

**VOLUNTARY SUPPORT GRANT COMMITTEE held at COMMITTEE ROOM - COUNCIL OFFICES, LONDON ROAD, SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX CB11 4ER, on MONDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2022 at 3.00 pm**

Present: Councillors P Lees, N Hargreaves and N Reeve

Officers in attendance: F Gardiner (Communities Health and Wellbeing Manager), S Hayden (Community Development Officer) and A Lindsell (Democratic Services Officer)

**1 ELECTION OF CHAIR**

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Lees as Chair.

**2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Gregory and Sutton.

There were no declarations of interest.

**3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2022 were agreed as accurate.

**4 VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION SUPPORT GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Each application was considered in turn. The Chair confirmed that £310,000 was available for distribution, the same figure as the previous year. She said that it was unfortunate that there was a limited budget to support the amazing volunteer work being undertaken throughout the district.

Members unanimously resolved to grant funds to organisations as detailed below:

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Allocated 2023/24</b>
Uttlesford Community Travel	£48,300.00	£36,000.00
St Clare West Essex Hospice Care Trust	£5,000.00	£0
Home-Start Essex	£12,913.00	£9,000.00
Support 4 Sight	£15,800.00	£9,000.00

Uttlesford Community Action Network	£80,000.00	£55,000.00
Action for Family Carers	£17,600.00	£8,000.00
Hearing Help Essex Ltd	£5,000.00	£4,000.00
Uttlesford Citizen Advice	£194,000.00	£155,000.00
Uttlesford Citizen Advice (front line service)	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
Citizens Advice East Herts	£11,500.00	£4,000.00
Accuro (Care Service)	£20,000.00	£12,000.00
Uttlesford Buffy Bus Association	£6,200.00	£5,000.00
Carers FIRST	£9,660.00	£0
Saffron Hall Trust	£5,700.00	£3,000.00
Dig-It	£6,000.00	£3,000.00
CraftAbility - Thaxted Disabled Centre	£3,000.00	£2,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£436,013.00</b>	<b>£310,000.00</b>

Uttlesford Community Travel also submitted an additional request for £17,000 for vehicle replacement from another grant.

Members made the following additional comments:

- Carers First had received no funds due to their application being received after the deadline had expired.
- St Clare West Essex Hospice Care Trust had received no funds as they were currently well funded, particularly for the activity applied for this year. Their accounts had demonstrated that there were funds ring-fenced for the activity that funding was applied for.
- Future applications would be asked to provide longer term plans for a three year period to enable increased stability over the funded period.
- The Leader encouraged residents to become members of Uttlesford Community Travel.

All bodies were thanked for their submissions and members of the public were encouraged to support these groups moving forward.

Officers were thanked for their contributions.

*Meeting Closed 3.31pm*