

Report to: Community Grant Panel



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Community Buildings Fund

Report summary:

East Devon District Council has a Community Buildings Fund. This gives out grants of up to £5,000 to community buildings and community shops in rural areas, so not in areas covered by town councils.

We have had two applications in from Chardstock Community Shop and Dalwood Community Shop, decisions need to be made on those. The Community Grants Panel has the authority to make decisions on those applications.

Is the proposed decision in accordance with:

Budget Yes No

Policy Framework Yes No

Recommendation:

- (1) That the Community Grant Panel consider the two attached applications to the Community Buildings Fund and make decisions on whether to give them the grant they are requesting.

Reason for recommendation:

The Community Grant Panel has the authority to make decisions on the Community Buildings Fund applications.

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Portfolio(s) (check which apply):

- Climate Action and Emergency Response
- Coast, Country and Environment
- Council and Corporate Co-ordination
- Democracy, Transparency and Communications
- Economy and Assets
- Finance
- Strategic Planning
- Sustainable Homes and Communities
- Tourism, Sports, Leisure and Culture

Equalities impact Low Impact

Climate change Medium Impact

Risk: Low Risk;

Links to background information [Community Buildings Fund - East Devon](#)

Link to [Council Plan](#)

Priorities (check which apply)

- Better homes and communities for all
 - A greener East Devon
 - A resilient economy
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Report in full

1. Every year, for at least 15 years, East Devon District Council has had a Community Buildings Fund.
2. There are two closing dates each year, to allow for more timely decisions on grants. This financial year the closing dates are 27 June 2022 and 9 January 2023.
3. The attached are the two latest applications to that fund from:
 - a. Dalwood Community Shop
 - b. Chardstock Community Shop

I have done an initial eligibility check and an assessment of those applications, purely as a guide to Councillors on the decision making panel. Councillors can disagree with any part of my assessment if they wish.

4. There is enough money available in the fund to fund both these applications if Councillors wish to do so. We currently have £35,000 in the fund, Councillors increased the budget from £22,500 last financial year. Unfortunately as I have been seconded full time to work on the council's Homes for Ukraine response I have not had the time to publicise the fund or encourage applications as I normally would so have mainly relied upon parish councils and Councillors to do this.
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Financial implications:

Contained within the report and its attachments.

Legal implications:

There are no legal implications requiring comment.