



Report to: Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Performance & Finance

Decision Date: 13 July 2026

Portfolio Holder: Cllr Paul Peacock

Director Lead: Jenny Walker, Director Communities and Environment

Lead Officer: Victoria Endersby, Partnership and Place Manager

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 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 applications.
Decision Taken	As per the recommendation above.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Council has been running the community grant scheme in its current form for the last 4 years. This year (Year 5), the scheme is made up of £150,000 approved by Cabinet through the budget process, included in this is a £6,086.71 underspend in 2025/2026.
- 1.2 A cross-party panel, comprising Linda Tift (Labour Group) Roger Jackson (Conservative Group) and David Moore (Independents), met on 26th June 2026 to consider the twenty-eight applications received for Round 1 of the 2026-2027 Community Grant Scheme.

- 1.3 Each of the twenty-eight 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 applications 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, no declarations of interest were made by the panel.

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
Outlawz Boxing	Full	6,777.47	ASB	Newark
Bleasby Village Hall	Full	5,650.00	Match	Newark
Fiskerton-Cum-Morton Village Hall and Playing Field	Full	6,227.98	Match	Newark
Newark Roses	Full	4,388.00	ASB	Newark
Elston Village Shop	Full	6,447.18	Match	Newark
Ignite Futures Ltd	Full	4,850.00	ASB	Newark & Sherwood
Sam's Place CIC	Full	4,988.15	Climate	Sherwood
Caythorpe Cricket Club	Full	12,304.00	Match	Newark
Home-Start	Partial	5,000.00	Match	Newark & Sherwood
RCAN	Partial	7,000.00	Match	Newark & Sherwood
Barnby Wellbeing	Partial	3,563.00	Cost of Living	Newark
Southwell Scouts	Partial	2,800.00	Climate	Newark
Mansfield Town Community Trust	Partial	7,000.00	Match	Sherwood
Hockerton Garden Project	Partial	750.00	Match	Newark
Total		£77,745.78		

Not awarded				
Group Name	Award	Amount	Priority Area	Locality
Outside the Cave CIC	Nil	None	Cost of Living	Sherwood
1 st Clipstone Scouts	Nil	None	ASB	Sherwood

Royal Oak Court Allotments Association	Nil	None	Climate	Sherwood
Age UK Nottingham and Nottinghamshire	Nil	None	Match	Newark
CASY	Nil	None	Match	Newark and Sherwood
Southwell Leisure Trust	Nil	None	Match	Newark
REACH	Nil	None	Match	Newark
Serenity Bloom CIC	Nil	None	Cost of Living	Sherwood
Highfields School	Nil	None	Match	Newark
Suggy's Champions Academy	Nil	None	Match	Newark
Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust	Nil	None	Climate	Newark
Portland Charity	Nil	None	Match	Newark and Sherwood
Walesby Forest Org	Nil	None	Match	Sherwood
Newark Women's International Day	Nil	None	None	Newark

2.2 The above table shows that of the twenty-eight applications fourteen were allocated a grant. The grant scheme was heavily oversubscribed with request for support totalling over £259k.

2.3 When considering the spread of awards across the district, nine awards are recommended for Newark based group/ activities, two for Sherwood based groups/ activity and three 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	16
Sherwood	6
Newark and Sherwood	6

2.4 All successful applications met one of the schemes 'priority areas' for funding including

- Eight demonstrating match funding
- Two that met the climate change agenda
- Three that support a reduction in anti-social behaviour
- One that will support residents managing the cost-of-living crisis.

2.5 Following Round 1, there remains a total of £72,254.22 for Round 2 which we will open to applications at the end of October.

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.

Financial Implications - FIN26-27/2409

For 2026/27 the scheme is made up of £150,000 budget approved by Cabinet through the annual budget setting process, and a further £59,522.20 budget that was carried forward from the previous financial year for spend that has been allocated to groups but not yet paid out. The total budget for 2026/27 is £209,552.20, to be used for the above awards. After paying out the total £77,745.48 in this report there will be £72,254.22 left for allocation for the rest of the financial year.

3.1

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 Number	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?
CGS-26-001	Outside the Cave CIC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	4000.00		COL
CGS-26-002	Outlawz Boxing Gym	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	6777.47		ASB
CGS-26-003	Home-Start Newark	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	19847.00	Yes	Match
CGS-26-004	Bleasby Village Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	5650.00	Yes	Match
CGS-26-005	Fiskerton-Cum-Morton Village Hall Playing Field and Pavillion	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	6227.98	Yes	Match
CGS-26-006	1st Clipstone Scout Group	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	4900.00		ASB
CGS-26-007	Royal Oak Allotment Association	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	5000.00		Climate Change
CGS-26-008	Newark Roses Netball Club	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	4388.00		ASB
CGS-26-009	Age UK Nottingham and Nottinghamshire	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	19916.60	Yes	Match
CGS-26-010	Elston Village Community Shop	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	6447.18	Yes	Match
CGS-26-011	CASY	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	10800.00	Yes	Match
CGS-26-012	RCAN	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	14000.00	Yes	Match
CGS-26-013	Barnby Wellbeing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	4563.00		COL
CGS-26-014	Southwell Scouts	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3500.00		ASB
CGS-26-015	Ignite Futures Ltd	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	4850.00	Yes	ASB
CGS-26-016	Southwell Leisure Trust	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	20000.00	Yes	Match
CGS-26-017	REACH	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	9005.00	Yes	Match
CGS-26-018	Sam's Place CIC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	4988.15	Yes	Climate Change
CGS-26-019	Serenity Bloom CIC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	14676.00	No	COL
CGS-26-020	Highfields School	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	11500.00	Yes	Match
CGS-26-021	Mansfield Town Community Trust	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	8500.00	Yes	Match
CGS-26-022	Caythorpe Cricket Club	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	12304.00	Yes	Match
CGS-26-023	Suggys Champions Academy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	5300.00	Yes	Match
CGS-26-024	Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	4693.08	Yes	Climate Change
CGS-26-025	Portland Charity	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	17500.00	Yes	Match
CGS-26-026	Hockerton Garden Project	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	8000.00	Yes	Match
CGS-26-027	Walesby Forest Org	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	20000.00	Yes	Match
CGS-26-028	Newark International Womens Day	No	Yes	Yes	No	2032.50	No	NO
TOTAL						£259,365.96		