

Title of Report: Grant Aid 2021/22	Officer Presenting: Director of Health & Community Author: Head of Community Development & Leisure
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1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations

- 1.1 To update Members on the process and timelines for the 2021/22 Grant Aid Programmes within the Health and Community Directorate.

2 Background

- 2.1 Members will be aware that grant aid for Community Support and Good Relations are allocated to DEA's in line with Community Planning. The financial allocations are based on a formula based on deprivation, population and rurality. A Community Centre Venues fund was also introduced as part of the new Grant Aid programme in 2017/18 that has provided grant aid to 20 Community Centre Venues for a 3 year period that ended in March 2020. Council approved, under delegated approval, the extension of the Community Centre Venues Programme for an additional year until the end of March 2021(C112/20 & HC128/20).

3 Key Issues

- 3.1 The Community Support Programme provides grant support to constituted 'not for profit' organisations up to a maximum of £4,000 in any financial year. The fund can be utilised for either core costs or project costs. The available budget for 2020/21 was £214,500.
- 3.2 The Community Centre Venue Fund provides support to constituted 'not for profit' organisations that are open, accountable and representative of the geographical area which they serve up to a maximum of £12,000 (tier one) or up to a maximum of £7,500 (tier two). The available budget for the Community Centre Venue Fund for each year is currently £195,000.
- 3.3 Tier 1 of the Community Centre Venues fund primarily targets community centres within the top 30% most deprived areas in relation to proximity to services. Tier 2 funding primarily targets community centres within the top 10% most deprived in relation to multiple deprivation.

- 3.4 The Good Relations Programme provides support for constituted 'not for profit' organisations. Grants are provided up to a maximum of £4,000 in any financial year for either core or project costs. The available budget for 2020/21 was £200,000.
- 3.5 The operational flow chart, which outlines proposed dates and process for the delivery of Community Support Fund, Community Centre Venues fund and Good Relations Grant aid programmes 2021-2022 is outlined in Appendix 1.

4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement, Rural Needs and other Implications

- 4.1 A further report will be presented to confirm final budgets when Council and each of the Departments confirm allocations for the 2021/22 financial year. Allocations to groups will only be made following confirmation of final budgets from Council, DfC and the Executive Office.

5 Recommendations

- 5.1 That Members approve the proposed process and timelines for Community Support, Community Centre Venues and Good Relations grant aid programmes for 2021-22.

Background Papers

Appendix 1: Operational Flowchart

Mins Refs: C112/20; HC128/20