

APPENDIX 2

Eastern Area Committee Funding Scheme

Summary of applications received for the December 2022 meeting

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

At the Eastern Area Committee meeting in September 2022 £27,237.00 was allocated.

Available to allocate at the December 2022 meeting - £12,763.00

(Applications arranged in the order they were received)

Reference:	EAC029
Organisation:	Friendly Faces of Kent
Applicant Name:	Lesley Nowell-Hitchcock - CEO
Status of organisation:	Unincorporated Association (Community Group)
Details of project/activity:	We currently use the Teynham Community Hall for one of our Friendly Space groups, for members in the local community to come together and form friendships. We have been asked by the Teynham Community Hall Trustees if we could help them deliver a 16 week warm hub over the winter period. This will give local residents a warm space to come have a hot drink, soup and a roll. It will be a space to stay warm without the fear of heating costs and become a social hub for interaction during the colder months, that can particularly lonely for some. The project will run for up to 16 weeks on a Tuesday from 10.00 to 14.00.
Further information	Risk assessment and safeguarding policy has been provided. The project will benefit residents from Teynham, surrounding villages and Sittingbourne.
Quote provided	A detailed estimate has been provided
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

Reference:	EAC030
Organisation:	Painters Forstal Community Association
Applicant Name:	Professor Ben Bennett – Chair of Trustees
Status of organisation:	Registered Charity
Details of project/activity:	<p>Painters Forstal – community hunger heroes</p> <p>Background - The Parish of Painters Forstal and Ospringe lost access to its shared community hall in 2017. Since then, the community has been working hard to build a new, modern, flexible, accessible, low carbon facility on a plot of land in the centre of the village gifted by a generous resident. We have formed a Charity, Painters Forstal Community Association (PFCA), assessed the needs of our community, received planning permission, raised funding from numerous funders and community fund-raising and have started building, with an expected opening date of May 2023.</p> <p>The project - PFCA aims to build and run a community hall accessible to all and to run activities that enhance health, well-being and the environment. The small, isolated community of Painters Forstal and Ospringe has significant areas of vulnerability and social exclusion. The parish is within the top 50% of deprived areas nationally, with evidence of fuel poverty (12%), long-term illness (12%) and isolation (9% with no personal transport).</p> <p>PFCA will provide a modern, low carbon, warm, flexible and accessible space for a range of activities. The design incorporates a hall and lobby area that can be divided into three unique activity spaces. All will be accessible from a central kitchen. Part of the hall has been designed for safe pre-school/nursery.</p> <p>At the heart of this project, and core to its success will be a small kitchen designed for maximum access, including wheelchairs. The availability of a community kitchen in Painters Forstal opens up the possibility of community organised food and nutrition activities.</p> <p>Activity - The residents of Painters Forstal are struggling to make ends meet. For the lower waged and pensioners, the biggest impacts of the cost-of-living crisis have been on heating and food bills. These impact low-income earners disproportionately.</p> <p>PFCA have won a small amount of funding (£500) from the Tesco Community Scheme to support a “Feed the Future” project. This will involve a club, led by older members of the community, that will meet regularly in the new Community Hall to work with groups of younger residents to develop cost effective recipe and menu plans. This Painters Forstal Feed the</p>

Future Club will meet regularly in the warm and friendly environment of the new Hall, building social capital, developing generational links and improving welfare and nutrition.

The community intends to target food waste and community food collection to support the activity, and to offer free surplus food to residents as appropriate. The community has a catering business at its heart (The Alma Pub) who have offered to provide professional support to the project including advice on food safety compliance.

The team of residents hoping to operate our 'Painters Forstal Feed the Future Club' are "Hunger Heroes", hence the project title. These volunteers will give their time, energy and expertise to help those in need and to bridge the generational gap that currently exists in the community.

To achieve this ambitious aim, we need to fund the equipment necessary to run the club. We are, therefore, requesting funding support for a electric range cooker to fit into our new kitchen. A range cooker will allow several club members to cook meals concurrently, and therefore provide the opportunity for a group to prepare, cook and consume at the same time enhancing the social aspect of the activity.

Compliance with the agreed criteria - Area Committee Criteria (Eastern). This project is directly focussed on the cost-of-living crisis. It will work to help residents manage the cost of providing themselves and their families with nutritious food, thus tackling one of the central challenges caused by the crisis. Our new Community Hall is insulated to the highest standards, warmed by design through solar gain, and heated by energy efficient air source heat pumps. By attending the club, residents will be addressing the food/nutrition and heating cost crises together.

Swale Strategic Priority 2. We believe that this project contributes to priorities as follows:

2.1 and 2.2 Contribute to addressing climate change. As part of the 'Food the Future' project, our 'Hunger Heroes" will help club members address the energy cost of making nutritious meals. For most residents, this activity will be within walking distance, reducing the environmental impact of attending similar activities elsewhere. We are keen, as a next stage if this is successful, to move onto a rural community collective food buying club to look for greater savings through cooperative purchase.

Swale Strategic Priority 3: Tackling deprivation and creating equal opportunity

	<p>3.1 and 3.2 Tackling deprivation and equality of opportunity.</p> <p>The Feed the Future: Hunger Heroes activity will directly address some of the root causes of deprivation by addressing key aspects of cost of living and nutrition security for the poorest/most vulnerable members of our community.</p>
Further information	<p>Safeguarding policy has been provided.</p> <p>The risk assessment will be provided once the hall is complete. The hall will be completed in May 2023 so the project will commence after that date.</p> <p>Painters Forstal and Ospringe has a population of around 750 in something like 320 households. PFCA itself has 181 members (individuals and households). The catchment area for our project will be much wider than Painters Forstal and Ospringe. We are in walking and cycling distance of West Faversham, close to the new housing at Perry Court and on a direct 'line' between smaller communities/villages and Faversham. We expect our activity to be inclusive and to attract participants widely.</p>
Quote provided	Yes
Total project expenditure:	<p>1 x Induction hob 100 cm range cooker - £1234.40 VAT - £308.60 Total project Expenditure £1,543.00</p>
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	<p><i>Tesco Community Grant contribution to other kitchen equipment - £500.00</i></p>
Funding request:	£1,543.00

Reference:	EAC031
Organisation:	Faversham Umbrella
Applicant Name:	Becky Duffy – Centre Manager
Status of organisation:	Registered Charity
Details of project/activity:	<p>Faversham Community Networking Group is an initiative born this year to bring charities, not for profit groups and other supporting organisations together within Faversham and the surrounding areas. The idea is to connect so that we utilise our expertise and combined knowledge on signposting to offer a stronger support network across our community. Within this group of 20 plus organisations we have several of us offering warm spaces over the coming colder months and know that by doing this together we can offer more of a robust structure for those that need it. We also have expertise within our group for financial advice, free wellbeing activities, access to mental health services and ways of providing free food deeper into much needed areas of the community.</p> <p>Below is list of some of the organisations and what they are offering in the main areas set out above.</p> <p>Faversham Umbrella: Is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10am-3pm. At the centre of our community Faversham umbrella offers a safe place for everyone in a non-judgemental environment. We offer free well-being activities every day and are utilising our space as a warm space during the colder months along with hot food. Red Zebra and Fuel and Water Swale will be operating out of Faversham Umbrella at least once a month to offer further services.</p> <p>Age UK: Will offer space Monday-Friday 3-5pm offering a warm space and hot soup. Premises are situated in the centre of town, with ground floor access. Age UK are also teaming up with other partners to offer warm packs to those who needs it, that people can take home with them.</p> <p>West Faversham Community Association: Weekdays is 8.30 till 10pm and till 5pm at weekends offering a warm space and welcoming café. The centre holds many activities throughout the day which people are welcome to join (where possible), but there will also be a space in which people are able to just come and be.</p> <p>Citizens Advice: Offer sound financial advice to everyone and we hope will be able to increase their presence with a monthly workshop in at least one of the buildings above.</p> <p>FCS Talking Therapies: Signposting to NHS Talking Therapies using leaflets, social media, giveaways and monthly visits in at</p>

	<p>least one of the buildings (within the bid) providing access to immediate self-referral in support of community mental health needs.</p> <p>FACE (Faversham Assistance Centre): offers gardening and decorating to the most vulnerable people of Faversham and Sittingbourne. This practical relief allows them to direct their finances to other aspects which have become extremely challenging, like food or heating. FACE recognises the important link between housing and health, especially mental health. FACE believes that our work improves the moods and quality of life of our clients and the feedback we receive reflects this.</p> <p>Food Friends: Offer warm meals to people within the community that are unable to get to the places above for meals.</p> <p>Red Zebra: Provides a social prescribing service for adults in East Kent helping to link people to non-medical services such as voluntary & community groups. The overall aim is to enable individuals to take greater control of their health & wellbeing by using the resources available & appropriate.</p>
Further information	<p>Risk assessments and Safeguarding policies have been provided.</p> <p>The above projects will run from October through to April and further if colder weather continues.</p> <p>Anyone is welcome to attend from Faversham and surrounding areas. People from all over Swale and Thanet attend.</p>
Quote provided	Estimate
Total project expenditure:	<p>Citizens Advice Age UK – Debt advice outreach - £1,000.00 FACE – Client support - £1,500 Talking Therapies – Mental health support - £1,700.00 Age UK and Faversham West Community Association – Warm Spaces £3,000.00 each - £6,000.00 Faversham Umbrella – Warm Space - £2,500.00 Total Project Expenditure - £12,700.00</p>
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	<p>Each individual organisation within this group will be gathering further support to enhance and grow their own offering over the coming months. This is inevitable as we are all aware of the hardships our community face and will continue to do so going forward, along with further challenges like the cost-of-living crisis, and the colder weather. We hope by displaying a united front and submitting our joint application we are showing you our commitment to further work together so that we can all support our local residents in the best way possible.</p>
Funding request:	£12,700.00

Reference:	EAC032
Organisation:	Teynham Parish Council
Applicant Name:	Hayley Steel – Parish Clerk
Status of organisation:	Parish Council
Details of project/activity:	<p>Warm Bank at Teynham Community Hall</p> <p>Background - The current rise in the cost of living, in particular the cost of energy, will have a significant impact on many people across our Parish. The UK Government is taking a number of steps to provide support. At a local level, there are a number of actions that we can undertake to provide additional assistance to our communities.</p> <p>Proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Teynham Parish Council have requested that Friendly Faces run a warm bank on behalf of the local community. Initially on a trial run of 6 weeks. ● Warm Banks are a way of making sure people have somewhere to go where they can spend time without spending money they don't have. ● Teynham Parish Council will provide the venue (The Community Hall, Teynham) at no cost, but is seeking funding to cover the cost of the additional heating/lighting. The venue is normally unheated when not in use. ● Friendly Faces will staff and operate the warm bank sessions and will offer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A safe and warm space for local residents, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 hours, one day a week (on a Tuesday) - from late November* to the end of February 2023* ○ No charges for any services during this session ○ Social environment to meet others, if guests wish. ○ Unlimited tea & coffee ○ Hot soup & bread rolls at lunch time <p>* Operational dates will depend on the date of funding confirmation. There will be a short lead time to get the coordinator in place, the sessions set up and promote the sessions to the local community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Working with others <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In addition to the warm bank, we will invite other organisations (eg medical, advice etc) to use the office space to connect with community groups. At the time of preparing this application Alzheimer's and Dementia Support Services have offered to attend the session once every 3-weeks. <p>Grant application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Linked applications:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This grant application should be considered in conjunction with the application from Friendly Faces to run the Warm Bank at Teynham. <p>Teynham Parish Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If the Friendly Faces grant application is rejected, we will be unable to run this service. ● This grant application (from Teynham Parish Council) covers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Additional costs for heating, lighting and power at £5/hour (estimated). ○ 4 hrs plus 1hr preheat = £25/session; 16 sessions = £400 +VAT ○ Total amount requested: £400 (excluding VAT) ● Friendly Faces will submit a separate grant application to cover the costs for the co-ordinator, and volunteer expenses, plus the cost of tea/coffee/soup & bread.
Quote provided	Estimate
Total project expenditure:	Heat, light & power - Additional costs. £5/hr; £25/session; 16 sessions - £400 + VAT
	Total project expenditure - £400.00
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	The Parish Council can reclaim the VAT element of the costs.
Funding request:	£400.00

Reference:	EAC033
Organisation:	Abbey Physic Community Garden
Applicant Name:	Hannah Temple - Trustee
Status of organisation:	Registered Charity
Details of project/activity:	<p>How our Plans Support Swale’s strategic priorities Our plans align strongly with Swale Borough Council’s Strategic Priority 3 “Tackling deprivation and creating equal opportunities for everyone”, particularly its commitment to “Reduce social exclusion and enhance opportunities and quality of life” and its recent commitment to support interventions that respond to the ongoing cost-of-living crisis.</p> <p>Responding to the cost-of-living crisis Our target beneficiaries include many of those who are most vulnerable to the impacts of the rising cost of living. As a producer of fresh food, a health and wellbeing hub and a Foodbank referral agency we are in a strong position to provide support for these vulnerable people during this difficult time. The interventions we seek to make will have a direct impact on reducing the risk that people in our community will go hungry. We expect to support at least 200 people in 2023 with their food resilience through Foodbank vouchers, greater skills for cooking on a budget and direct distribution of food.</p> <p>Our work also has a very strong positive impact on participants mental health and resilience in the face of challenges. Our surveys in 2021-22 showed that 92% of Members feel an improved mood or sense of wellbeing since coming to the Garden, 70% increased confidence and 64% an increased ability to cope with life’s challenges. Further, 100% of the participants in our Gardening for the Mind programme across 2021 reported an increased understanding of the activities that support emotional resilience and wellbeing. We expect between 70 and 85 participants in Gardening for the Mind in 2023 to benefit from this support and a further 50-75 participants in the re-worked Community Kitchen sessions to also benefit from these greater skills and sense of mental health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Reduce social exclusion and enhance opportunities and quality of life Our target beneficiaries also include many groups who are particularly vulnerable to loneliness, isolation and social exclusion. Our Garden and projects are all designed to support people to build confidence, interact with others and form beneficial relationships.</p> <p>Our surveys in 2021-22 showed that 81% of Members feel a greater sense of connection to others since coming to the Garden. Further, 100% of the participants in our Gardening for</p>

	<p>the Mind programme across 2021 reported increased comfort socialising with others. We expect between 70 and 85 participants in Gardening for the Mind in 2023 to benefit from this support and a further 50-75 participants in the re-worked Community Kitchen sessions to also benefit from this greater sense of connection with others.</p> <p><i>Please see attached supporting document setting out detailed background information.</i></p>
Quote provided	Yes
Total project expenditure:	<p>Community Fridge and running costs - Glass door display fridge estimated at £550 and running costs for a year estimated at £50 - £600.00</p> <p>Community Kitchen Project Leads' salaries plus NI and pension for 2 x staff to run 3 community kitchen sessions each week - £16,380.00</p> <p>Gardening for the Mind Project Lead salaries plus NI and pension for 1 x staff to run 2 gardening for the mind sessions each week - £5,513.00</p> <p>Total project expenditure - £22,493.00</p>
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	<p>Fees from paying contributors - Course fees from corporates, social prescribers and schools (12 x courses £80pp x 4 people) - £3,960.00</p> <p>Share of general income - Share of membership fees, corporate giving, community giving, regular giving - £5,000.00</p> <p>Share of produce sales - £500.00</p> <p>Grants from third parties - £7,400.00</p> <p>Total project income £16,860.00</p>
Funding request:	£5,600.00

Reference:	EAC034
Organisation:	Faversham Salvation Army
Applicant Name:	Bethany Munn – Leader of Faversham Salvation Army
Status of organisation:	Registered Charity
Details of project/activity:	<p>Community Wardrobe is sustainable charity clothing bank. We hold school uniforms for all Faversham and surrounding villages, including sports wear, coats, shoes and bags. We also hold coats, hats, gloves and scarves that are available for children and adults. These can be accessed at our sessions, and we also have a rail at Faversham Foodbank so that their clients can access coats and winter items during the necessary months.</p> <p>As this is not for profit but people we rely on the donations of pre-loved school uniforms, coats, winter accessories, we have been blessed that over 50% of users bring in pre-loved items so we are self-supporting and sustaining. It is important to us that these essential items are made available to anyone in our community who wants them, and there is no cost for individuals for the items that they take.</p> <p>If a family is in need they have and can be referred to us by the school, social services or other agencies, In the instance that we do not have all or part of the uniform they need if funds are available we have brought them uniform. This has been the case particularly for families with children starting the Abbey secondary school.</p> <p>We are now at the point where we need to expand and provide a permanent space for this initiative to enable families and individuals to have access weekly to what we store.</p> <p>This summer (2022) we supported 487 households with uniforms and additional school supplies. And it was evident that this relief from the large cost of school uniform was a relief for all - especially in this current crisis.</p> <p>As we move into the Autumn and Winter months we have launched our winter wardrobe and hope to give support for coats, hats, gloves and scarves for children and adults. We are also aiming towards working with local employment support groups to have a section of 'smart' business suits/ wear to give or lend to individuals for job interviews or new employment as this can be a significant barrier for some.</p> <p>Community Wardrobe's aim and belief is that basics items such as coats and school uniforms should not cause financial stress for individuals or families, and that by providing the community wardrobe we can relieve this pressure.</p>

	We are also proud that this supports the environment and reduces waste of good quality clothing.
Quote provided	Estimates
Total project expenditure:	<p>Back stock is kept in a storage unit in Dargate - £110.00 Storage boxes, vacuum bags to protect uniform - £200.00 Moveable clothing rails and shelving – £500.00 If we do not have uniform we will seek to support in need families - £150-£200 per child Promotion - signage leaflets and posters - £100.00 Total project expenditure £1,300.00</p>
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	<p>Donations - some clients/users of CW donate in kind small change - £50.00 In kind - we have been the beneficiaries of small local groups annual donation gift - £100.00 Total project income £150.00</p>
Funding request:	£1,150.00

Reference:	EAC035
Organisation:	Brogdale CIC
Applicant Name:	Rebecca O'Neill - CEO
Status of organisation:	Social Enterprise
Details of project/activity:	<p>Our project will look to work with vulnerable families in local community venues to provide food, signpost to support and be in a warm space. The project will work over the 5 months of the winter weather and have 2 key aspects. Firstly, to have a building-based offer to provide a warm space for families to come into and secondly to go out into the community to deliver support to families in their home setting.</p> <p>Weekly family food and friendship sessions will be provided where families can come and get a nutritious meal, spend time together in a warm space and play board games. The families can build rapport with the support staff and gain advice and guidance as to the services that may be able to help them where there is a financial need, mental health concern, provision of clothing for young people. The project will aim to support social inequalities, improve wellbeing, link community organisations and offer support in the 'cost of living' crisis. We are proposing to work with the Baptist church and the Umbrella centre to have central locations to attend in the Eastern area. There will be 2 sessions a week (one we would seek match funding for) each lasting 2 hours. There will be 2 paid staff members on duty at all times and we hope to have community volunteers to attend and support too. Through coming to a central place and meeting with key workers the families will get to know staff and they them. There will be opportunities to build rapport, build trust with vulnerable families and listen both with compassion and care and with the ability signpost to organisations and agencies to gain further help. For some families help maybe being held up by the inability to complete necessary documentation, know about and understand the process to gain support or by a barrier of language or learning ability. It may be that we support with access to a computer or the internet. This project would support the most vulnerable through direct mentoring during the session and also have the ability to afterwards keep in touch to follow up on opportunities to gain support.</p> <p>The second part of the project would build on our excellent community links. Through working with the housing associations, we will identify specific families who are struggling and deliver targeted support packages to them. We will go directly to them in their homes and offer to provide school uniform for young people, leaflets that provide contact details for various support agencies and emergency food items when needed. This door step service again will have staff who seek to build relationships, hear concerns and signpost with support to services.</p>

	<p>All staff will be DBS checked, have training in safeguarding, health and safety, food hygiene and be experienced with working with vulnerable groups. All venues and activities will be risk assessed. We have public liability and indemnity, our own transport and good links into the community. We would propose to link with local voluntary organisations, church groups, housing associations, schools and statutory organisations. The service would be advertised through the housing associations, local council and support groups. Families would be able to self-refer and be referred by agencies.</p> <p>It is proposed that there will be one building-based session a week, 20 in total and 1 community delivery session a week in total 20, 40 face to face sessions across the 5 months of winter weather.</p>
Further information	<p>Safeguarding policy and risk assessment have been provided.</p> <p>The sessions will take place on Saturday lunchtimes based at Faversham Baptist Church, lower hall and in a venue in Faversham Town.</p>
Quote provided	Estimates
Total project expenditure:	<p>For 20 sessions 2 workers with oncosts £16 an hour, 3 hours at venue = £96 1 hour prep 2 with families and clear up = $20 \times £32 \times 3 = £1,920$ 1 worker meal planning and shopping 1 hour per week to include for outreach sessions as well = $20 \times £16 \times 1 = £320$ venue 3 hours £20 per hour = $20 \times £20 \times 3 \text{ hours} = £1200$ Food for 20 people at £6 a meal = $20 \times £6 \times 20 = £2400$ Insurance, monitoring admin, staff support 20 sessions @ £30 per week £600 For once a week for 20 weeks at location Total: £6440</p> <p>For 20 remote delivery sessions 2 workers with oncosts £16 an hour, 2 hours delivery and clear up = $£64 = 20 \times £64 = £1,280$ Food for 20 people at £6 a meal = $20 \times £6 \times 20 = £2400$ Van fuel, use and insurance £30 per session $\times 20 = £600$ Management 1 hour per week $£25 \times 20 \text{ sessions} = £500$ uniform approx = £1240 Total = £6020</p> <p>Total project expenditure - £12,460.00</p>
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	Management and van.
Funding request:	£12,460.00

