

Applicant	Great Dunmow Town Council
Name of Project	Great Dunmow Multi-Use Games Area
Project brief:	<p>Great Dunmow Recreation Ground is a significant area of land managed as a public open space under the Open Spaces Act and held in trust by the Council. The site benefits from a conglomeration of amenities accessible from a free public carpark and several footpath links. This grouping of amenities includes a children's play park, skate park and dedicated sports pavilion, however the Council believes considerable scope exists for major site improvement.</p> <p>Plans already exist for a reconstruction of public toilets and main public carpark with potential community storage additions with an approximate budget of £300,000. An additional £30,000 project to create new footpath links from the Dourdan Pavillion through to the River Chelmer land (also Town Council managed) is progressing and is currently at the pre-application advice stage. It is envisioned that with these major investments in the site, the amenity area will benefit from increased accessibility and will be promoted for greater use.</p> <p>The Town Council has been operating a dedicated "Health &amp; Wellbeing" programme for two years which continues to expand and seeks to improve all aspects of public health in Great Dunmow via physical and mental health support. It is recognised that a programme of awareness and promotion of facilities is not enough on its own. The Council would like to commit to additional capital expenditure to improve the town's amenities, and has commit to the construction of a Multi-use Games Area as a significant, additional and complimenting facility for the central recreation ground.</p> <p>Specifications are under consideration to ensure the facility is as accessible as possible for all areas of the community, with a priority for amateur and social games as opposed to a professional facility for team playing and paid hires. It is envisioned the facility will be freely open at no charge to the public.</p>
Total cost of the project	£205,100
Amount raised	<p>£55,100</p> <p>£19,500 - allocated reserves for MUGA feasibility and preliminaries. £10,000 - Health &amp; Wellbeing reserve anticipated surplus</p> <p>£25,600 - Collection Fund Surplus Reserve</p>
Amount Requested	£150,000
Panel decision	<p>Panel decision to allocate Great Dunmow Town Council £100,000 towards the Multi-Use Games Area, the same amount as Newport Parish Council, as the projects are similar and the Panel felt that the Town Council may look at their reserves to help finance the project.</p> <p><b>Recommended to agree grant of £100,000</b></p>

Applicant	Newport Sports Committee
Name of Project	Newport playground MUGA
Project brief:	<p>Newport has a well-used playground for younger children at Gaces Acre.</p> <p>Apart from two tennis courts and some small sized football goals at the recreation ground, the only other recreation areas for older children and adults is the Joyce Franklin Academy School.</p> <p>This new facility will provide all all-year-round play area for multiple sports. Both organised sports and casual play will be catered for.</p> <p>The floodlit and all-weather surface will allow sports/play in the evenings throughout the year,</p> <p>The MUGA will be located next to the Scout/Guide/Beaver hut and Newport Youth club and Newport Primary School. It is the ideal location to encourage ongoing participation in organised sports for both children and adults. The current nearby housing development will already improve access roads, provide extra car parking and upgrade the services at the site. The MUGA will provide a recreation focus for older children and adults in Newport and surrounding villages.</p>
Total cost of the project	£180,000
Amount raised	<p>£75,000</p> <p>Evidence has been seen that Newport Parish Council have allocated up to a maximum of £70,000 towards the project – subject to adequate fixed quotation for all the work involved.</p> <p>£5,000 allocated from Newport Sports Committee reserves</p> <p>£10,000 Sport England "Places &amp; Spaces" fund application in process</p>
Amount Requested	£100,000
Panel decision	<p>The applicant has raised significant funds towards the project and the multi-use games area will be located in an area with a large foot fall and it is considered and therefore it is considered will be well used for existing and new sports in Newport and surrounding villages.</p> <p><b>Recommended to agree grant of £100,000</b></p>