

Eastern Area Committee Funding Scheme

Summary of applications received for the September 2022 meeting

Area Committee's allocation for 2022-23 - £40,000.00

There have been no previously agreed allocations by Eastern Area Committee

Available to allocate at the September 2022 meeting - £40,000.00

(Applications arranged in the order they were received)

Reference:	EAC023
Organisation:	Youth Resilience UK CIC
Applicant Name:	James Walker – Operations Director
Status of organisation:	Social Enterprise
Details of project/activity:	<p>We would like to fund continued delivery of one-to-one support sessions for young people in Swale within their schools or alternative education settings that support them in remaining engaged with their formal education. Our sessions are tailored for each young person to help them maintain and improve their mental health and wellbeing so that they are able to make better decisions and choices that impact their behaviour. Our ultimate goal is to allow vulnerable and at-risk young people to maintain their places in school and not become excluded or moved onto alternative curriculum programs where they will be highly unlikely to achieve the true potential and this will then impact on their whole lives going forward. We work with young people that are struggling and often in a position of extreme risk regarding being involved in crime and anti-social behaviours. Our work allows these young people to better understand the impact of their decisions so they can make more informed choices. By achieving better academic engagement and gaining formal qualifications this will directly lessen the chances that these young people remain trapped in the cycle of deprivation that their families often face and also help them avoid entanglement with the criminal justice system at an early age.</p> <p>A large part of the work we do also involves linking these young people to the relevant services and advocating for them when they need additional support, for example when a young person clearly has mental health problems but cannot get accepted by their local CAMHS provider we can provide links to self-support and community groups that can assist whilst we help advocate for their need for clinical support. We have also been working with the KCC Talents and Interests programme and the Children In Need essential items programme to provide local gym memberships for young people to improve their physical and mental health.</p>

	<p>This grant would allow us to continue working in local schools with our very successful interventions until the end of this 2022/23 academic year providing vital opportunities to some of the most vulnerable and deprived young people across Swale. Our work meets Swale's Strategic Priority 3 as it looks to tackle inequalities for deprived young people by offering them support and interventions services to improve their physical and mental wellbeing using local activity and resource providers. By ensuring these youths remaining engaged in education we will enhance their opportunities to success in life and not become social disconnected or NEET, which can in turn increase the likelihood of anti-social behaviours.</p> <p>We pride ourselves on being an active part of the Swale voluntary sector and seek to work collaboratively with our sector colleagues and the local authorities to provide joined up support for all. We would like the area committees to consider jointly funding this initiative so that we can provide the support to young people in Swale regardless of their postcode, however if applications need to area specific we would look to apply for one third of the costs at each area and deliver for the benefit of those young people where we might be awarded funds.</p> <p>We have already been awarded funding from Awards for All and Children In Need to provide Mental Health First Aid training which we would offer to local schools for free as part of this support project. We will also be offering the opportunity for young people we have previously supported to undertake a volunteering role on this project to gain experience for the CV and YRUK will cover these expenses with the hopes that this may develop into an apprenticeship opportunity for the young people with our organisation.</p> <p><i>Additional information provided – Youth Resilience UK CIC advised they will be working with students at the Oasis Academy at both sites as well as Fulston Manor, The Sittingbourne School, Borden Grammar and Abbey School. They are more than willing to make additional links to new schools if any of the councillors feel that would be appropriate.</i></p>
<p>Quote provided</p>	<p>The main costs we are asking for is staffing so I could send payslips to show their earning after the project is complete or give you details of salaries.</p> <p>The MHFA costs are based on £300 per person for 16 people training in MHFA Youth Two Day and £150 per person for 16 people training in MHFA Youth One Day.</p>
<p>Total project expenditure:</p>	<p>Staffing – 1-1 support sessions - £4,200.00 Resources for managing behaviour and wellbeing - £300.00 Travel expenses to schools across Swale - £180.00 MHFA training courses for adults and youths - £3,900.00</p>

	<p>Volunteer placement for a young person - £300.00</p> <p>Total Project Expenditure - £8,880.00</p>
<p>Total project income (<i>addition sources of income including cash/in kind</i>):</p>	<p>Volunteering expenses – met by YRUK - £300</p> <p>Staff Training in MHFA – subsidised by Children in Need £1,500</p> <p>Pupil Training in MHFA – subsidised by National Lottery £2,400</p> <p>Total project income - £4,200.00</p> <p><i>NB Identical bids have been submitted to Sittingbourne and Sheppey Area Committees, splitting the cost 3 ways.</i></p>
<p>Funding request:</p>	<p>£1,560.00</p>

Reference:	EAC024
Organisation:	West Faversham Community Association
Applicant Name:	Louise Asekokhai – Director of Community Activities
Status of organisation:	Registered Charity
Details of project/activity:	<p>We would like funding for an intervention project which supports young people in the locality who are excluded from school, only attend school part time or are at risk of offending or causing anti-social behaviour in the local area. We would like to offer a holistic and subjective package of one-to-one intervention where are youth workers work with the young people when they are not in school and help them learn to moderate and understand their behaviour, offer them support and help dealing with their issues and problems and offering them an alternative to disruptive behaviour and low-level crime.</p> <p>As part of this work they will have the opportunity to use our fitness facilities with the youth workers and gym workers supporting them, they can bring in schoolwork and homework and have help and support in competing tasks and subjects they struggle with and we have the technology they can use that they may not have access to at home, they can start a project such as fixing bikes, making an engine, engaging in some arts and crafts, cooking or anything that interests them and engages them and which will give them a sense of achievement.</p> <p>We believe by offering this intervention to these young people and offering high levels of support they will be less likely to go out on the streets causing trouble, they will feel more connected to their community, they will build a trusting relationship with an older role model, they are more likely to attend other groups and activities that we offer and make better social connections keeping them away from gangs and other bad influences. This kind of intervention will support their social and general development it prevents problems occurring, or it helps to tackle them head-on when they do, before problems get worse. It also helps to foster a whole set of personal strengths and skills that prepare a young person for adult life.</p> <p>This fits in with SBC's priorities as these young people come from some of the areas most disadvantaged families in the area, our project promotes well-being, reduces social exclusion and enhances opportunities. Also, by having these young people in a safe place where they are supervised and occupied the local area will be a better environment for others, with less groups of bored, disengaged young people out causing trouble for entertainment.</p>
Quote provided	Yes
Total project expenditure:	Staff - £4,400.00 Resources for activities such as mechanics, cooking, sport - £2,600.00 Total Project Expenditure - £7,000.00

Total project income (<i>addition sources of income including cash/in kind</i>):	Grant from Street Games UK - £3,000.00
Funding request:	£4,000.00

Reference:	EAC025
Organisation:	Faversham Swimming Pools
Applicant Name:	Marylka Gowland – Development Manager
Status of organisation:	Registered Charity
Details of project/activity:	<p>We urgently seek funding to replace our lockers. The long Covid closure (during which the Pools were only able to open for 60 days in total out of the whole year because of the pandemic) has exacerbated the decline of the existing lockers, which have been in place for many years. Because no maintenance was able to be carried out during Covid, the very moist atmosphere and minimal air circulation has led to corrosion and now almost a third are out of service, with many more temperamental and needing constant repair. This negatively impacts on our swimmers, affecting their enjoyment and ease of use of our community charity pool.</p> <p>Currently, we have 220 lockers in our indoor changing village. Of those, over 60 are broken beyond repair – and this number rises by the week. Repairing lockers is a major drain on the staff time of our maintenance manager. Customers report that the unreliable lockers are a serious barrier to their enjoyment of swimming at Faversham Pools; on busy days, congestion around the functioning lockers builds up.</p> <p>Accessibility for swimmers with disabilities is at the heart of all the upgrades we make, and the locker project is no exception. The new lockers will replace the current ones on the same footprint, but each bank will offer larger lockers – not only more practical for general swimmers and families, but also for swimmers with additional needs such as those who swim with prosthetics. Lockers will be available with braille tags and braille signage for those with a visual impairment. We will also make sure that these accessible lockers are at a convenient height, to assist elderly swimmers, or those with mobility problems. More modern lockers are made from higher-quality material, which will provide a longer lifespan.</p> <p>Making this upgrade will greatly enhance the appearance of our changing village, as well as the facilities of our pool – a community hub since its inception in the 1960s. In terms of Swale’s Strategic Priority 2, this would provide much-needed investment (2.3) for a charity unable to make a capital purchase of this size on its own, and boost Faversham Pools’ reputation in the area for its upgraded and accessible facilities (2.4). As Faversham’s most popular tourist attraction, this can only ‘boost the local tourism industry’ as stipulated by Swale. And in respect of the Strategic Priority 3.5, swimming is an activity suitable for all ages and fitness levels with very positive outcomes on health and physical wellbeing. Making the facilities more accessible to swimmers with additional needs will encourage participation.</p>

	<p>BENEFITS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More accessible lockers for storage of personal possessions while enjoying safe exercise facilities • A greater range of disability-friendly lockers for people with mobility, visual & physical impairments • Respond to community demand for better facilities for the 200,000 swimmers who visit us annually • Health and safety benefits of replacing ageing metal structures with modern, durable alternatives • A visual, functional sign of progress and recovery for our swimmers who've supported us through the long pandemic period. <p>As a charity – impacted significantly by the long closures over the past 2 years – we are reluctant to place any pressure on our depleted finances and cannot fund this work ourselves. Along with affecting the lockers, the long Covid closure placed incredible strain on our plant and heating system, and we have had to make significant investments from reserves to ensure our continuing survival. However, we are a community charity. While we must be mindful of protecting our long-term financial position by avoiding unnecessary risk, we also seek to respond to customer demand, and serve our local community. We are therefore seeking support from various local funders to part-fund this important work. Without additional funding, we will be unable to proceed with the project.</p>
Quote provided	Yes
Total project expenditure:	Safespace Lockers – 63 banks of lockers - £30,928.73 VAT – £6,185.75 Total project expenditure - £37,114.48
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	Faversham Pools contribution from reserves - £6,185.75 Bensted's Charity confirmed grant - £2,000.00 Total project income - £8,185.75 <i>(Faversham Swimming Pools are applying to other local funders to help fund the balance including Queenborough Fisheries Trust)</i>
Funding request:	£10,000.00

Reference:	EAC026
Organisation:	Swale Friends of the Earth
Applicant Name:	Lib Owen – Swale Friends of the Earth Coordinator
Status of organisation:	Unicorporated Association – Community Group
Details of project/activity:	<p>Swale Friends of the Earth is one of over a hundred local groups across the UK. We work for the creation of a healthy and sustainable environment in which human needs are met in harmony with the natural world. Our approach is to raise awareness of environmental challenges and impacts. We act to resist harmful developments and practices not least by promoting positive, pragmatic solutions to the various challenges which beset humanity, globally and locally.</p> <p>Swale Friends of the Earth, together with other interested associations and individuals, is organising a series of events to be staged next summer on the theme of Lovely World: Imagining a cool and green future. We envisage this enterprise as providing an antidote to the dystopian outlook which tends to preoccupy us all; an encouragement to people to look forward in hope and to better understand that today's positive actions can deliver a better quality of life for all.</p> <p>'Lovely World' will include a competition for Swale primary and secondary schools, an art exhibition and spoken word event, films and talks. It will culminate in a major exhibition on 24 June 2023 centred on the Alexander Centre in Faversham, which has already been secured. It is our intention to attract wide publicity and a great deal of public interest.</p> <p>The exhibition will present a vision of a future in perhaps twenty years' time, in which the 'right' environmental choices have been made. Businesses, universities, schools and others are being invited to showcase visions of a future in 2040 in which the environmental and societal issues we wrestle with today have been addressed, in which communities flourish sustainably in a healthy environment.</p> <p>We mean to demonstrate that the technologies and policies already in development have the potential to transform the quality of our environment and of our and our childrens' lives. Energy, transport, food, employment, leisure, the built environment, the natural environment, community structure: Intelligent and imaginative investments made now will transform the world for the better.</p> <p>The intention is to create a walk-in experience for the public, where they see, feel and learn what will be attained when as a society we make the right choices. Our visitors will be inspired to see that a 'lovely world' is achievable, to have a better understanding of how we can reach it and a desire to act.</p>

N.B. Primary and secondary schools throughout Swale are being invited to contribute to the project. Students would be stimulated to formulate their own visions of a 'Lovely World' of the future and to give their ideas form by making either collages or 3-D representations using scrap and recycled materials. A school's role in creating a happier and healthier future starts with students' confident imagining of it. We envisage that this project will also support the government's recently-stated commitment to lead the way in climate and sustainability education.

Entries will be on view in an exhibition at the Guildhall, Faversham and the finalists will be identified by the public. The finalists from this will have their entries judged by a panel of suitably-qualified individuals at the Alexander Centre on 24 June, and the creator of that deemed most inspiring will be awarded a prize of £100.

Benefits - This event is expected to engage at least 2000 people from school children to grandparents, sole traders to large businesses, schools to universities.

The 24 June 2023 Exhibition - The local community, from the young to the elderly, will benefit from imagining and experiencing a positive vision of the future. It will give them an opportunity to reflect on changes and commit to changes that could be made now.

This will be measured* by:

- The number of visitors to the exhibition
- The number of participants in the workshops
- Analysis of the feedback collected from visitors
- Analysis of the numbers and types of pledges collected from visitors

The School Projects - Primary and Secondary School Students, their teachers and their parents will benefit from their respective roles in imagining, researching, and constructing their vision of a Lovely World. The students will be exhibiting their visions and the 'worthiest' will be rewarded with a cash prize.

This will be measured* by:

- Comments by the teachers re the project
- Comments by the students about the project and what they learned
- Comments by the visitors to the exhibition of the visions

An exhibition of Art and the Spoken Word - The local community will benefit from experiencing the Lovely World through the Art and Spoken Word exhibition. It will seek to engage through the senses.

This will be measured* by:

- The number of visitors to the exhibition and spoken word event
- The comments made by the visitors

Other events - The other events will also benefit the whole community through experiencing the Lovely World through other media, such as films, talks. These will be measured* by

- The number of visitors that attend each of the events

*Feedback and pledges will be invited explicitly and the means made available for their collection; all of these data will be collected systematically.

In Kind Support - will be from members of Friends of the Earth to support the production and design of education and information materials (professional copywriting, graphic design) and event organisation and promotion.

Supporting the Area Committee criteria & Swale's Strategic Priorities 2 & 3

Area Committee criteria - Bids should seek to improve the appearance, environment and facilities of the area.

Strategic Priorities - Swale's Strategic Priority 2: Investing in our environment and responding positively to global challenges

Swale's Strategic Priority 3: Tackling deprivation and creating equal opportunities for everyone.

How does Swale Friends of the Earth support both criteria?

Swale Friends of the Earth's approach generally supports both the Area Committee criteria and Strategic Priority 2 by raising awareness of environmental challenges and impacts and by presenting positive, pragmatic solutions which support sustainable development. It aims to make all better informed, more engaged and more active. It will help people to comprehend and encourage them to support long term goals of local government initiatives sympathetic to these ideas.

Manifestly, this encompasses improvement to the area's appearance, environment and facilities. (SP2)

Specifically, the Lovely World initiative supports Strategic Priority 2 through providing a showcase for innovative and novel solutions to the environmental crisis we face.

Equal opportunities and an end to deprivation are integral to the 'Lovely World' concept: it is anticipated that several exhibits will address these issues explicitly. Our invitation to schools

	in the most deprived parts of the Borough to participate aims to capture the imagination and to stoke the ambition of their students. (SP3)
Quote provided	
Total project expenditure:	Venue Hire - £1,380.00 Publicity - £500.00 Prizes - £200.00 Travel for presenters fees/travel - £750.00 2 x Film Licences and contingency £503.00 Total project expenditure - £3,333.00
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	Faversham Town Council - £1,200.00 National Friends of the Earth - £500.00 Local Friends of the Earth - £400.00 Total project income - £2,100.00
Funding request:	£1,233.00

Reference:	EAC027
Organisation:	Teynham Parish Council
Applicant Name:	Mrs Hayley Steel – Parish clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
Status of organisation:	Statutory Parish Council
Details of project/activity:	<p>This is an application for a CCTV system. After significant investment in The Meadow, Teynham, there is ongoing vandalism, graffiti and antisocial behaviour impacting the new children’s play equipment. The proposed CCTV is part of a package of measures to reduce vandalism and antisocial behaviour with the aim of creating a safer and enjoyable environment for the local community.</p> <p>As the result of the housing development east of Station Road, Teynham Parish Council has been the beneficiary of S106 monies towards the improvement to both the quality and capacity of the formal sports areas and the provision of play equipment on The Meadow, Belle Friday Close, owned by Teynham Parish Council.</p> <p>This project is now reaching its conclusion with the installation of high quality play and exercise equipment. Regrettably the new equipment has been vandalised on a number of occasions over the past weeks which was not expected or budgeted for in the overall scheme. Whilst it is disappointing to see the brand new play equipment having graffiti across it, the appearance of graffiti could intimidate and act as a deterrent to those bringing young children to the park and if not dealt with may also encourage further crime amongst the easily influenced the young adults and teenagers using the equipment, risking them turning to vandalism.</p> <p>We are therefore proposing to install a CCTV system to monitor the vulnerable areas, record and identify the perpetrators with a view to engaging with them to prevent further vandalism. This grant application is for equipment as part of these proposals. Initially it is proposed to install 2 CCTV cameras, one on an adjacent lamp post, the second on the Village Hall, along with monitoring and recording apparatus. In either location a camera, accessories and recording equipment, as detailed in the ‘Estimates and Quotations’ will be required.</p> <p>Upon completion of the scheme Teynham, and indeed Swale, will have a high quality, CCTV safety monitored children’s play area for the younger children and a ‘Multi-Use Games Area’ (MUGA) for young adults, teenagers and adults. This will not only benefit their wellbeing but also improve their health as much of the equipment is directed towards exercise rather than just play.</p>

This new development within the parish of Teynham will reduce car use, including addressing air quality issues, as previously to access such play and sports equipment necessitated driving a reasonable distance to another park within the borough. Now parishioners just have a short walk to CCTV safety monitored equipment promoting wellbeing and enjoyment of life by encouraging a wide range of sporting, cultural and other leisure activities appropriate and accessible to each age group.

The CCTV will protect the much-needed investment within the parish, creating and giving equal opportunities to parishioners, pride in the place where they live and boosting the safe use of its open spaces. Antisocial behaviour can be monitored along with the leaving of litter with the Parish Council playing a proactive role in reducing crime and antisocial behaviour by the provision of CCTV.

The play equipment is located in The Meadow, Belle Friday Close, Teynham, ME9 9TU.

Objectives

- The objectives of this project are:
- Reduce vandalism to play equipment
 - Reduce antisocial behaviour in the Meadow
 - Creating a visual deterrent
 - Identify individuals that are vandalising community equipment
 - Creating evidence that could be used (as a last resort) in a Court of Law.

Approach

- Build a system that can be expanded at a later date, if required.
- Build a system that is independent of other organisations (e.g. Teynham Village Hall Management Committee) and create a clear legal boundary (e.g. who is responsible for what technology; maintenance, protecting data etc).
- Start with 'light touch': 2 cameras, with ample spare capacity. There will be blind spots in the coverage. Greater coverage requires more cameras.
- Use technology that is 'unlocked' and can be used with similar technology.
- Create minimum intrusion on law abiding citizens.
- Where possible used wired technology over mobile/SIM technology.
- Teynham Parish Council project manages the installation of the system; Contractors
- install equipment - particularly any items requiring working at height.
- Use infrared light for CCTV cameras not visible light.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If we use any visible lights make sure they are DARK SKY lights (i.e. no upward light, and little sideways light) so that we do not impact the night sky. By providing additional visible light we may attract more people during the night hours. Use a light with a light temperature in the range of 2700K - 3000K. • Factor in regular 3-month camera lens cleaning schedule. • Consider opportunities to work with Swale BC's CCTV team. Note: At the time of preparing this grant application SBC's CCTV team were in the process of updating their rate card. Details of the rates were not available at this time. <p><i>Note - Teynham Parish Council have confirmed they will not be looking for any ongoing revenue commitment from Swale Borough Council for this project and no requests for SBC officer resource.</i></p>
Quote provided	Yes
Total project expenditure:	CCTV Cameras x 2 - £2,283.00 Installation - £2,170.00 Record and playback technology - £511.00 Cables, connections etc - £310.00 WiFi long range link from remote camera to recorder - £170.00 Total project expenditure - £5,444.00
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	None
Funding request:	£5,444.00

Reference:	EAC028
Organisation:	Oare Village Hall
Applicant Name:	Bex Ratchford – Fundraising Officer
Status of organisation:	Registered Charity
Details of project/activity:	<p>Oare Village Hall is a former infants school in Oare. It became the village hall in 1983 and since then has played an important part in the life of the village. Its charitable objects are 'use for meetings, lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants'. However, due to diminishing funds and the challenges brought about by COVID, it is in need of some maintenance and renovation.</p> <p>The village hall has had little work done to it for many years and is therefore in need of some investment. The most pressing concern is an issue with damp ingress at the back of the hall. This has caused the plaster to fall away around the back door. We therefore need to reinstate the French drain around the hall which will solve the damp problem and then repair the plaster. The front door is also in need of replacement and the brick wall surrounding it needs repointing. The other, less urgent, parts of our project include re-decoration throughout, including a new glazed door between the porch and the hall, and a new anti-slip floor covering in the porch as this is currently very unsafe, particularly when wet.</p> <p>The hall is an important community asset and serves as a meeting place, not only for the parish council, but for local groups such as the German school and the Beavers. It also regularly hosts parties and events, and the local PCSO holds monthly surgeries there. As the former infants school it is an important piece of the village's history, having been in existence for at least a hundred years, and it would be a shame if it were allowed to fall into disrepair. Oare has no other community building apart from the church and the village hall is therefore an important facility which we do not want to lose. Without the village hall, local residents would need to travel (most probably by car) to Faversham or Sittingbourne to take part in activities and clubs, which could otherwise be on their doorstep and within walking distance. Having a fit-for-purpose local amenity such as the village hall will help to reduce social exclusion and enhance the quality of life of local people. It will also support local heritage, boost local tourism, and reduce car usage. The installation of the glazed door and the anti-slip floor covering will make the village hall safer for all user groups, thus reducing inequality for those with health conditions or who are disadvantaged.</p>
Quote provided	Estimate
Total project expenditure:	Reinstatement of French drain - £5,000.00 repair to plaster - £1,000.00 New front door & frame and repointing - £2,000.00

	Including new glazed inner door - £1,500.00 Anti-slip floor covering in hall way to aid accessibility - £500.00 Total project expenditure - £10,000.00
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	Seeking funding from other sources - £5,000.00
Funding request:	£5,000.00