



Report to: Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Performance & Finance
 Decision Date: 11 July 2025
 Portfolio Holder: Cllr Paul Peacock
 Director Lead: Suzanne Shead, Director Housing, Health & Wellbeing
 Lead Officer: Victoria Endersby, Senior Community Development Officer

Report Summary	
Type of Report	Open/Non-key decision
Report Title	Community Grant Scheme Allocations
Purpose of Report	To approve the awards recommended by the cross-party panel for the Community Grant Scheme.
Recommendations	That the awards detailed within the report are approved.
Alternative Options Considered	That the awards are not approved
Reason for Recommendation	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.
Decision Taken	As per the recommendation

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Council has been running the community grant scheme in its current form for the last three years. This year (Year 4), the scheme is made up of £104,300 approved by Cabinet through the budget process and a further £29,000 secured from the reallocation of unclaimed grant from previous years.
- 1.2 A cross-party panel, made up of representatives from the three main political parties, met on 27th June 2025 to consider the 44 applications that had been received for Round 1 of the 2025-2026 Community Grant Scheme.

- 1.3 Each of the 44 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.
- 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:

Awarded				
Group Name	Award	Amount	Priority Area	Locality
Newark Nationals Baseball	Full	£469	ASB	Newark
Blidworth on the Move	Full	£3000	Cost of Living	Sherwood
SOS – Nesbitt’s Community Cafe	Full	£5091.71	Cost of Living	Newark
1 st Bilsthorpe Scout Group	Full	£12300	Match Funded	Sherwood
7 th Newark Scout Group	Full	£15000	Match Funded	Newark
Newark Sea Cadets	Full	£6171.91	ASB	Newark
Poor Close Allotment Association	Full	£3395	Climate Change	Newark
Mending Lines	Full	£4910	ASB	Newark
Newark & Sherwood Concert Band	Full	£3142.16	Cost of Living	Newark and Sherwood
St Andrew’s Mission Hall	Full	£1685	Cost of Living	Sherwood
Nottinghamshire County Scouts Council	Full	£20000	Match Funded	Newark
Ollerton Town FC	Full	£4982	ASB	Sherwood
Caythorpe War Memorial Hall	Full	£7730	Match Funded	Newark
Lion’s Den	Full	£7339	Match Funded	Newark
Newark Community First Aid	Full	£5270.73	Match Funded	Newark and Sherwood
Newark Food and Well-being Hub	Full	£2777.92	Cost of Living	Newark
Millgate Community Centre	Partial	£8149	Match Funded	Newark
Hoveringham Cricket Club	Partial	£2500	Match Funded	Newark
Newark Swimming Club	Partial	£3999.86	ASB	Newark
YMCA	Partial	£5000	Match Funded	Newark
Total		£122,913.29		

Not awarded				
Group Name	Award	Amount	Priority Area	Locality
Societi Foundation	None	£0	None	Newark
Paul's Pitstop	None	£0	None	Sherwood
Gorilla Man Fitness	None	£0	None	Newark
Sherwood Forest Trust	None	£0	Match Funded	Sherwood
Epperstone Village Hall	None	£0	None	Newark
Newark Amateur Boxing Club	None	£0	ASB	Newark
Wellspring Baptist Church Newark	None	£0	Match Funded	Newark
Social Action Hub	None	£0	Cost of Living/Match Funded	Sherwood
Weston Village Hall	None	£0	None	Newark
Friends of Gunthorpe Primary School	None	£0	Match Funded	Newark
Bilthorpe Miners Welfare	None	£0	None	Sherwood
Southwell Croquet Club	None	£0	None	Newark
Clipstone Scouts	None	£0	Match Funded	Sherwood
Newark Services Club	None	£0	Match Funded	Newark
Life Education East Midlands	None	£0	Match Funded	Newark
Caunton Tennis Club	None	£0	Match Funded	Newark
Southwell Minster	None	£0	Match Funded	Newark
RCAN	None	£0	Match Funded	Newark and Sherwood
North Muskham Playing Field	None	£0	Match Funded	Newark
Project Newark Green Spaces	None	£0	Match Funded	Newark
Nottinghamshire MIND	None	£0	Match Funded	Newark and Sherwood
Reach Learning and Disability	None	£0	Match Funded	Newark
Thorney Hub	None	£0	Match Funded	Newark
Ollerton District Community First Aid Response	None	£0	None	Sherwood

2.2 The above table shows that of the 44 applications 20 were allocated a grant. The grant scheme was heavily oversubscribed with request for support totalling over £370k which is three times the amount available to the panel.

2.3 When considering the spread of awards across the district, fourteen awards are recommended for Newark based group/ activities, four for Sherwood based groups/ activity and two that covers both areas. More awards were given in the Newark area as significantly more applications were submitted by Newark groups see breakdown below.

Area	Number of applications
Newark	30

Sherwood	10
Newark and Sherwood	4

- 2.4 All successful applications met one of the schemes 'priority areas' for funding including
- Nine demonstrating match funding
 - One that met the climate change agenda
 - Five that support a reduction in anti-social behaviour
 - Five that will support residents managing the cost of living crisis.
- 2.5 Following Round 1, there remains a total of £10,486.71 which would not be sufficient funds to open another round in 2025/2026 therefore we would recommend that this is carried over into 2026/2027.

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:

3.1 **Financial Implications – (FIN25-26/6338)**

- 3.1.1 As detailed in paragraph 1.1, for 2025/26 the scheme is made up of £104,300 approved by Cabinet through the budget setting process, £29,000 secured as a carry forward from unclaimed grant from previous years and a further £55,915 from the previous financial year allocated to groups but not yet paid. Totalling £189,215.
- 3.1.2 The £55,915 has existing allocations and will be spent against those proposals which were approved last year. Of the remaining £133,300, £122,913 will be allocated as proposed in paragraph 2.1, leaving £10,387 as unspent, this will be requested to be carried forward into 2026/27.

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

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?
CGS25-001	Millgate Community Centre	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£12,395	Yes	Match
CGS25-002	Newark Nationals Baseball	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£469	No	ASB
CGS25-003	Hoveringham Cricket Club	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£10,000	Yes	Match
CGS25-004	Societi Foundation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£2,334	No	NO
CGS25-005	Paul's Pit Stop	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£5,000	No	NO
CGS25-006	Blidworth on the Move	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£3,000	No	COL
CGS25-007	Gorilla Man Fitness	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£4,549	No	NO
CGS25-008	SOS - Save our Stephens	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£5,091	Yes	Match
CGS25-009	Sherwood Forest Trust	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£5,000	Yes	Match
CGS25-010	1st Bilsthorpe Scout Group	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£12,300	Yes	Match
CGS25-011	7th Newark Scout Group	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£15,000	Yes	Match
CGS25-012	Epperstone Village Hall	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	£2,937	No	NO
CGS25-013	Newark Amateur Boxing Club	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£4,800	No	ASB
CGS25-014	Wellspring Baptist Church	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£19,980	Yes	Match
CGS25-015	Social Action Hub	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£20,000	Yes	Match
CGS25-016	Weston Village Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£4,676	No	NO
CGS25-017	Newark Sea Cadets	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£6,172	Yes	Match
CGS25-018	Poor Close Allotment Association	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£3,395	No	Climate Change
CGS25-019	Mending Lines	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£4,910	No	ASB
CGS25-020	Newark & Sherwood Concert Band	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£3,142	No	COL
CGS25-021	Friends of Gunthorpe Primary School	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£13,475	Yes	Match
CGS25-022	Bilsthorpe Miners Welfare	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£5,916	Yes	NO

CGS25-023	Southwell Croquet Club	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£4,961	No	NO
CGS25-024	St Andrews Mission Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£1,685	No	COL
CGS25-025	Clipstone Scouts	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£5,000	Yes	Match
CGS25-026	Nottinghamshire County Scouts Council	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£20,000	Yes	Match
CGS25-027	Newark Swimming Club	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£4,567	No	ASB
CGS25-028	Newark Services Club	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£10,000	Yes	Match
CGS25-029	Life Education East Midlands	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	£9,900	Yes	Match
CGS25-030	Caunton Tennis Club	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£20,000	Yes	Match
CGS25-031	Ollerton Town FC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£4,982	No	NO
CGS25-032	Southwell Minster	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£15,732	Yes	Match
CGS25-033	Caythorpe War Memorial Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£7,730	Yes	Match
CGS25-034	Lions Den ABC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£7,339	Yes	Match
CGS25-035	RCAN	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£5,000	Yes	Match
CGS25-036	North Muskham Playing Field	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£5,758	Yes	Match
CGS25-037	Protect Newark Green Spaces	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£9,460	Yes	Match
CGS25-038	Nottinghamshire Mind	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£19,397	Yes	Match
CGS25-039	REACH Learning Disability	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£15,503	Yes	Match
CGS25-040	YMCA Newark and Sherwood	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£9,999	Yes	Match
CGS25-041	Newark Community First Aid	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£5,271	Yes	Match
CGS25-042	Newark Food and Wellbeing Hub	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£2,778	No	COL
CGS25-043	Thorney Hub at St Helens	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£20,000	Yes	Match
CGS25-044	Ollerton Community First Aid	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	£4,623	No	NO