Urban Worm CIC	£2,722.50		Full award
Laxton Village Hall (Laxton Alive)	£1,153.56		Full award
Egmanton Village Hall	£3,000		Full award
Newark Food and Wellbeing Hub	£4,900		Full award
Southwell Minster (Southwell Cathedral)		£5,000	Full award
Coddington and Winthorpe Cricket Club	£4,000		Partial award
Newark Steam Punk Society	£2,050		Partial award for Pipes and Drums and street entertainment.
The Float Space LTD TA Tranquil Waters	Nil		Does not meet Eligibility criteria – for profit organisation
Beanblock	Nil		Unable to pay for CEO wage, risk to continuity due to low balance in the bank account

Newark Co-Production	Nil		Project does not meet priority area
Newark Social Badminton Club	Nil		Does not meet Eligibility criteria – did not provide relevant financial information
Gifts from Fairies Ltd	Nil		Charity status not in place, the panel thought that costs were high per head, more activity based rather than gifts. Would recommend applying again.
Contemporary Art Newark CIC	Nil		No evidence of funding. Funding has not been secured for the overall project. Panel really like the project but would be a risk when remainder unfunded.
Caythorpe Cricket Club	Nil		Club would still run without this equipment. Re-apply when match funding available
The Dukeries Singers	Nil		Look at Possible EEM as application does not meet a priority area
Budby Barn Community Centre	Nil		Does not meet the eligibility criteria – did not provide necessary financial information
Newark Mencap	Nil		Does not meet a priority area
Newark Santa's Grotto	Nil		Does not meet eligibility criteria – this is a profit-making business
Newark Swimming Club	Nil		Limited benefits to the community, did not evidence how are they going to accommodate families on low incomes.
Minster School PTA	Nil		No consultation with any young people, no proof that this model would work, application would have been strengthened by community access.
<b>TOTAL AMOUNTS PAID</b>	<b>£41,742.10</b>	<b>£49,000</b>	

- 2.2 The above table shows that of the 29 applications 16 were allocated a grant of which five were allocated funding from the Shared Prosperity Fund.
- 2.3 When considering the spread of awards across the district, eight awards are recommended for Newark based group/ activities, seven for Sherwood based groups/ activity and one that covers both areas,
- 2.4 All successful applications met one of the schemes ‘priority areas’ for funding including
- five demonstrating match funding
  - three that met the climate change agenda
  - four that support a reduction in anti-social behaviour
  - four that will support residents managing the cost of living crisis.
- 2.5 Following Round 1, there remains a total of £1,000 SPF and £58, 257.09 Central Grant for allocation in Round 2.

### **3.0 Implications**

In writing this report and in putting forward recommendations officers have considered the following implications; Data Protection, Digital and Cyber Security, Equality and Diversity, Financial, Human Resources, Human Rights, Legal, Safeguarding and Sustainability, and where appropriate they have made reference to these implications and added suitable expert comment where appropriate.

**Budget is in place to cover the awards above as per previous approval:**

#### **Financial Implications – FIN24-25/286**

- 3.1 The 2024/25 budget was originally set at £102,250. By carrying forward an underspend of £124,878 from 2023/24, this gives a revised budget of £227,128 for 2024/25. Given that there was an underspend brought forward into the current financial year, close monitoring of the total spend against the existing budget will be required. As all budget carry forwards are subject to approval by the S151 Officer, there is no guarantee that any under-utilised budget in 2024/25 will qualify for a future carry forward.

#### **Background Papers and Published Documents**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

## Appendix 1: Eligibility Matrix

Application Reference	Name of Organisation	Eligibility Criteria Met?	Has application demonstrated contribution to a community plan objective?	Does project take place within the district?	Has applicant provided all relevant financial information?	Amount of funding requested	Has match funding been applied for and evidenced (if ask above £5k)	Does the project meet any of the priority areas?	Notes
CGS24-001	Support ME Maternal Project CIC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£7,101.00	Yes	Match	
CGS24-002	1st Coddington Scout Group	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£15,000.00	Yes	Climate Change	Partial quote received
CGS24-003	Bilthorpe Miners Welfare Scheme	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£4,000.00	No	ASB	
CGS24-004	The Float Space LTD TA Tranquil Waters	No	Yes	Yes	No	£12,697.83	No	No	
CGS24-005	Walesby Juniors Football Club	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£6399.97	Yes	ASB	
CGS24-006	Winthorpe Allotment Association	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£2,670.72	No	COL	
CGS24-007	Beanblock	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£20,000.00	Yes	Match	
CGS24-008	Mending Lines	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£4,906.00	No	ASB	
CGS24-009	Rainworth Miners Welfare	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£5,000.00	No	ASB	
CGS24-010	Friends of Trent Vale Trail	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£20,000.00	Yes	Match	
CGS24-011	Bilthorpe Emergency Team	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£4,238.00	No	COL	
CGS24-012	Urban Worm CIC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£2,722.50	No	Climate Change	
CGS24-013	Newark Co-Production	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£786.00	No	No	
CGS24-014	Newark Social Badminton Club	No	Yes	Yes	No	£2,984.00	No	No	
CGS24-015	Gifts from Fairies Ltd	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	£5,788.00	Yes	Match	Application to the Charity Commission -

									should be granted in 3 weeks
CGS24-016	Coddington and Winthorpe Cricket Club	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£8,000.00	Yes	Match	
CGS24-017	Contempory Art Newark CIC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£6,493.00	Yes	Match	
CGS24-018	Laxton Village Hall (Laxton Alive)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£1,153.56	Yes	COL	3 separate projects
CGS24-019	Caythorpe Cricket Club	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£9,000.00	Yes	Match	Proof of match funding needed
CGS24-020	Newark Steam Punk Society	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£5,400.00	Yes	Match	
CGS24-021	Egmanton Village Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£3,000.00	No	Climate Change	Proof of match funding needed
CGS24-022	Newark Food and Wellbeing Hub	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£4,900.00	No	COL	
CGS24-023	The Dukeries Singers	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£2,000.00	No	No	
CGS24-024	Budby Barn Community Centre	No	Yes	Yes	No	£20,000.00	No	No	
CGS24-025	Newark Mencap	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£5,000.00	No	No	
CGS24-026	Newark Santa's Grotto	No	Yes	Yes	No	£9,960.00	No	No	
CGS24-027	Newark Swimming Club	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£3,000.00	No	No	
CGS24-028	Minster School PTA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£4989.16	No	ASB	
CGS24-029	Southwell Minster (Southwell Cathedral)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	£5,000.00	No	Match	Proof of match funding needed

## Appendix 2: Member Comments

Application Number	Application Name	Member Endorsement
CGS24-001	Support ME Maternal Project CIC	
CGS24-002	1 <sup>st</sup> Coddington Scouts Group	
CGS24-003	Bilsthorpe Miners Welfare Scheme	Endorsed by Cllr Rhona Holloway - I am happy to support both of the applications submitted from Bilsthorpe and hope that they are successful. I know that both the Food Club and the Bowls Club provide an essential service to the residents in different ways and I hope they can be supported to continue to do that.
CGS24-004	The Float Space LTD TA Tranquil Water Retreat	
CGS24-005	Walesby Junior Football Club	Endorsed by Cllr Tim Wildgust - It is creditable that this club supports Over 190 young people and relies mainly on volunteer support and contributions from parents. It is very difficult to raise the funds required to provide the infrastructure to keep organisations like this running but without the people willing to make this happen our young people in my ward would have very little to help promote their health and wellbeing.
CGS24-006	Winthorpe Allotment Association	
CGS24-007	BeanBlock	
CGS24-008	Mending Lines	
CGS24-009	Rainworth Miners Welfare FC	
CGS24-010	Friends of Trent Vale Trail	Endorsed by Cllr Linda Dales - This is such a valuable project, making the countryside accessible from Newark all the way up to Fledborough viaduct. This project started back in 2003 with the first section from Newark to Collingham. It was championed then by Cllr Maureen Dobson who was instrumental in getting this off the ground and obtaining funding for the earlier stretches of the Trail . It includes Besthorpe Nature Reserve midway and now reaches up past Spalford towards South Clifton. It is well used by walkers, cyclists and is accessible for wheelchairs, prams, mobility scooters. The Trail opens-up our countryside and all of the health and wellbeing benefits that come with that to our residents from Newark all the way up to North Clifton, as well as visitors from elsewhere  This is for the last stretch. We fully support this application. I know that the TVT would welcome you to come and visit it to see what has been achieved over the years so far from a team of volunteers from the Collingham villages who have worked tirelessly to make this happen

CGS24-011	Bilsthorpe Emergency Team	Endorsed by Cllr Rhona Holloway - I am happy to support both of the applications submitted from Bilsthorpe and hope that they are successful. I know that both the Food Club and the Bowls Club provide an essential service to the residents in different ways and I hope they can be supported to continue to do that.
CGS24-012	The Urban Worm CIC	
CGS24-013	The Newark Co-production	
CGS24-014	Newark Social Badminton Club	
CGS24-015	Gifts from Fairies LTD	
CGS24-016	Coddington & Winthorpe Cricket Club	
CGS24-017	Contemporary Art Newark CIC	Late endorsement by Cllr David Moore - Reading through the applications this one really took my interest as it's aimed at visitor attraction to the town, engaging local and national artists in its' objectives and, according to Lisa Simpson at Nottinghamshire County Council, the NCC supports the contemporary art Newark project. "This project is a prime example of how we wish attractions to begin and develop in Newark and throughout the county. Art and culture is vital to the growth of tourism in the area and this is set out in the county councils visitor economy framework."
CGS24-018	Laxton Village Hall (Laxton Alive)	
CGS24-019	Caythorpe Cricket Club	
CGS24-020	Newark Steampunk Society	
CGS24-021	Egmanton Village Hall	
CGS24-022	Newark Food and Wellbeing Club	
CGS24-023	The Dukeries Singers	
CGS24-024	Budby Barn Community Centre	
CGS24-025	Newark Mencap	
CGS24-026	Newark Santa's Grotto	
CGS24-027	Newark Swimming Club	
CGS24-028	Minster School PTA	
CGS24-029	Southwell Minster	