

RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION



Decision taken by individual Cabinet Member

(All sections must be completed (mark "N/A" as applicable))

DECISION MAKER *(Name and designation)*

Cllr Sue Carter, Community Portfolio Holder

DECISION AND THE REASON(S) FOR IT

The Supporting Communities Grant Scheme for 2023/24 had £20,000 available for allocation as grants.

The scheme ran in two rounds. In round one, £13,000 was allocated to Ward Councillors (£1,000 per ward) to award for projects in their wards that would make a difference to people's lives and help bring communities together. The funding was open to a wide variety of organisations that are active in the local community. Councillors could also apply to help them achieve the local ward objectives, where there was no external sponsoring organisation. A further £7,000 was available for the Portfolio Holder to allocate for borough-wide projects. In round one, 13 grants totalling £10,239 were awarded.

For round two, the remaining funds were available for all Ward Councillors to support projects either through community organisations or via councillor-led projects.

There was £9,787.45 available for allocation in round two. This included the £1,000 which was ringfenced for the Heart of Farnborough's commemorative bench project in round one. No further information was received, so the funds were added to the amount available for allocation in round two.

29 applications were received, of which four were ineligible for funding as they did not meet the criteria. The remaining applications were considered against the following criteria:

- If the organisation has applied for a Rushmoor Borough Council community grant in the last three years
- Community involvement or contribution to the community of the project
- Clear aims and outcomes of the project
- Sustainability of the project

Appendix 1 shows the decisions and amount of the grant awards. Unsuccessful applicants will be signposted to other possible funding streams.

In addition, organisations will be encouraged to join the Rushmoor Community Lottery if they have not already done so.

DATE DECISION TAKEN

22 February 2024

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

(Those examined by officers and generated by consultation, etc)

None.

ANY CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

(conflict of interests of any executive member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision. A note of dispensation should be attached).

N/A

Signed _____ **Cllr Sue Carter** _____
(Decision Maker)

Designation _____ **Democracy, Strategy and Partnerships Portfolio Holder** _____

Supporting Communities Grants - Round 2

Applicant	Project	Member support?	Grant award	Comments
14th Aldershot Pegasus Scout Group	Outdoor & adventurous activities to Aldershot young people	Y	£483.00	No previous grant awards. Good community contribution.
3rd Cove Brownies	3rd Cove Brownies	Y	£300.00	No previous grant awards. Link with Farnborough Girlguiding for sustainability with group/kit. Encourage to join lottery.
3rd Farnborough Scout Group	Cooking Equipment Refresh		£483.00	Good community contribution.
8th Aldershot Scouts	Camp revamp	Y	£483.00	No previous grant awards. Good community contribution.
Afghan Community Centre	Educational resources	Y	£0.00	Ineligible - not a community organisation at time of application.
Balance Glide and Ride Rushmoor	Ride Leadership Training	-	£640.00	Good community contribution.
Beaumont Community Preschool & Childcare Groups	Bumbles Garden Project	Y	£0.00	Redirect to Lottery Community Fund
Bevan Lodge Community Preschool CIO	All-welcome train	-	£0.00	Redirect to Lottery Community Fund
Chloe's and Sophie's Special Ears Fund	BSL School Boards - Playtime for all	-	£715.00	No previous grant award. Award is subject to evidence being provided that the boards will be used in schools.
Eclipse Allstarts Cheerleading	End of Season Awards	-	£0.00	No evidence of where members are from. Concern about setting precedent for this type of project.
Equal Potential CIC	Neurodiversity Friendly Workplaces	-	£0.00	Good project but not suitable for fund (paying for staff). Link with Economic Development team.
Farnborough Lawn Tennis Club	Disabled Tennis	Y	£900.00	Good community contribution. For sustainability link with PEBL and check re. LTA Open Court programme.
Farnborough Lions Club (CIO)	Farnborough prostate cancer screening	Y	£1,000.00	Good community contribution.
Friends of Parsonage School	FOPS Shed		£480.00	No previous grant award.
Greater Rushmoor Nepali Community	Nepali New Year Celebration 2024	Y	£0.00	Previously funded this event. Use income from event to fund.
Hart Voluntary Action	Young Carers Festival 2024	-	£990.00	Good community contribution.
Life Education Wessex and Thames Valley	Helping children make healthy choices	Y	£0.00	Ineligible due to timescales of project.
Mustard Seed Autism Trust	Autism Support for Schools	-	£0.00	Good project but not suitable for fund (paying for staff). Would consider in future if applied for delivering training.

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OFLAC	OFLAC FAB Café	Y	£890.00	Good community contribution.
Rushmoor Artistic Swimming Club	Synchronised Swimming Music Equipment	-	£500.00	No previous grant award.
Rushmoor Community Football Club	Renewal of outdoor patio furniture	Y	£500.00	Good community contribution.
Rushmoor Voluntary Services	RVS Event Resources	-	£426.00	Good community contribution.
Spotlight UK	Activities to improve mental health	-	£0.00	No evidence of how identifying children to take part.
St Bernadette's Catholic Primary Sch	First Aid Room	-	£0.00	Ineligible due to nature of project.
St Peter's Junior School	Outreach support worker	-	£0.00	Ineligible due to nature of project.
The Conservation Volunteers	Wellesley Woodlands	Y	£0.00	Redirect to Farnborough Airport Fund
The Vine Centre	Free Yoga Classes	-	£996.00	Good community contribution.
VoxSkool Community	Inspiration Singing Group	-	£0.00	Not suitable for this fund.
West End Centre (HCT)	Creative Writing for Mothers	Y	£0.00	Good project, but concern about lack of evidence of how and where they would recruit the cohort.
Total of grant awards			£9,786.00	