

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, PLACE AND COMMUNITIES**APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS TO THE COVID PARTNERSHIP SOCIAL RECOVERY FUND AND THE COMMUNITY HUB FOOD PLAN FUND****Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek Committee approval for applications for funding over £5k from the Covid-19 Partnership Social Recovery Fund or the Community Hub Food Plan Fund.
2. To update Committee for oversight purposes of applications for funding for £5k or less from the Covid-19 Partnership Social Recovery or the Community Hub Food Plan Fund.

Information**The Covid-19 Partnership Social Recovery and the Community Hub Food Funds**

3. The Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee approved £800k to support the development of the Community Hub Food Plan from the Contain Management Fund in January 2021. The £1m Covid-19 Partnership Social Recovery Fund was approved by Communities Committee in June 2021.
4. At the September 2021 Communities Committee, Members approved the governance and distribution principles for both funds, including a £50k small projects element to both.
5. A 2 or 3 stage approval process dependant on application value was approved. Firstly, all applications would be channelled through the appropriate Needs Assessment group or the Food Insecurity Network for consideration and endorsement by those with appropriate operational expertise.
6. Stage 2 agreed was that the LRF Humanitarian Assistance Group (HAG) (whilst in operation), would play a key role in giving either partnership endorsement or approval (depending on value) to ensure a whole systems approach to applying the funding that built on the partnership collaboration established during the pandemic.
7. For applications over £5k endorsed by the HAG, stage 3 agreed was that they would be brought to this Committee for formal approval. Those under £5k approved by the HAG could be immediately actioned, but with full details reported to Committee for appropriate Member oversight.
8. At its November, December, and January meetings this Committee:

- Approved applications over £5k for both the Covid-19 Partnership Social Recovery Fund and the Community Hub Food Funds.
- Reviewed for oversight purposes applications £5k or under that have been given endorsement by the HAG, for both the Covid-19 Partnership Social Recovery Fund and the Community Hub Food Funds.

Applications to Consider

9. The Covid-19 Partnership Recovery Fund has an agreed budget of £1,000,000 and at the November, December and January Communities Committee Meeting a total of £1,000,000 was approved. The January Communities committee also agreed to increase the budget for the fund by a further £500,000. This underpins the Council's commitment to the Compact
10. In a short space of time partners, including the VCS have been able to make quality applications to the fund. The appendixes to this report contain recommendations to spend £491,000 from this increased budget.
11. The Community Food Hub Food Fund has an agreed budget of £800,000 and at the November, December, and January Communities Committee a total of £682,368 was approved. The appendixes to this report contain recommendations to spend the remaining £117,632 of this budget and the fund is now closed.
12. **Appendix 1** to this report contains the details of applications over £5k that have been given endorsement by the HAG for both the Covid-19 Partnership Social Recovery Fund totalling £491,000 and the Community Hub Food Fund £106,632. This report seeks Committee approval of these applications.
13. **Appendix 2** to this report contains details of applications £5k or under that have been given endorsement by the HAG, Covid-19 Partnership Social Recovery Fund £9,000 and for the Community Hub Food Fund £11,000. This report invites the Committee to review these applications for oversight purposes.

Other Options Considered

14. None

Reasons for Recommendations

15. The applications recommended for approval have been reviewed and endorsed by the relevant Needs Assessment Group or the Food Insecurity Network as meeting pandemic related needs presenting in our Communities. They have been further reviewed and endorsed by the broader Community Support partnership through the HAG to ensure a joined-up system approach.

Statutory and Policy Implications

16. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty,

safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

17. **Appendix 1** seeks the approval for £491,000 of applications from the £1.5m Covid-19 Partnership Social Recovery Fund. Also, £106,632 of applications from the £800k Community Hub Food Fund.
18. **Appendix 2** details £9,000 of applications under £5,000 approved by the HAG from the Social Recovery Fund and £11,000 from the Community Hub Food Fund
19. If all applications in **Appendix 1** and **Appendix 2** are approved by Committee, combined with those previously approved Committee, the balance remaining in the Covid-19 Partnership Social Recovery Fund is £0 and in the Community Hub Food Fund £0

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee:

- 1) Approves those applications for funding recommended in Appendix 1; and
- 2) Reviews those applications that have received partnership approval set out in Appendix 2.

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Constitutional Comments (AK 10/2/2022)

20. This report falls within the remit of Communities Committee under its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (SES 08/02/2022)

21. The financial implications are set out in paragraphs 16 to 18 of the report.

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.

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All .

APPENDIX 1

Recommended Projects – Social Recovery Fund (over £5000)

	Organisation	Project Summary	Amount Recommended	Location
1.	Newark Emmaus Trust	To provide both a support worker and additional therapy expertise for young homeless people - to improve their engagement and access to a range of services particularly support with mental health and well-being.	£39,740	Newark & Sherwood
2.	Family Action	To launch a further 6 Food clubs (FoodOnOurDoorstep) adding to the 20 already in place. The funding will build capacity, resilience and qualitative/quantative evaluation into the successful rollout and sustainability of the Food club Model	£64,945	Countywide
3.	Gedling Borough Council	The Strength in Gedling programme seeks to build on and develop the Community and Voluntary Sector in the Borough. Helping to address gaps in provision, remove barriers and coproducing new approaches to both community based and commissioned service delivery.	£47,000	Gedling
4.	Bassetlaw, Gedling, Newark & Sherwood & Rushcliffe CAB's in Partnership	To develop a shared recruitment, training, and triage system to build the volunteer numbers across the network and ensure appropriate training and support. The programme will deliver an additional 330 training days across the network recruit a minimum of 36 new shared volunteers which will increase capacity to support at least another 1200 clients with a range of services.	£46,860	Countywide
5.	Active Partners Trust	Working across Nottinghamshire hosting a Walking Coordinator Post this will map current local community-based walk related services and walking based health initiatives. To coordinate appropriate training and safety measures, to utilise technology to help people of all ages to explore the county through walk-based exercise.	£30,976	Countywide
6.	Age Concern Eastwood	A Lunch club operating Monday to Thursday in Eastwood, providing meals, transport, friendship, and entertainment for older	£28,140	Broxtowe

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		lonely and isolated people. The funding will help build the club back to pre-pandemic levels and provide a safe and welcoming environment for people to re-connect.		
7.	Citizens Advice Ashfield	The proposal is to employ a Family Financial Resilience Worker (12 months initially) working to support people to secure benefit entitlements and help with income maximisation, spending planning and budgets and moving towards growing assets and a safety net for the future.	£27,208	Ashfield
8.	Citizens Advice Broxtowe	The proposal is to employ a Family Financial Support Worker (12 months initially) who will be skilled in welfare benefits and income maximisation but will work across all aspects of financial resilience to include helping families with income maximisation, spending and budgeting.	£26,528	Broxtowe
9.	The Community Coaching CIC	Delivering a community based peripatetic play and support sessions for families who have children with disability/serious illness. Service operates in Ashfield, Gedling & Rushcliffe.	£19,189	Countywide
10.	OUR CENTRE	To employ a part-time support worker focussed on recruiting, training, and supporting a bank of volunteers who will deliver befriending and transport services for the organisation.	£19,166	Ashfield
11.	St Johns Parochial Church Outreach Programme	Funding will support some essential building and access issues for a Community Hall that pre-pandemic was very well used. It is a vital facility in a deprived area of Ashfield the work will ensure that the multiple users will be welcomed back into a safe and hospitable environment.	£16,515	Ashfield
12.	Sherwood Forest Educational Partnership CIC	A partnership project with the Active Partners Trust & Sherwood Forest Hospital Trust aimed at improving physical activity in an area with poor health outcomes and activity rates for younger people. The project will use young volunteers from a local college to encourage digital sign-ups to PatientsKnowBest and	£15,700	Newark & Sherwood

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		TagTapAR to both encourage physical activity and improve digital skills.		
13.	Nottinghamshire Clubs for Young People	To meet the demand for an additional session that will provide additional places for young people with learning disabilities to attend cooking workshops. Building confidence, independence and providing some respite for parents and carers.	£14,186	Countywide
14.	Beeston Hockey Club	The funding will help cover the costs associated with providing 1 year of hockey training and support to young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. Working in partnership with the Nottinghamshire Downs Support Group.	£13,190	Countywide
15.	Mid Notts Dementia Friendly Community Partnership	Delivery of 4 Train the Trainer Dementia Interpreter Courses, weekly sessions in Ashfield & Newark & Sherwood that will provide a memory café, chair-based exercise, and a carers wellbeing programme.	£12,629	Countywide
16.	Eastwood Volunteer Bureau	The focus of this project is four-fold - A foodbank, Volunteer Driver scheme, Befriending and an advice service. The funding will help the organisation deal with the additional demand and support some of the loss of income experienced during the pandemic.	£12,500	Broxtowe
17.	Bestwood Miners Welfare Institute	To build on and extend the range of services developed during the pandemic and embed the centre as a community hub for residents. The funding will support the following initiatives, a lunch club for older residents, a youth club, an ex-service person's club, a community choir, various sports, and physical activities and plans for a Benefits/Financial Advice support service.	£12,500	Gedling
18.	Newark Rugby Union Football Club.	To deliver a one year supported programme of Mental Health First Aid training for 32 volunteers across the senior and junior elements of a Rugby Club that has 600 members.	£10,000	Newark & Sherwood
19.	Musicworks Nottinghamshire	Delivering music therapy sessions for mainly over 65's - online, in care settings and in local community settings.	£7,028	Rushcliffe

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20.	Newark Friendship Group	A safe and supported environment for people of all ages to meet – currently membership is 50 people meeting twice weekly and plans are to partner with other organisations and venues to extend the offer	£6,000	Newark & Sherwood
21.	Meet Greet & Eat Social Supermarket	A programme of support to provide a safe environment for people with additional needs and learning disabilities to develop a range of skills all focussed on food and nutrition.	£6,000	Rushcliffe
22.	Cornwater Evergreens	Funding will help support the delivery of activities at the Friendship and Memory Cafe which operates daily. Providing stimulating activities to encourage re-engagement of many people who have been lonely and isolated for over 2 years.	£5,000	Gedling
23.	Beeston Dementia Friends	Beeston Memory Café is a safe, friendly venue where all are welcome, and dementia is accepted. Café sessions include social activities, and signposting. The Memory Café is developing its support network further and will offer carers/family members the opportunity to obtain advice and guidance.	£5,000	Broxtowe
24.	Literacy Volunteers	To recruit, train and support 50 new volunteers needed to replace the large number of older people who have ceased delivering reading in Nottinghamshire Primary Schools.	£5,000	Countywide
		Total	£491,000	

Recommended Projects – Community Food Fund (over £5000)

	Organisation	Project Summary	Amount Recommended	Location
1.	Hope Nottingham CIO	The funding will support Hope Cafe at Beeston to continue and to develop regular community meals run by and for residents. Also, the funding will support Carlton and Inham Nook basic cafes to increase to 2 or 3 times weekly with a more extensive food offering and enhanced befriending support.	£12,000	Broxtowe
2.	Broxtowe Community Projects	The Beeston based foodbank started in 2020 and currently distributes 80 food parcels by delivery and 40 by collection per week across Broxtowe. The funding will support the provision of additional food and essential items.	£21,722	Broxtowe
3.	St Albans Community Kitchen	To provide a twice weekly free hot meals service for struggling families - the funding would be used for food and provide 8000 meals.	£11,110	Gedling
4.	St Mary's Community Kitchen	Provision of a hot meals service for vulnerable families - Funding would supply 2,100 meals.	£6,350	Gedling
5.	Growing Mansfield	Funding is required as a contribution towards a community development post to support, manage and deliver targeted and open food growing sessions the existing Northfield community allotment and to develop the new Bellamy community allotment. The funding will also be for some capital items such as a polytunnel, greenhouse , raised beds equipment and compost.	£20,000	Mansfield
6.	Newark & Sherwood District Council	To establish 2 social eating events each month at 3 N&S social housing venues, providing food safety training and volunteer opportunities for 10 people. It is anticipated there will be 30 people	£7,730	Newark & Sherwood

		attending each session, providing a total of 2,160 meals.		
7.	The Parochial Church St Pauls Wilford	Funding to support the salary costs of staff and equipment for a community cafe that would operate 6 days a week. In addition to this a monthly social eating event for 100 people.	£19,000	Rushcliffe
8.	Metropolitan Housing	The funding is a contribution towards “ The Nourish Programme ” this will deliver across three priorities- Food Insecurity - family meal boxes 40 families per month, Education, and skills 6-week course for 8 participants over 3 locations, social cooking sessions 6-week course for 8 participants over 3 locations: Growth and resilience - Community kitchens 30 people every fortnight	£8,720	Rushcliffe
		Total	£106,632	

APPENDIX 2

Approved Projects – Social Recovery Fund (under £5000)

	Organisation	Project Summary	Amount Recommended	Location
1.	Bilthorpe Emergency Team	Social eating project to run alongside community café. Delivered through social prescribers and local community to reduce isolation and provide health and wellbeing support to local residents.	£300	Newark & Sherwood
2.	Support for Refugees East Midlands	Small charity that supports resettled refugees in Newark and Sherwood. Applying for funds to continue monthly Friends Together group at the Beanblock Café in Newark	£1,200	Countywide
3.	The CORE Centre	Seeking funding to provide the Bowl of Soup project that provides carpet bowls and weekly lunch aimed at members of the community who feel isolated and have been worried about venturing out. The CORE project is based at Calverton Working Men's Club.	£2,100	Gedling
4.	Bassetlaw Action Centre	Initiative to provide door to door transport to local eateries to help people who would otherwise be at home/ isolated to enjoy lunch.	£2,400	Bassetlaw
5.	Ashfield Evergreens Old peoples recreational centre	Funding to support the costs to provide weekly luncheon club and social activities to most vulnerable older residents including. Based at the centre in Kirkby in Ashfield.	£3,000	Ashfield
		Total	£9,000	

Approved Projects – Community Food Fund (under £5000)

	Organisation	Project Summary	Amount Recommended	Location
1.	Stanton Hill Community Help Centre	Provision of food parcels, distribution of surplus food and a shopping service for the most vulnerable. Referrals from, schools, GP's & Social Workers	£4,000	Ashfield
2.	Commonwealth Africa	The project requires funding to maintain its foodbank for BME residents for a further 12 months. The project is based in and works across the City and the County to encourage engagement with BME families (specifically families of African Heritage) and offers wider support on other issues. Currently supporting 26 families in the County	£2,000	Countywide
3.	Eastwood Volunteer Bureau	Support for the provision of a Foodbank service in the north of Broxtowe Borough. Funding will buy essential items and cover some of the running costs of the bureau.	£5,000	Broxtowe
	Total		£11,000	