

Report to: Community Grant Panel



Date of Meeting 17th March 2023

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Community Buildings Fund

Report summary:

East Devon District Council has an Action on Poverty Fund. This gives out grants of up to £5,000 to projects that help work towards the aims outlined in our Poverty Reduction Strategy.

The second closing date for this financial year has now passed, decisions need to be made on the applications received. The Community Grants Panel has the authority to make decisions on those applications and on the guidance for the fund.

Is the proposed decision in accordance with:

Budget Yes No

Policy Framework Yes No

Recommendation:

- (1) That the Community Grant Panel consider the applications to the Action on Poverty Fund and make decisions on whether to give them the grant they are requesting.
- (2)

Reason for recommendation:

The Community Grant Panel has the authority to make decisions on the Action on Poverty 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

If choosing High or Medium level outline the equality considerations here, which should include any particular adverse impact on people with protected characteristics and actions to mitigate these. Link to an equalities impact assessment form using the [equalities form template](#).

Climate change Medium Impact

Risk: Low Risk; Click here to enter text on risk considerations relating to your report.

Links to background information

[East Devon Action on Poverty Fund - Overview - East Devon](#)

[Poverty Reduction Strategy - East Devon](#)

Appendix A – [Project Food Application](#)

Appendix B – [Ottery Larder Application](#)

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. Background

For the financial year 2022/2023, East Devon District Council has an Action on Poverty Fund. This is for the second round of applications to the fund completed by the 15 February 2023.

2. Applications

2.1 Contained within this report are two applications to that fund. I have done an initial eligibility check and have made sure that each of those applications is complete.

2.2 The applications within this report for this panel to decide on are:

- A. Ottery Community Volunteers are applying for £1,400 for items such as a heater and clothes rails to make a shop on their hall. They have all the remaining funding in place.
- B. Project Food are applying for £4,968 to run family cooking courses in Ottery St Mary. They have all the remaining match funding in place.

If all these applications were successful we would be giving out a total of £6,368.00

2.3 There is enough money available in the fund to fund all these applications if Councillors wish to do so, with a significant amount still available for applications received by the second closing date. We currently have £43,933.39 in the fund.

2.4 Unfortunately this fund has not been published and promoted as it was in the first round due to the absence of the Funding and Engagement officer. Due to this ongoing absence the Management Information officer has picked up this work and has made best endeavours to get the applications received to this panel.

Financial implications:

The financial implications are as contained within the report

Legal implications:

There is no direct comment to be made in relation to this report, each and any individual issue will need to be considered as it arises. Consideration does need to be given to whether a grant is a true grant or a contract for services as this has implications with regard to VAT and procurement, advice has been provided in this regard previously