

Committee:	Cabinet	Date: Tuesday,
Title:	Allocation of Grant Funding (Sports Provision Major Projects)	20 February 2024
Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Maggie Sutton, Portfolio Holder for Communities and Local Partnerships	
Report Author:	Sue Hayden – Community Development Officer	Key decision: No

Summary

1. Cabinet is asked to approve two grant applications which have been considered against the Council’s Grant Allocation Policy (Sports Provision – Major Projects)

Recommendations

2. It is recommended that
 - a. A grant of £37,000 is awarded to Takeley Parish Council for major improvements to the recreation ground.
 - b. A grant of £17,000 is awarded to Dunmow United Football Club towards rebuilding their clubhouse, which was removed due to asbestos.

Financial Implications

3. There is budget provision of £54,000 for the current year, rolled over from 2022/23 due to an underspend, which can be allocated to support enhanced sports facility provision.

Background Papers

4. The following papers were referred to by the author in the preparation of this report and are available for inspection from the author.
 - Application form Takeley Parish Council
 - Application form from Dunmow United

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	Grant availability was advertised on the UDC website and open to applicants throughout the Uttlesford District.
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Community Safety	Sports participation improves pro-social behaviour and reduces crime and anti social behaviour.
Equalities	The allocation is open to all residents/sports facilities throughout the district
Health and Safety	No impact
Human Rights/Legal Implications	The Council has the powers to award grants to organisations using its general power of competence in section 1 of the Localism Act 2011
Sustainability	No impact
Ward-specific impacts	All
Workforce/Workplace	Communities Team

Situation

6. The sports grant scheme was open to applications from 12 October to 14 December 2023.
7. A total of 31 applications were received requesting over £430,000 against the £54,000 available to allocate. In applying the Grant Allocations Policy criteria, the Takeley and Dunmow schemes were deemed suitable for funding. The applications for each are attached as **Appendix 1**.
8. The applications, and reasons why, they did not progress were:
 - a. 10 Rounds Boxing, new boxing bags and equipment and third spinning room. Out of scope. Did not provide supporting evidence. Business.
 - b. Bearwalden Gymnastic Club local gymnastic facility – Not sufficiently clear what application was requesting funding for as they did not provide any supporting evidence.
 - c. Dunmow TDK, purchase communal sparring equipment – Business.
 - d. Newport Cricket Club, two new practice nets – assist with seeking alternative funding.
 - e. Saffron Walden Hockey Club – upgrade of club house at Joyce Frankland Academy following addition of a second pitch – long standing issues with light pollution (planning enforcement case) and failure to use the acoustic blankets.

- f.** Anglian Leisure – Joyce Frankland Academy, remove existing cricket nets and replace – concern that Anglian Leisure carries out permanent trading activities as a brand of Anglian Learning which is specifically prohibited by its Articles of Association.
- g.** Anglian Leisure – Joyce Frankland Academy, set up set up and purchase equipment for boxercise classes – concern that Anglian Leisure carries out permanent trading activities as a brand of Anglian Learning which is specifically prohibited by its Articles of Association.
- h.** Great Easton Community Park, Upgrade playground equipment – assistance with funding from alternative sources.
- i.** Hadstock Parish Council, upgrade play area – assist with seeking alternative funding.
- j.** KidsActive, purchase inflatable climbing wall – business.
- k.** Quendon Bowls and Social Club, update parts of the clubhouse – seek alternative funding from Ward Councillors.
- l.** Bearwalden Crossfit Limited, functional fitness classes and work-based qualifications – Business requesting 100% funding.
- m.** Cambridge & Coleridge Athletics Club, establish a multi discipline athletics club at Carver Barracks – assist with seeking alternative funding.
- n.** Clavering Bowls Club, refurbish the banking at each end of the bowls green – assist with seeking alternative funding.
- o.** Eastons Cricket Club, repairs to pavilion – assist with seeking alternative funding.
- p.** Elmdon Cricket Club, remove existing roof and instal new flat roof with new covering – adequate funding in reserves.
- q.** Felsted Youth Football Club, establish new youth football club and fund equipment such as goals, footballs etc. – assist with seeking alternative funding opportunities.
- r.** Great Chesterford Parish Council, improvements to the overall condition of the ground at the Recreation Ground – can be funded through Parish Council.
- s.** Saffron Walen County High School, resurfacing astro pitch with additional lighting - £150,000 given in year one towards 3G pitch, with lack of funding, panel would like to offer support across the district.
- t.** Saffron Walden Rugby Club, Upgrade lighting, car park repairs and replacement of LPG tank – No accounts or quotes provided. Assist with seeking alternative funding.

- u. Saffron Walden Town Council, upgrade LED lighting at Crabtree's at the multi-use games area – seeking 100% funding, assist with seeking alternative funding.
- v. SEALS Saffron Walden Swimming Cub, replace starting blocks – seek alternative funding from Ward Members Initiative Grant.
- w. Chka Karate, purchase equipment such as gloves and variety of kicking and punching shields – seeking funding from Ward Members Initiatives Grant.
- x. Stansted Tennis Club, switch from high energy lighting to low energy LED lamps – assist with seeking alternative funding.
- y. Stebbing Primary School, costs towards brand new state of the art swimming pool – no quotes or project plan. On Essex County Council site.
- z. Stebbing Tennis Club, upgrade pathways and club house – no accounts supplied. Assist with seeking alternative funding.
- aa. Thaxted Rangers Football Club, purchase goals, corner flags and training equipment – seek alternative funding from Ward Members Initiatives grant.
- bb. Turpins Indoor Bowling Club, refurbishment of lounge area and upgrade lighting – no supporting evidence supplied. Assist with seeking alternative funding.
- cc. Wendens Ambo Cricket Club, purchase rotary mower – no accounts supplied. Assist with seeking alternative funding.

9. The grants will be the subject to an Agreement and payment(s) will be made in line with the Council's Grant Allocation Policy (Sports Provision – Major Projects) and the terms of the agreement.

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
Allocation of grants to projects does not secure their implementation	2	2	A grant will be subject to grant conditions in accordance with the major sports grant policy

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.