

Sittingbourne Area Committee Funding Scheme

Summary of applications received for the September 2022 meeting

Area Committee's allocation for 2022-23 - £37,000.00

There have been no previously agreed allocations by Sittingbourne Area Committee

Available to allocate at the September 2022 meeting - £37,000.00

(Applications arranged in the order they were received)

Reference:	SITT022
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</p>

	<p>MHFA training courses for adults and youths - £3,900.00 Volunteer placement for a young person - £300.00 Total Project Expenditure - £8,880.00</p>
<p>Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):</p>	<p>Volunteering expenses – met by YRUK - £300 Staff Training in MHFA – subsidised by Children in Need £1,500 Pupil Training in MHFA – subsidised by National Lottery £2,400 Total project income - £4,200.00 <i>NB Identical bids have been submitted to Eastern and Sheppey Area Committees, splitting the cost 3 ways.</i></p>
<p>Funding request:</p>	<p>£1,560.00</p>

Reference:	SITT023
Organisation:	Diversity House
Applicant Name:	Christine Locke - CEO
Status of organisation:	Registered Charity
Details of project/activity:	<p>Diversity House “Happy to chat”</p> <p>For the past fifteen years, diversity house in Sittingbourne has raised awareness of social and cultural cohesion in the heart of swale and Sittingbourne.</p> <p>Now that we are based in new facilities on Church Street, we want to continue to nurture our community offer and raise awareness of the services, activities, and community support we provide.</p> <p>The community has not recovered from Covid, and health disparities are widening.</p> <p>We propose, with a grant from the area committee, to create greater and clearer access to our building and for the community by locating an inclusive "happy to chat" bench near our facilities, with sign posting for local service, cultural, and heritage center. on an information board. The proposed location is on an underutilized green space that connects Sittingbourne High Street to Sittingbourne Retail Park.</p> <p>Using recycled plastics, we will create a temporary intersection for community engagement, social inclusion, and wellbeing. Our proposed community space, community wellbeing and inclusion is to provide a space for interaction and wellbeing, as well as to improve access to diversity house through signage and step-free access to our reception.</p> <p>The why and how - The recycled plastic Happy to chat bench is a curve design to make conversation easier and to encourage non-verbal communication, whilst for those who need it, social distancing,</p> <p>The design allows interactions such as eye contact and positive body language for those who struggle to form relationships easily.</p> <p>The challenge of inclusivity is an ongoing issue and finding a new way of bringing people together and breaking down some of the social barriers they face is the ultimate goal and our plan for a under used green space is a perfect opportunity to create lasting change, improvements in wellbeing and creates a dynamic focal point for the community along with signposting to services, and it's and local facilities.</p>

	<i>Additional information provided – Kent County Council have confirmed they have no objection to the bench being installed in the location specified.</i>
Quote provided	Yes
Total project expenditure:	Materials & stationery - £2,380.00 Publicity & communication - £950.00 Groundwork & Installation - £2,250.00 DDA Step free access to Diversity House - £3,500.00 Staff & Management plus DBS checks - £6,780.00 Total project expenditure - £15,860.00
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	Time of 4 volunteers for the project £2,500.00 Time of 1 project officers and 1 inclusion staff £4,800.00 Total project income - £7300.00
Funding request:	£8,560.00

Reference:	SITT024
Organisation:	Sittingbourne Community Radio Ltd
Applicant Name:	Peter Flynn – Station Manager
Status of organisation:	Company Ltd by Guarantee
Details of project/activity:	<p>106.9 SFM is Sittingbourne’s local community radio station and is a fully Ofcom Licensed FM radio station which has been broadcasting to the Sittingbourne area over the last 10 years, covering a wide range of interests but majoring on local news, local events, local sport and the local music scene. It helps to promote local charities including some of the smaller, more deserving charities (who would otherwise find their work overlooked) and it also provides a window on current issues in the town and surrounding areas. It provides advice on lifestyle issues from a number of experts and has the ability to highlight important issues with an immediacy that other forms of media are unable to compete with.</p> <p>We work with a number of volunteers from a wide variety of backgrounds to achieve the station's output – some are youngsters still at school and/or in further education, some are “between jobs” looking for continuity of life style where they’re able to interact with others in a common interest, some are retired but looking for continuing outlets for their skills and experience and some are disabled but want to contribute to their local community.</p> <p>We do receive some income from a range of local sources strictly regulated by Ofcom who require these type of radio stations – which are designed to promote the community they’re based in - to obtain funding from Grants of this nature.</p>
Quote provided	Example invoices provided
Total project expenditure:	Studio/office – annual rent – 2022-23 - £5,200.00 Payout ONE – Radio station software 2023 - £1,000.00 Broadcast Licences for 2023 - £850.00 Total project expenditure £7,050.00
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	
Funding request:	£7,050.00

Reference:	SITT025
Organisation:	Dolphin Sailing Barge Museum
Applicant Name:	Clive Reader - Chairman
Status of organisation:	Registered Charity
Details of project/activity:	The museum is a home to 5 community groups;- Sittingbourne Sea Cadets TS Wyvern, Swale Maritime Cadets, 2230 Squadron Air Cadets, Raybel Makers, and Sittingbourne Mens Shed. The museum has a varied collection of second hand chairs - some of which are not safe, and 4 borrowed tables which may have to be returned at some point. This application is to purchase a set of 28 folding chairs on a stacking trolley and 8 folding tables.
Quote provided	Yes
Total project expenditure:	Set of 28 stacking chairs with trolley £845.00 8 x folding tables - 6 feet x 30 inch plywood top beech finish £792 VAT - £327.40 Total project expenditure – £1,964.40
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	None
Funding request:	£1,964.40

Reference:	SITT026
Organisation:	Milton Creek Country Park Trust
Applicant Name:	Lynda Marshall - Treasurer
Status of organisation:	Registered Charity
Details of project/activity:	<p>“Space in the Park” a community hub for Milton Creek Country Park</p> <p>This project will be a great addition to the facilities in the area and will be of benefit to all the Park users. Now there are toilets and the car park and a nearby café will be available in the foreseeable future we will be able to run events and activities that will attract a far wider community to the Park. The benefits it has to offer for health, education, leisure and appreciation of the environment and the Creek are many and wide ranging. As well as being used by the Friends for the events and activities they run in the Park it will be available to other community groups for events, classes and exhibitions.</p> <p>We are pursuing other funding opportunities to raise the additional funding needed to enable us to purchase the containers that will become “Space in the Park” but we need £9000 to be able to connect the building to the services that are located in the toilet block. The trench that will accommodate the power and water supply from the toilet block and the waste water from the kitchenette crosses the high pressure gas main so about 12 metres will need to be dug by hand increasing the cost of the work.</p> <p>The technical drawings have been drawn up at no cost by one of our volunteers.</p>
Quote provided	Yes
Total project expenditure:	Installation of water, power, drainage to/from toilet block - £6,500.00 Additional cost of hand digging trench £1,000.00 CAD drawings - £500.00 VAT £1,500.00 Total project expenditure £9,500.00
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	CAD drawings – these have all been done by volunteers - £500.00 Total project income - £500.00
Funding request:	£9,000.00

Reference:	SITT027
Organisation:	New Leaf Support
Applicant Name:	Amanda Walker – Office Manager
Status of organisation:	Registered Charity
Details of project/activity:	<p>Obviously, it is very upsetting for children to see one of their parents (or partners) abusing, attacking or controlling the other. Effects caused by this make the children disadvantaged in a number of ways.</p> <p>Younger children may become anxious. They may complain of tummy-aches or start to wet their bed. They may find it difficult to sleep, have temper tantrums and start to behave as if they are much younger than they are. They may also find it difficult to separate from their abused parent when they start nursery or school. Older children react differently. Boys seem to express their distress much more outwardly, for example by becoming aggressive and disobedient. Sometimes, they start to use violence to try and solve problems, and may copy the behaviour they see within the family.</p> <p>Older boys may play truant and start to use alcohol or drugs (both of which are a common way of trying to block out disturbing experiences and memories).</p> <p>Girls are more likely to keep their distress inside. They may become withdrawn from other people, and become anxious or depressed. They may think badly of themselves and complain of vague physical symptoms. They are more likely to have an eating disorder, or to harm themselves by taking overdoses or cutting themselves. They are also more likely to choose an abusive partner themselves. Children of any age can develop symptoms of what is called 'Post-traumatic Stress Disorder'. They may get nightmares, flashbacks, become very jumpy, and have headaches and physical pains.</p> <p>Children dealing with domestic violence and abuse often do badly at school. Their frightening experiences at home make it difficult to concentrate in school, and if they are worried about their abused parent, they may refuse to go to school. School holidays are a traumatic time for many families that we support – many of the children are now living in refuge just with Mum and their siblings and for others still residing in an abusive household spending more times indoors.</p> <p>Domestic violence affects the victims social wellbeing; Victims experience anxiety, depression, low self-esteem, inability to trust others, flashbacks, eating and sleeping disorders, and emotional detachment.</p> <p>Domestic violence affects a child socially; they may have temper tantrums and problems with school. They may behave</p>

as though they are much younger than they are. They may become aggressive or they may internalise their distress and withdraw from other people. They may have a lowered sense of self-worth.

New Leaf would propose to deliver a day of activities throughout the school holidays (11 days in total) in autumn half term, Christmas holidays, spring half term, summer half term x 2 weeks, summer holidays x 6 weeks.

The families / children we support do not have enough funds for holiday activities. More than two-thirds of survivors of domestic abuse have reported their partners withheld money from them as a key method of controlling and mistreating them. The activities will include fun sports days at a local park, family craft days, celebrating Christmas themes/decorations, Halloween fun and a free light lunch.

Priorities - the proposal supports:

- Undertake targeted interventions to identify our most disadvantaged families and communities, improve our understanding of the issues they face, and develop new ways of working to reduce social exclusion and enhance opportunities and quality of life. The activity days will be attended by NL support workers and volunteers. In addition to reducing social isolation / engaging with other families / making new friends / support network , try new activities/skills, have FUN, it will provide an opportunity for new victims of abuse to come along as a first means of engagement and receive information on how they can receive support from NL services. For many victims they may be nervous / anxious to approach our services directly through a formal referral / contact. By attending a fun activity day it will give them the opportunity to engage with our support workers as a first step in getting help from the issues they are facing and receive advice / support to address the issues they are currently facing and improve their quality of life for themselves and their children.
- Promote wellbeing and enjoyment of life by signposting and encouraging a wide range of sporting, cultural and other leisure activities appropriate and accessible to each age group. The activity days will give the victims and their children an opportunity to access a series of free leisure activities that will provide a safe space, new opportunities to try something they may not have experienced before and have FUN and enjoyment. There will be information available on these activity days for other local services / signposting.

The activity days will provide an opportunity for other local organisations to provide details of their own services and if

	appropriate would be welcome to join our activities to support – This would, additionally, provide an opportunity to input meeting priorities in The Sport & Physical Activity Framework for Swale 2012-17 .
Quote provided	No
Total project expenditure:	Support staff extra hours – 11 activity days - £4,620.00 Admin staff extra house – arrange activities £555.00 Arts/crafts resources - £200.00 Lunch/refreshments £100.00 x 11 days £1,100.00 Outdoor activity resources sports equipment - £100.00 Total project expenditure £6,575.00
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	None
Funding request:	£6,575.00

Reference:	SITT028
Organisation:	Kemsley Community Centre Trust
Applicant Name:	David Gawler – Facilities Trustee
Status of organisation:	Incorporated/Registered Charity
Details of project/activity:	<p>This work is part of plans to remove kerosene boilers used for heating. Air conditioning has already replaced heating in halls and foyer, but boilers still necessary to heat toilets, kitchen, and water in bar and kitchen.</p> <p>This stage is to install infrared heating in toilets to be followed, at later stage, by replacement heating for kitchen and water, thereby making boilers and kerosene completely redundant. As well as removing dependency on obsolete equipment and very expensive purpose-built parts, removing dependency on kerosene goes towards the Centre's plans to become carbon neutral.</p> <p>These works comply with Sittingbourne Area Committee criteria by "seeking to improve the environment and facilities of the area" in community premises owned by Sittingbourne Borough Council and managed by Kemsley Community Centre Trust. These works, the overall objective of keeping Kemsley Community Centre open for the benefit of the community, and the range of activities in the Centre, comply with Swale's Strategic Priorities:</p> <p>2.1 ".....aiming for carbon neutrality in the council's own operations by 2025 and the whole borough by 2030.....";</p> <p>3.1 ".....reduce social exclusion....." - through activities held in the Centre;</p> <p>3.3 "...communitarian approach....." - through activities held in the Centre;</p> <p>3.4 ".....reducing crime and anti-social behaviour....." - giving children and young people somewhere to go and activities to keep them off the streets;</p> <p>3.5 ".....encouraging a wide range of sporting, cultural and other leisure activities appropriate and accessible to each age group" – activities in the Centre include boxing, judo, indoor bowls, indoor curling, dancing, fitness, coffee club for all age groups, including elderly.</p>
Quote provided	Yes
Total project expenditure:	Toilet heating equipment – 4 x heaters, 2 x WiFi switch, 2 x thermostat – £2,848.00 Installation – electrical supply & fitting £1,400.00 Total project expenditure - £4,248.00
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	None
Funding request:	£4,248.00

Reference:	SITT029
Organisation:	Ellie's Angels
Applicant Name:	Nicola Jones – Chair of Trustees
Status of organisation:	Company ltd by Guarantee
Details of project/activity:	<p>Ellie's Angels is a locally based, not for profit organisation and made up of volunteers.</p> <p>The majority of our members are young people who live and go to school in Swale, our Youth Mental Health Ambassadors.</p> <p>Our YMHAs are pivotal in leading the work we do ensuring it meets the needs of young people and appeals to them in way that is familiar to them.</p> <p>Ellie's Angels work with our NHS health and school communities to develop ways that young people can access the help they need in a way that is familiar to them.</p> <p>Our aim is to introduce mental health awareness and support into day to day life, remove the stigma surrounding the subject and make mental health a 'normal' topic for young people to engage and discuss.</p> <p>Our organisation is led by the views of our YMHAs and will best support their generation. With them, we have built an app, better u which provides a platform for young people to access a diverse range of support and organisations in a way that works for them.</p> <p>The initial phase of development focuses on Ellie, whose approach to her own mental health and wellbeing is replicated in the App. We recognise young people need support with long waits to receive support. Our aim and focus is to ensure they've an outlet to help, support methods of self-improvement and easy access to specialist organisations.</p> <p>It also provides other well-being tools for the user to manage their own health and support a positive mindset. better u is a free app to download making it accessible by all and part of our strategy is to ensure it remains free to the user with no adverts. Our aim is now to build upon this app to include further features which our young people feel will support their mental health and well-being.</p> <p>Future funding will support us to enhance the platform with a range of features ensuring better u enhances its ability to provide young people with a platform to support them to self manage their mental health and wellbeing. It is intended to also act as interim support for those on a waiting list to be seen by mental health services.</p>

	better u supports the delivery of Swales Health and Wellbeing Improvement Plan 2020 - 2023, in particular supporting workstream 1 building healthier communities and workstream 2 supporting healthy lifestyles.
Quote provided	Yes
Total project expenditure:	Better U enhancements – proposal for partial implementation of additional features - £3,334.00 VAT - £666.00 Total project expenditure - £4,000.00
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	None
Funding request:	£4,000.00

Reference:	SITT030
Organisation:	Milton Regis Society
Applicant Name:	Jenny Bowles - Secretary
Status of organisation:	Unincorporated Association (Community Group)
Details of project/activity:	<p>Our aim is to enhance and improve the appearance of the historic village of Milton Regis. We made a dramatic start this year with the flowers and some sustainable planters. The Milton Regis Society, in instigating these activities, and wishing to further promote them, certainly improved social activities and lifted neighbourly moral. This year, with the short lead in, we relied mainly on annual plants. Next year, however, the Milton Regis Society has resolved to choose more sustainable planting schemes. Future plans will increase biodiversity. To this end, we will require extra funds to purchase wooden planters to replace the plastic flower towers. We intend to grow a lot of the plants ourselves on the Bob Fowler Allotments where we have a plot.</p> <p>There is a post and frame still in place which used to belong to a pub. It is ideal for a village sign and, moreover, we have permission to use it. We have already obtained an image of an old crest for Milton Regis and are keen to install a new sign which would remind people of Milton Regis's many listed buildings and historic past.</p>
Quote provided	Yes
Total project expenditure:	Two hard wood planters - £2,427.90 Soil - £200.00 Double sided village sign - £5,370.00 Total project expenditure - £7,997.90
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	None
Funding request:	£7,997.90

Reference:	SITT031
Organisation:	Swale Borough Council
Applicant Name:	Member Bid – Cllr James Hall
Status of organisation:	Borough Council
Details of project/activity:	<p>Great East Hall shop – feasibility work - Land has been identified at the Great East Hall development within which the construction of a new community shop might be considered (close to Eveas Drive/Great Easthall Way). This land was originally intended by the developer as a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA), but there is an offer from the developer to enter into a deed of variation to the s106 to provide the land and a contribution to the development of a shop in its place.</p> <p>In order to aid the progression of proposals, an understanding of the cost of constructing and fitting out the shop is required. A minimum size of 100sqm is proposed, but this also needs to be tested in terms of retail floorspace and staff amenity provision. The level of associated parking provision also needs to be understood.</p> <p>Funding is requested for independent cost consultancy advice to answer the questions above (£1,500), and the next steps which follow the determination of these costs. This secondary work would by necessity be dictated by the initial outputs, but a sum of £2,500 would cover most potential next steps.</p> <p>The provision of a community shop would improve the facilities of the area.</p> <p>This work can be managed in autumn / winter 2022 by existing staff resource in the Regeneration, Economic Development and Property service.</p>
Quote provided	No
Total project expenditure:	£4,000.00
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	None
Funding request:	£4,000.00

Reference:	SITT032
Organisation:	Swale Media Arts Centre CIC
Applicant Name:	Georgina Jessiman – Hon Tresurer
Status of organisation:	Unincorporated Association (Community Group)
Details of project/activity:	<p>Swale Media Arts Centre (SMAC) wish to set up, and grow, a dynamic independent Visitor Information Centre (VIC) at 34 High Street, Sittingbourne which will help boost the work of existing visitor sites in the Sittingbourne area and giving an all-important central site for advertising and promoting the visitor and leisure economy in the area.</p> <p>Independent VIC sites exist in both Faversham and Sheerness but Sittingbourne has no single site providing a face to face information hub of this kind. Our site gives exceptionally good visibility for the service being in a central position and will be sited on the ground floor of the building. Working alongside Visit Swale and our partner VIC's, the service will help to attract visitors to the town centre and provide resources for local residents and business, adding a further dimension to the visitor economy in Swale.</p> <p>From, cycling, walking, coastal pursuits, village churches, museums and country pubs - naming just a few - Sittingbourne and the surrounding area has much to offer and we want to be part of promoting these amenities and believe our existing premises will provide a good fit with a VIC.</p> <p>Swale Borough Council is seeking to regenerate the town centre, building on the success of the new Leisure Quarter in Bourne Place as well as developing heritage and cultural destinations and leisure pursuits across the Borough. We want to be involved in and with this area wide expansion of facilities.</p> <p>Currently the SMAC provides a focus for community engagement. We offer an exhibition space/gallery, meeting rooms, a digital media community hub, filming and photography space and are working on developing additional, related activities, for local people and beyond. Over the past year we have hosted events with community groups like Sittingbourne in Bloom, Ideas Test, HMP Elmley, Raybel Charter and local Theatre Groups and are working towards creating a south-east hub for the British Entertainment History Project, providing a unique visitor archive for research and cultural preservation.</p> <p>We intend to build on our legacy of the last year where our team of volunteers engaged with over 1,500 visitors to the Centre, worked with 200 school children and hosted 75 community and national artists, broadcasters and filmmakers. Over the next two years we would like to double that footfall and engagement alongside building a vibrant creative community hub incorporating a VIC to strengthening the High Street as a visitor</p>

	<p>destination, and enhancing the local economy and cultural of importance to Sittingbourne.</p> <p>We are seeking £9,032 for the initial set up of the space at the SMAC and allow us to pilot the service whilst seeking additional funding to develop the site further, providing a wider community based hub to support not only our creative work but also encourage business and visitors to the area.</p> <p>How this bid links with Swale’s Strategic Priorities 2 and 3 The SMAC already provides a local resource for community groups and visitors to the town, but with a VIC we will provide a single venue which will also provide information and signpost local sites of interest across heritage, culture and leisure. This will help generate a sustainable community set of assets within one venue.</p> <p>We believe this bid links with a number of the aspects in Swale’s Strategic Priorities, but specifically with SSP 2.4, 3.3 and 3.5</p> <p>2.4 Recognise and support our local heritage to give people pride in the place they live and boost the local tourism industry. 3.3 Develop a communitarian approach to partnership working based on shared objectives with like-minded agencies in the voluntary and community sectors.</p> <p>3.5 Promote wellbeing and enjoyment of life by signposting and encouraging a wide range of sporting, cultural and other leisure activities appropriate and accessible to each age group.</p> <p>NB. The SMAC are in the process of converting from a C.I.C to a C.I.O. This transition will require some updating of our current policy and procedures documents which have been drawn up with the assistance and support of the Swale CVS.</p>
Quote provided	Yes
Total project expenditure:	<p>Acquisition of VIC furniture, minor alterations, redecoration and interior signage - £1,150 (Removal of partition walls, reception desk, shelving, storage, display rack, leaflet carousel, branding and signage).</p> <p>Hearing loops x 2 (£216 each £432 plus installation £200) - £632</p> <p>Touchscreen kiosk and stand £2,500</p> <p>VIC information computer and printer - £1,000</p> <p>VIC outside signage by the Sign Place, London Road, Sittingbourne (used previously for our existing outside signage) - £750</p>

	<p>Support for the first year's venue costs, software subscriptions and website - £3,000</p> <p>Total project expenditure £9,032.00</p>
Total project income (additional sources of income including cash/in kind):	<p>VIC volunteers donating 18 hours per week.</p> <p>Some of the necessary alterations and decoration will also be undertaken by the SMAC supporters and volunteers.</p>
Funding request:	£9,032.00

Reference:	SITT033
Organisation:	Sittingbourne Christmas Lights and Sleigh Rounds
Applicant Name:	Gareth Randall - Treasurer
Status of organisation:	Unincorporated Association (Community Group)
Details of project/activity:	<p>Purchase of new LED "garland" Christmas lights for Sittingbourne High Street to replace failing lights and to avoid load testing.</p> <p>The intention is to get garland lights to avoid the need for load testing of streetlight columns because they wrap around the columns so the centre of gravity is in the middle of the columns. We currently have to pay a large amount of money every 3 years to Kent County Council to have the columns load tested. Rather than paying this, we plan to purchase new lights.</p>
Quote provided	Yes
Total project expenditure:	<p>New garland lights 18 x £150 each - £2,700.00 VAT - £540.00 Total project expenditure - £3,240.00</p>
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	None at present but will be doing fundraising and seek donations from SBC Councillors.
Funding request:	£3,240.00

Reference:	SITT034
Organisation:	Sittingbourne and Kemsley Light Railway Limited (SKLR)
Applicant Name:	Paul Williams – Trustee Director
Status of organisation:	Company Ltd by Guarantee Registered Charity
Details of project/activity:	<p>Disabled/wheelchair accessible platform at SKLR Sittingbourne Viaduct station</p> <p>The Sittingbourne and Kemsley Light Railway Ltd (SKLR) is a registered charity operated entirely by volunteers. It plays a key role in preserving Sittingbourne’s industrial heritage whilst providing educational and social opportunity for the local community and attracting tourism to the borough.</p> <p>Project and Activity The SKLR commenced regeneration of the Sittingbourne Viaduct station site during winter 2020/21, creating a step-free access route to its elevated site for pushchairs and disabled buggies/wheelchairs, and installing disabled toilet facilities, together with a CCTV security system linked to the Swale Borough Council monitoring centre. However, unfortunately, the design of the existing life-expired wooden station platform, which was built many years ago from second-hand railway sleepers, makes accessing the trains highly challenging for those with limited mobility, and does not enable disabled buggies or wheelchairs to be driven onto the trains.</p> <p>This project will improve the facilities of the area by replacing the current station platform with one which is higher and wider, constructed with durable materials for longevity. The platform will be specifically designed to increase social inclusion by providing accessibility for those with wider needs, enabling those in disabled buggies and wheelchairs to enjoy a ride on one of our heritage trains and visit our Kemsley Down site for the first time. A financial contribution to this project by Swale Borough Council’s Area Committees would in parallel be recognising and supporting local heritage and boost tourism.</p> <p>Project Costs The requested amount is for the purchase of prefabricated concrete beam-and-block floor materials for a platform of approximately 48 metre length. This does not include the foundations and supports on which the platform will be installed. SKLR is investigating various other sources of funding and sponsorship opportunities from local businesses to contribute the other remaining materials. Project management and technical advice is being provided free-of-charge by SKLR’s volunteer workforce. The opportunity to provide work experience to trainee tradespersons via local technical colleges is also being explored, to supplement the SKLR volunteer labour to construct the platform.</p>

Quote provided	Yes
Total project expenditure:	Railway platform, concrete beam-and-block floor materials - £5,800.00 Total project expenditure - £5,800.00
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	None
Funding request:	£5,800.00

Reference:	SITT035
Organisation:	Swale Borough Council
Applicant Name:	Member Bid – Cllr James Hall
Status of organisation:	Borough Council
Details of project/activity:	<p>Shrubbery/flower beds</p> <p>Shrub bed and landscape improvements in various areas of Murston, improving the social outlook.</p> <p>This will improve the appearance, environment and facilities of the area.</p>
Quote provided	No
Total project expenditure:	£4,000.00
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	None
Funding request:	£4,000.00