

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES, CULTURE AND LEISURE		
SUBJECT:	COMMUNITY CHEST GRANTS 2017/18		
DATE OF DECISION:	16 JANUARY 2018		
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF QUALITY AND INTEGRATION		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
None	
BRIEF SUMMARY	
Community Chest is the council's small grant scheme and currently awards grants of up to £2,500 to community groups in the city. Grants are awarded twice a year under delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Communities, Culture and Leisure, following recommendations from the cross-party Community Chest Grant Advisory Panel. The budget for the year is £100,000, which is divided approximately equally between the two rounds.	
Applications are accepted from local community groups and small voluntary organisations for a wide range of projects which contribute at least one to the council's four priority outcomes.	
RECOMMENDATIONS:	
	(i) To agree the recommendations made by the cross-party Community Chest Grant Advisory Panel
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS	
1.	All the applications have been considered by the cross-party Community Chest Grant Advisory Panel, which has made recommendations on which should receive funding.
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED	
2.	None
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)	
3.	Community Chest is the council's small grants scheme and has been running for more than 30 years. It is periodically reviewed to ensure it continues to meet the needs of local community groups. The grant has two rounds each year, six months apart, with the budget split roughly equally between both rounds. In 2017/18 the overall budget available is £100,000. The decision maker for the grants is the Cabinet Member for Communities, Culture and Leisure, following recommendations by the cross-party Community Chest

	Grant Advisory Panel.
4.	Each application is first checked by a technical appraiser to ensure both the project and the applicant meet the Community Chest criteria and minimum standards for grant funding. Further information or clarification is requested where necessary. All applications are then submitted to the cross-party Community Chest Grant Advisory Panel for consideration.
5.	Applications for round two of the 2017/18 Community Chest grant scheme were submitted by 31 October 2017. We received 33 applications totalling £62,270. One application was withdrawn by the applicant as the group had folded shortly after the application was submitted. The Community Chest Advisory Panel met on 6 December 2017 to consider the remaining 32 applications, totalling £59,420. KRP
6.	The Grant Advisory Panel has recommend full or partial funding for 29 groups totalling £51,414. These applications contribute to three of the council's priority outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and young people get a good start in life – 11 applications, totalling £21,167 • People in Southampton live safe, healthy, independent lives – 9 applications, totalling £16,083 • Southampton is an attractive and modern city where people are proud to live and work – 9 applications, totalling £14,164 • No applications were received where 'Southampton has a strong and sustainable economic growth' was the primary priority outcome.
7.	Of the three applications that are not being recommended for funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two are being deferred to the next round at give the applicants more time to refine their projects and provide additional information • One did not supply the requested supporting documentation, despite an additional reminder to do so
8.	A full list of the recommendations is attached at Appendix 1.
9.	The first round of Community Chest grants 2018/19 will open in early March 2018, with a deadline for applications of 30 April 2018.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

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Cost Centre	Account code	Budget £
MM520	4164	100,000

The total Community Chest budget for the year is £100,000, split approximately equally between two rounds. The total spent in the first round was £47,229, leaving £52,771 for the second round of grants. However, one organisation declined their grant of £1,343. This increased the total available for round 2 to £54,114. The recommendations in this report of £51,414 are within the allocated budget. KRP

Property/Other

11.	None
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
12.	The legal power for the Council to establish, administer and make awards from the Community Chest grant fund is provided by the Localism Act 2011. Subject to certain statutory restrictions, none of which apply in this case, Section 1 gives the Council “power to do anything that individuals may do”.
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>	
13.	None
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
14.	The risks of fully funding, part funding or not funding each application were considered as part of the Grant Advisory Panel’s discussions. One applicant, the Art House CIC, was identified as a potential medium risk as it made a loss in the previous two financial years. Advice was sought from Finance and this was discussed with the Cabinet Member for Communities, Culture and Leisure prior to the Grant Advisory Panel meeting and with the whole panel at the meeting. The Grant Advisory Panel felt that the benefits of awarding a small grant to this organisation outweigh the potential risks and have therefore recommended it for funding. Additional measures will be put in place to ensure the grant is spent as requested. All other recommendations listed in Appendix 1 are considered to be low risk.
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
15.	The recommendations in this paper support the delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy (City Strategy), the Council Strategy 2016-2020, key partnership strategies such as the Safe City Strategy and the Health and Wellbeing Strategy as well as Level 1 strategies of the Council.

KEY DECISION?	No
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WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	All
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1.	List of recommendations for Community Chest grant 2017/18 Round 2
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Documents In Members’ Rooms

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Equality Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out.		No
Privacy Impact Assessment		
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) to be carried out.		No
Other Background Documents		
Other Background documents available for inspection at:		
Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)	
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2.		