

Appendix 2

Sheppey Area Committee Funding Scheme

Summary of applications received for the December 2022 meeting

Area Committee's allocation for 2022-23 - £47,000.00

At the Sheppey Area Committee meeting in September 2022, £38,412.10 was allocated.

Available to allocate at the December 2022 meeting - £8,587.90

(Applications arranged in the order they were received)

Reference:	SHEP025
Organisation:	Swale Borough Council – Member bid
Applicant Name:	Cllr Angela Harrison
Status of organisation:	Borough Council
Details of project/activity:	<p>Sheerness Promenade Lighting Replacement</p> <p>Replace the lighting along Sheerness Promenade. The current cost for the Borough of replacing lights with LEDs is around £186,000. There is currently £78,000 in the budget. I propose putting the £8,587.90 towards the cost of replacing the missing lighting along Sheerness Promenade.</p> <p>It will improve the facilities and appearance along the promenade where the lights were removed but never replaced. It will also make the promenade a much safer environment at night.</p> <p>This project is already being looked at however with these funds the Head of Environment and Leisure has said that Sheerness can be prioritised at the early stages of the project.</p>
Quote provided	N/A
Total project expenditure:	£186,000
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	N/A
Funding request:	£8,587.90

Reference:	SHEP026
Organisation:	Warden Parish Council
Applicant Name:	Kirstie Martin - Clerk
Status of organisation:	Parish Council
Details of project/activity:	<p>Replacement of flooring in Warden Village Hall Flooring was damaged due to flooding 4 times in 20 years. It is lifting in places and needs replacing urgently. The Village Hall allows for local people to access childcare, dance classes, boxing classes and BSL Song Signing.</p> <p>If the flooring is replaced, then all of these activities can continue to run locally. However, if the hall becomes unusable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The playgroup will have to temporarily close until further notice and vital childcare provision for local working families will be lost. • The Eastern Sheppey Boxing Club also does not have access to another site, so would also have to close meaning that young adults and teenagers would lose the multitude of benefits the club give them, including healthy activity, self-discipline and an opportunity to socialise in a safe setting. • A new dance class for children has recently started and would also need to close until further notice. • The new BSL Song Signing class would need to relocate and there would be no guarantee of its return. <p>If these important groups and organisations are lost, then the residents of Warden who are able to drive to alternative providers, will be forced to commute causing unnecessary carbon emissions, as well as lost time and additional traffic on our already creaking road network.</p> <p>Swift rectification of the flooring not only will allow all these amazing community organisations to continue to function as normal, it will also allow for the addition of floor markings so that additional provision of badminton club could also be possibly achieved.</p>
Quote provided	Yes
Total project expenditure:	Flooring – to strip up existing flooring and clear. Supply and lay 2 x coats of DPM Supply and lay primer and screeding Supply & lay vinyl sheet with upstands Fully bonded with approved adhesive all joins heat welded. Cost £11,671.00 VAT £2,334.20 Total project expenditure £14,005.20
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	Contribution from Warden Village Hall Committee £5,671.00 Warden Parish Council is VAT registered
Funding request:	£6,000.00

Reference:	SHEP027
Organisation:	Curly's Farm
Applicant Name:	Mrs Laura Pike – Business Development
Status of organisation:	Incorporated/Registered charity
Details of project/activity:	<p>Who we are - Curly's Legacy is committed to providing life-enhancing educational and social opportunities for the Isle of Sheppey and the local and wider community of Swale, each week offering farming education to 250 children and 10 young adults with complex learning difficulties. We provide a safe, progressive and meaningful programme of activities to develop life skills, increase employability and engage with a like-minded community where self-expression is encouraged, respected and valued.</p> <p>What this grant is for - We are seeking a contribution to pay for extra staff resource to ensure our new 'outpost' learning base can be operational as soon as possible during the winter months – our current income would not cover any extra hours over the next three months. This self-sustaining eco-friendly cabin will be a learning base situated far into the farm site away from main activities and somewhere our beneficiaries can experience the bush-life and which will provide a calmer, safe and sensory space for those with more complex needs. We have applied to other funders to cover the cost of equipment and tools, renewable energy sources etc, but need the manpower to be able to put the project together. This person will be the tutor who will have our beneficiaries help them to develop this area. There will be a forest school space, sensory garden, braille trail, allotment, beehives and an indoor space for incubators, vivarium and slow cookers (to make food produced on farm).</p> <p>Why - We are committed to the same strategic priorities as the borough council, but the most relevant priorities we have are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity: our focus this winter and beyond is to increase the biodiversity of the farm site, by growing trees, recycling wood, waste and growing our own animal feed. We have trained two staff as beekeepers for our 15 hives and are developing an 'outpost' area which will be self-sustaining and supplied by renewable energy sources (wind/solar hybrid). Most significantly, all of this will be embedded into the educational programmes we run for all our beneficiaries, so we can encourage more biodiverse-consciousness – particularly within our younger generations. • We are a small local community charity whose commitment to our communities has been demonstrated time and again – we have stepped up during crisis by providing a food bank during Covid lockdowns, delivering water to households in summer 2022 due to water shortage and provide low-cost meat and dairy produce – the only farm on Sheppey to do so. • Being open for public visits in holiday season has also helped raise the profile of Leysdown on Sea as a tourist destination,

as it is somewhere visitors can come when they visit the area and is not far to travel to from main holiday parks.

- The farm undertakes targeted interventions for our young people of the borough. We support young adults from Neptune House and BeMix (Sittingbourne) and offer 1:1 and 2:1 for young people whose physical and intellectual disabilities hinder them from participating fully in mainstream education and/or society. For example, this is Frankie our young man who is deaf and blind:



Curly's Farm

19 October at 12:25 · 🌐

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Over the Moon I think is the feeling coming from this young man. EVERYDAY for the past 5 weeks he has checked on this Pumpkin! Has asked if he can take it home!

He has waited long enough. So this morning he got his wheel barrow and marched to the top of the farm, walked straight to the pumpkin and placed it into his barrow.

Being blind and deaf didn't slow him down. He has the farm mapped out with terrain and smells! We had to keep up with him. [#pumpkin](#) [#pumpkinpicking](#) [#joy](#) [#autumn](#) [#hardwork](#) [#success](#) [#BSL](#) [#makatonsigning](#) [#curlysfarm](#) [#kyfc](#)



Quote provided	No
Total project expenditure:	Staff cost – tutor 16 hours per week x £15 p/h x 12 weeks Total project expenditure £2,880,00
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	None
Funding request:	£2,880.00

Reference:	SHEP028
Organisation:	Friendly Faces of Kent
Applicant Name:	Lesley Nowell-Hitchcock - CEO
Status of organisation:	Unincorporated Association (Community Group)
Details of project/activity:	We are planning on operating a Warm Hub at our Space in Rushenden. This will be a place for local residents to come and stay warm during the colder months, at a difficult time with rising costs. We will offer the space from 10.30 to 14,00 over a 16 week period on a Thursday. The space would allow up to 20 residents to come in have refreshments, soup and roll and use the space to stay warm and enjoy meeting other local residents.
Quote provided	No
Total project expenditure:	Refreshments - £640.00 Staff cost – support working, volunteer, admin - £2,720.00 Total project expenditure - £3,360.00
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	Donations - £320.00
Funding request:	£3,040