

Appendix 1 – Successful Sports Grant Applications

Applicant	Takeley Parish Council
Name of Project	Takeley Sports Field Improved Access and Refurbishment Project
Project brief:	<p>The first phase is to improve access and increase public use of the sports field by installing a height restriction barrier rather than a locked gate with only pedestrian access, which greatly restricts accessibility to our community. Pitch improvements and installing rabbit fencing will provide a safe playing surface where there are health and safety issues. A perimeter running/fitness track and trim trail have been requested by local groups and increased use of existing multi sports and play equipment will benefit the wider community. Future grant applications will be sought for a small sports pavilion, which has planning permission.</p> <p>Improving sports and leisure facilities within the parish will benefit the mental and physical health of our residents. We already offer outdoor play, we have a community cafe and a Food Share market on Thursdays. Our concern is the mental health, the development of social skills, self-esteem, wellbeing and fitness for all age groups and all family members, varying abilities and disabilities and gender. The existing outdoor facilities are outdated and worn and badly need replacing.</p> <p>The direct benefits of this project will be to give individuals, families and local groups an accessible outdoor space to meet and join in activities. We offer various classes, in the Old School House at the moment, for mothers and the elderly residents within the parish to help alleviate boredom and loneliness. The outdoor facility will be an additional resource for our residents and in due course, a new pavilion will provide another community building as well as providing clean and hygienic facilities for local groups and clubs. We also intend to apply for a defibrillator to be installed at the Sports Field, as we have done in our other community facilities.</p> <p>Takeley has a higher-than-average deprivation need and through community effort we are able to welcome and support residents in many different ways.</p>
Total cost of the project	£200,000 Phase one - £54,000
Amount raised	Applications for the other phases of the project will be sought.
Amount Requested	£54,000
Panel decision	<p>Panel decision to allocate Takeley Parish Council £37,000 towards the first phase of their project, excluding the costs of the trim trail. It was recognised that this project will be of benefit to the whole community. Takeley is a large village with not much provision for open space. The Panel also noted that the village of Takeley has a high percentage of deprivation in comparison to other areas of the district, therefore, important that public space is provided.</p> <p>Recommended to agree grant of £37,000</p>

Applicant	Dunmow United Rebuild
Name of Project	Dunmow United Football Club
Project brief:	We have had our clubhouse removed due to asbestos.

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	<p>We would love to be able to have a clubhouse to help our ever-growing clubs parents and children. Giving the children and referees somewhere to change and shelter from the inclement weather. A clubhouse is a focal point of our ground and allows us to have committee meetings and fund-raising events. Unfortunately, we have limited resources to do this as we are extending our site.</p> <p>We are a 280 children strong club offering football to children from Dunmow and surrounding villages. We are having to limit our numbers at present as we need to get adequate pitches, this has is in progress with the full support of the parish council. We are trying to cover the cost with parents help and fundraising. A clubhouse is beyond our budget at present.</p> <p>We offer the best facilities for families to come and enjoy football for ages 5 to 18. We live to bring communities together and watch children develop in sport and fitness, meet new friends, and grow together. They learn not only football but life skills. It's fantastic to watch them develop through the years and see friendships maintained.</p> <p>We are having to disappoint many children at present and all of our family's miss being in the clubhouse and mixing together for many this is their social event. It helps bring communities together.</p>
Total cost of the project	£22,000
Amount Requested	£22,000
Panel decision	<p>The Panel considered this to be a well-run and supported club with 280 children using it ranging from 5 to 18. Dunmow has a growing population, and this project will benefit a developing and popular sport by replacing the clubhouse so more people can use the facilities.</p> <p>Recommended to agree grant of £17,000</p>