

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health
<b>Date:</b>	15 January 2020
<b>Title:</b>	Demand Management and Prevention Grants
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Adults' Health and Care

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#### Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for making grant awards to the voluntary and community organisations outlined in this report as part of the Demand Management and Prevention Programme.

#### Recommendation(s)

2. That approval be given by the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health to award the following grants:
  - i) To award grants totalling £237,799 to cover a 2 year period between 1 Feb 2020 and 31 Jan 2022 as part of the Local Solutions Grant as detailed in Appendix 1.
  - ii) To award Age Concern Hampshire a grant totalling £40,000 to cover a twelve month period between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021 as part of the Rural Connections Grant.
  - iii) To award MHA a grant totalling £240,000 to cover a 1 year period between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021 as part of the Community Based Support Grant.
  - iv) To award Good Neighbours a grant totalling £145,000 to cover a 2 year period between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2022 as part of the Neighbourhood Care and Support Grant
  - v) To award Autism Hampshire a grant of £49,894 to cover a period of 1 year between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021 as part of the Autism Support Grant.
3. That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health give approval for putting in place a revised Local Solutions Grant programme from April 2020 to

include receipt of grant applications throughout the year and confirms the continuation of the other grant programmes set out in this report.

## **Executive Summary**

4. This report seeks to...
  - Set out the background to the grants
  - Set out the reason for the recommendations
  - Consider the finance for the project
  - Look at key issues
  - Briefly consider the future direction of the project.

## **Contextual information**

### Background

5. The Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) contributes to improving people's quality of life. The grants programme is one of the ways in which the County Council supports the sector to support people to live fuller more independent lives.
6. A voluntary organisation may be considered for grant aid from the County Council only if its services, projects or activities are in compliance with the aims and objectives, priorities and policies of the County Council.
7. Grants are awarded to support services that are better provided by the voluntary sector e.g. the mobilisation of community resources to help vulnerable people maintain their independence.
8. A grant is defined as a sum of money to support a particular activity. It does not usually cover the entire cost of the activity and it is legally considered to be a one-sided gift, rather than a payment in exchange for services.
9. Voluntary and community organisations provide valuable locally based services that are often rooted in the communities which they serve. Significant benefit is produced through this activity, often through voluntary action and focused towards activity that clearly assists in providing early intervention and prevention initiatives. Grant funding by the County Council contributes to, and helps sustain, this activity.
10. As grants are a contribution to service or activity costs the economic benefit to the department can be significant, leveraging in additional funding, the benefit of volunteer time and therefore providing good value for money to the authority.
11. Organisations will not normally be eligible for grants where they hold balances in excess of one year's running costs. Those organisations receiving recurring funding which hold in excess of three months' running costs, and where they cannot demonstrate through their reserves policy that these reserves are justified, may receive a reduced grant. To establish the level of reserves, organisations are required to provide a set of their latest accounts and annual report with their application and before grant payment is made –

in the case of organisations with an income of £10,000 or above, these must be independently examined or audited. If organisations have reserves in excess of three months, we will apply the reserves policy which is in line with the Charity Commission's policy on these matters.

### Demand and Prevention Programme

12. Prevention, incorporating Demand Management is one of the three key areas identified to achieve the Vision of Adults' Health and Care, as detailed in the Adult's Health and Care Strategy 2018.
13. The Demand Management and Prevention work will build on people's strengths, enabling them to improve their health and take more personal responsibility for looking after themselves with support from their family, friends and community network. The Council will encourage this by making the healthy choice the easy choice and developing accessible, inclusive and readily available information and advice services. The Council will also carry out targeted prevention work for certain groups of people who are most at risk of poor health to keep them well and to avoid or delay the need for social care services. The Council will work with partners, in particular the NHS, GPs and the Voluntary sector to achieve the above aims.
14. In alignment with the overall Demand Management and Prevention Programme Strategy, the five year objectives for the Demand Management and Prevention Programme are:
  - More people will be keeping fit and well in the community, reducing the need and demand for health and social care services.
  - Information and advice via Connect to Support will be routinely accessed to enable people to make informed choices about their care and support.
  - The County Council's contact centre will resolve the majority of client enquiries for help and support.
  - Private pay care technology solutions will be routinely requested and provided.
  - Community support offers will be increasingly known about, better trusted and more widely used.
  - Fewer people will be socially isolated or people will be better connected and Carers will be better supported.
15. A number of countywide grants and contracts are awarded as part of the Demand Management and Prevention programme, all designed to complement and deliver the aims and objectives of the programme. These grants enable services to be delivered across Hampshire, such as Community Based Support, Autism Support, Neighbourhood Care and Support, and Rural Connectors. In addition, a number of smaller place-based grants are also required awarded as part of the programme of work, in response to specific community needs identified within that locality. These place-based grants include the Local Solutions Grants discussed in this report.
16. In this report all grants being recommended follow on from an advertised programme that is open for applications from relevant organisations.

## Local Solutions Grant

17. It is recognised that across Hampshire there are local initiatives, support networks and services achieving positive outcomes for adults every day. A strength-based approach values these local provisions and seeks to enable them to further develop, be sustained and grow. This approach recognises that the County Council is often not the only, or the best, source of help for local people.
18. Services developed through this locality focused approach (either through building capacity in existing provision or through new initiatives) are likely to enable early prevention support, as well as shaping options which may be attractive alternatives to some traditional services currently available for individuals, carers and families. The prioritisation of localities to focus upon within this approach has been informed by data on demographics, existing and projected social care demand, and feedback from stakeholders. This will help to ensure that local people have effective support available now and into the future.
19. The focus and criteria for each Local Solution Grant has been shaped by engagement with local stakeholders. This engagement has informed identification of the local priorities, the outcomes which are important to be achieved and the potential type of solution which could be developed. They are also aligned to the NHS programme to support self-management, which assists individuals to remain independent and minimising their need for social care. Some grants are more specific in what is being asked to be delivered and others outline more generally the focus of the change required. Across all, it will be looked for the successful bidder(s) to ensure local insight and expertise continue to shape the support and services as they further develop, in order to deliver positive outcomes. Local stakeholders were also present on each of the grant panels, so that the local 'voice' informed the decision making.
20. In this paper, local solutions grants are recommended for communities within Basingstoke, East Hants, Fareham, Hart, Havant, New Forest and Rushmoor, based on the local stakeholder engagement. The areas covered in this grant round build on those covered in Round 1 (awarded July 2019) with new areas included and areas where there were funds were available in Round 1 but not fully awarded being re- advertised where appropriate. It is planned that there will be further Local Solutions Grants available throughout 2020, working to an amended process allowing grants to be open in all areas of Hampshire simultaneously.
21. In this round a specific need for greater support for residents of working age with a physical disability was identified in all areas of the county. As such a grant criteria was included in all areas under the title 'Peer Support', forming part of the wider Local Solutions Grants.

## **Countywide Grants**

### Rural Connections Grant – Age Concern Hampshire

22. The Rural Connections Grant will enable an organisation to provide a service that develops and supports local volunteers in rural settings to provide information and advice for vulnerable adults in their communities, and to facilitate connections with other services and assets (e.g. community groups and buildings). In particular the focus will be on supporting people at risk of social isolation and loneliness.
23. There are currently over 50 trained volunteers operating in different rural locations across Hampshire, making 1200 supportive interactions with clients annually. The service is preventative in nature, aiming to encourage and capacity build so that people stay well and independent in their communities for as long as possible. This is of particular importance in rural communities where providing care is more challenging and costly.
24. The organisation selected will expand the existing service to other rural areas not currently covered and ensure that it takes in a greater number of residents at risk of falling into social isolation and loneliness. The selected organisation will work closely with HCC to ensure the areas of greatest need are targeted for expansion of the service as well as working with the County Council to develop outcome measures which will evidence the impact of the scheme on both the wellbeing of residents and on the costs of care incurred by HCC.

#### Community Based Support Grant - MHA

25. The Community Based Support Grant supports the development of a community based support service in Hampshire. The community based support model fits within the prevention and early intervention landscape: to support older people on the cusp of care within their local communities. These support solutions will be based in a local venue which will act as a hub for the local community, encourage social interaction and promote healthy lifestyles for users. The range of support solutions will include befriending, support for carers, services which keep people in contact, transport and meals, social activities and wellbeing services.
26. Funded over the past 3 years the current Live at Home Scheme which operates under this model benefits over 1800 residents across over 100 clubs with an aim to increase this to over 2300 in the coming year, expanding the offering to include home visits for severely isolated individuals, additional clubs at new locations across the county and continuing to ensure that transport is an integral part of the offering.
27. The Community Based Support Grant is a contribution to the operation of the services provided. The organisation awarded the funding are expected to secure funding from other sources, as well as charging a small fee to those that use the service, when they can afford to do so. As a result the award made by the County Council is expected to account for no more than 33% of the total funding of the services provided.
28. Whilst previous funding decisions have covered multiple operating years, this grant will be awarded for one year which will enable the applicant to seek alternative funding sources to ensure the long term viability of the project.

### Neighbourhood Care and Support Grant – Good Neighbours Network

29. The Neighbourhood Care and Support Grant will enable an umbrella organisation to provide advice and support to a network of smaller local organisations whose purpose is to:
- i) Support vulnerable individuals in the community so that those individuals maintain their independence leading to a reduced demand for council services.
  - ii) To work with these neighbourhood organisations so that they understand local needs and develop support to meet those needs.
30. The role of the organisation awarded the grant will be to promote, support and develop neighbourhood level groups so that they thrive by helping them provide safe, sustainable support to vulnerable individuals, provide advice to enable people to utilise their resources and assist them to develop support that meets the needs of their community.
31. There are over 120 neighbourhood level groups currently operating within Hampshire providing a wide range of services, such as befriending, social activities and transport assistance. Last year these groups supported around 31,000 Hampshire residents undertaking 81,500 interventions with over 4000 volunteers. This expected level of activity was supported by a grant of £100,000 to an umbrella organisation, with no direct County Council funding being provided to the individual groups. These interventions can, divert and delay the requirement for social care services. Evaluations of the neighbourhood level groups over the last two years showed strong improvements for individuals, in particular in greater use of community resources and increased independence. The organisation selected for funding will help support these existing groups to ensure they continue to best meet the needs of vulnerable residents in line with priorities of the County Council, through best practice, training and development.
32. Previously this grant has been awarded over a 12 month period. The grant award period has been increased to 2 year for this award, with the amount being rewarded decreasing by 27.5%. The extended timeframe will allow the organisation who has been providing these services to adapt to the reduced amount of grant funding and seek alternative funding sources over a longer period of time.

### Autism Support Grant – Autism Hampshire

33. The Autism Support Grant will continue to fund services to support people with autism before, during and post diagnosis with advice, guidance, signposting/support through referrals from the diagnostic services across Hampshire. The advice, guidance, signposting and support will be tailored to the individual with the aim of promoting and supporting their independence wherever possible. The outcomes will include preventing escalation of situations into crisis for those within the diagnosis process, and providing support linked to the diagnostic assessment with recommendations to support the uniqueness of each person's individual autism needs. Consequently,

these services will continue prevent, reduce and divert demand on County Council services.

34. The organisation recommended by the panel for the grant award next financial year are experienced in supporting Hampshire residents on the autism spectrum and have provided services to meet these individual's diverse needs for a number of years. Autism Hampshire were also awarded the Autism Support Grant last financial year and have since reported on a number of outputs that support the overall aim of promoting and supporting the independence of Hampshire residents with autism wherever possible.
35. The top 3 areas of support requested by of this service in the last financial year were: advice and emotional support, employment and autism diagnosis. Overall, support has been provided in many different forms; telephone and email contact, face to face meetings, providing social group opportunities and supporting people to access appointments or interviews. The support provided by Autism Hampshire has resulted in outcomes such as: people accessing environments and services which they were unable to previously, increased understanding and awareness of autism within local communities, and, increased resilience and opportunities for people.
36. Autism Hampshire also provides support and co-ordination for the Serendipity Social Groups. As part of this grant, Autism Hampshire is expected to continue assisting with the recruitment of volunteers for further establishment of Serendipity Groups, where there are currently identified gaps within Hampshire. Serendipity Groups are user-led social groups for those with Asperger's and High Functioning Autism. Many people with autism are severely disadvantaged by the difficulties they have with social interaction, communications and sensory issues and can easily become isolated from their community. The Serendipity Groups are designed to prevent this isolation and receive positive feedback from users.
37. The grant-funded service will also provide 'light touch' support, as required, to accompany individuals to attend initial taster sessions to community based services and activities, to enable the person to feel more confident in attending independently. The services provided by the Autism Support Grant will therefore help to reduce isolation through supporting social needs and goals, and improve home life by providing stability for people with autism and their families through telephone support to people with autism, their families and paid carers/professionals.
38. The successful applicant will also be expected to market and advertise the other autism services available in Hampshire to maximise their uptake and benefit as many as possible. The current service is referred to by the County Council's call centre, community teams, and other partner organisations, helping to reduce and divert demand away from County Council services. It provides a point of contact for professionals and supports the communication of services and opportunities to people with autism and their carers.

## **Finance**

39. The grant proposal in this report will commit additional expenditure totalling £712,694 over a two year period commencing in 2019/20. The expenditure

has been profiled between years as follows: £176,925 in 2019/20, £470,719 in 2020/21 and £65,000 in 2021/22. Subject to approval of this report the total grants committed for payment will remain within the agreed, (2019/20) and anticipated, (2020/21 & 2021/22) annual budget envelopes for the Demand Management and Prevention Programme.

40. Payment of the majority of Local Solutions grants will be made in one instalment with multiple instalments used for awards in excess of £10,000 (proposed payment schedules outlined in Appendix 1). As the four countywide grants recommended for award are for significantly higher amounts, these grants will be paid in two instalments at 6 monthly intervals for those of a years duration and twice annually for those with 2 year duration. The first payment for all grant awards will be made on signature of the Grant Agreement, with payment of the remainder of the grant being made at the agreed intervals outlined in the Grant Agreement. All Grant Agreements have conditions that enable the County Council to require repayment of the award or any part of it if it remains unspent at the end of the grant period, or if there is a material breach of the grant agreement.

## **Performance**

41. The provision of grants to voluntary and community sector organisations by statutory bodies always presents a degree of risk. Specific risks that statutory bodies are required to manage include voluntary and community organisations accepting funding without providing any activity; organisations not delivering the service as expected; and there being an under spend on the expected activity. This applies to all grants however; larger grants represent a potentially higher risk to the County Council.
42. A number of mechanisms have been employed successfully over a number of years to mitigate and alleviate these risks. These include nominating a liaison officer from the County Council whose responsibility is to monitor how the grant is spent, specifying within the grant agreement that the grant is 'restricted' funding for the provision of the specified activity only and phasing the payment of grants over the course of the award duration.
43. Awards under the Rural Connections, Community Based Support, Neighbourhood Care and Support and Autism Support Grants have all be made in previous financial years and as such performance will be measured against previous provision with the assigned liaison officer tasked with outlining success factors prior to the commencement of the grant. Future instalment payments will be decided upon based on performance against these success factors e.g. volume of referrals, growth in provision and Hampshire County Council costs diverted.
44. The Local Solutions Grants will also include measures to define the volume of referrals taken and how much care costs have been diverted. The precise details of this performance framework will be subject to further discussion and subsequent agreement with the grant recipients prior to accepting the grant. The measures agreed will be used amongst other measures, including those collected in relation to the Countywide Grants, to quantify and qualify the cost

avoidance of the Local Solutions grant spend, specifically in relation to the efficacy in offsetting demand that would otherwise fall on formal Social Care services. Performance will be monitored through senior internal governance structures. It is envisaged that the financial benefits derived will exceed the one-off cost invested provided that the activity undertaken is in accordance with the grants. The activity will be monitored and reviewed over the life of the award to ensure it remains on track.

45. A comprehensive evaluation assessment tool has been developed and is in use for the beneficiaries of Round 1 grants and will continue to be used for those awarded funding in Round 2, ensuring consistency of data capture.
46. All organisations awarded a grant sign a declaration stating they accept that grant funding can only be awarded for the given period and no commitment exists from the County Council to continue funding after this time, or in subsequent years.

### **Future Direction - Local Solutions Grant**

47. Subject to Executive Member approval, it is proposed that from April 2020 onwards the Local Solutions Grant programme will move from a round based approach to a year-round process with agreement to present grants over for Executive Member decision up to 3 times yearly. These changes would be implemented for all future Local Solutions Grant awards and not those which are included for consideration in this paper. The intention would be that the level of funds allocated per area would be based on the level of local need as identified through County Council data and feedback from local teams, with minimum funding levels for each area applied to ensure a basic level of equitable distribution.
48. Expression of Interest Forms would be introduced for applicants to complete prior to a formal application. This would allow County Council officers to work with prospective applicants to tailor their projects to better meet local need, source match funding from business and other sources and enable a greater level of collaboration through relationship building. Expression of interest forms would improve the process for applicants, allow greater levels of support where needed from County Council Officers and promoting more open and collaborative working relationship.
49. The removal of time restrictions for applications would allow the County Council to work in partnership with District, Town and Parish councils as well as NHS organisations in localities to better understand the specific requirements in individual communities and promote collaborative funding of projects where appropriate to do so. An example of this can be seen in the Citizens Advice application for East Hampshire where the Grant Panel was attended by a representative of East Hampshire District allowing the project to be joint funded. Relationships have been built with District Councils throughout the Phase 1 and 2 grants, but feedback suggests that the short time window for applications restrict the amount of collaborative work which can take place, this new approach seeks to address this.

## **Consultation and Equalities**

50. It is for the Executive Member as decision maker to have due regard to the need to: eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Equality Act and advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
51. The Local Solutions Grants (see Appendix 1), Rural Connections Grant, Community Based Support Grant, Neighbourhood Care and Support Grant and the Autism Support Grant will have a positive impact on older adults aged 65 and over, as well as adults with physical disabilities, as the awards will enable either new or expanded services to those belonging to these protected groups. Also, some of the projects recommended for award from the Local Solutions Grant will have a positive impact on adults in poverty, as they will be offering services designed to maximise a user's income through benefit checking, giving assistance with benefit claims and supporting with financial management.
52. The Local Solutions Grants have been shaped in their design by local stakeholder engagement, including those working in the local voluntary community sector, local councillors as well as staff working for Adults' Health and Care, Health and from local councils. Each of the grants panels was held locally with representatives from the local community part of the decision making process.
53. The Countywide grants have all been funded before with similar criteria and so seek to continue the provision these services provide to the community.

## **Conclusions**

54. The organisations receiving a Local Solutions Grant will provide services identified at a local level as required to either prevent or delay adults from requiring social care involvement or will reduce their need for care by providing alternative solutions.
55. The proposed changes to the Local Solutions Grants from April 2020 will enable a more open and collaborative approach to working with voluntary organisations in local communities, as well as increasing the opportunity for collaborative funding of applications with other funders.
56. The Rural Connections Grant will seek to connect individuals in rural locations to the facilities and services in their local community and reduce social isolation and loneliness in users.
57. The Community Based Support Grant will build connections and support older residents across Hampshire to become less isolated, more engaged with their local community and more physically active.
58. The Neighbourhood Care and Support Grant will continue to support local volunteer groups to support older residents in day to day tasks, ensuring they remain healthy, active and able to attend essential medical appointments.

59. The Autism Support Grant will support residents living with autism and those who have been recently diagnosed and their families to understand their condition, support with lifestyle choices such as housing and employment and provide telephone support when needed for all users.

**REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:**

**Links to the Strategic Plan**

<b>Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:</b>	no
<b>People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:</b>	yes
<b>People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:</b>	no
<b>People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:</b>	yes

**Other Significant Links**

<b>Links to previous Member decisions:</b>	
<u>Title</u> Demand Management and Prevention Grant Award	<u>Date</u> 27 February 2019
Demand Management and Prevention Grant Award	24 July 2019
<b>Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives</b>	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>

**Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents**

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

## **EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:**

### **1. Equality Duty**

The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

### **2. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

The award of grants to the voluntary and community sector to support people to live long, healthy and happy lives with the maximum possible independence, as part of the demand management and prevention programme and in-line with Adult's Health and Care Strategy 2018.

Grants in this paper:

Local Solutions Grant in Basingstoke, East Hants, Fareham, Hart, Havant, New Forest and Rushmoor areas - period 1 Feb 2020 - 31 January 2022. Total Pot: £237,799

Rural Connections Grant Awarded to Age Concern Hampshire – period 1 April 2020- 31 March 2021 Total award: £40,000

Community Based Support Grant Awarded to MHA – period 1 April 2020- 31 March 2021 Total award: £240,000

Neighbourhood Care and Support Grant Awarded to Good Neighbours – period 1 April 2020- 31 March 2022 Total award: £145,000

Autism Support Grant Awarded to Autism Hampshire – period 1 April 2020- 31 March 2021 Total award: £49,894

**Geographical impact:** Basingstoke & Deane, East Hants, Fareham, Hart, Havant, New Forest and Rushmoor for Local Solutions and Countywide for other grants.

**Proposed Change:**

All the Local Solutions Grants recommended for award are new and have not been awarded to any organisation for these purposes before. These are in addition to other grants currently awarded on behalf of Adults' Health and Care.

Local Solutions Grants are new grants to provide services addressing locally identified needs. These areas identified in this round have been chosen by scale of existing social care need and demographic data. There is intention to hold future grant rounds so that each district is reached.

The countywide grants have been provided before and funding proposed in this paper will seek to extend funding to continue the provision for an additional time period.

**Who does this impact assessment cover?:** Service users

**Has engagement or consultation been carried out?:** Yes

**Describe the consultation or engagement you have performed or are intending to perform:** The Local Solutions Grants have been shaped in their design by local stakeholder engagement, including those working in the local voluntary community sector, local councillors as well as staff working for Adults' Health and Care, Health and from local councils. Each of the grants panels was held locally with representatives from the local community part of the decision making process.

The Countywide Grants fund services which have already been provided in the community with ongoing assessments and evaluations carried out on effectiveness of the solutions by Officers on a regular basis. Consultation is carried out with users and case- studies and client volumes monitored on a regular basis.

**Age:** Positive

**Impact:** Both the Local Solutions Grants and the Connector Grants will seek to offer either new or expanded services to Older Adults aged over 65 years.

**Disability:** Positive

**Impact:** The Local Solutions Grants offer a specific service (Peer Support) which will seek to address a gap in support provision for residents of working age with a

physical disability. The Autism Support Grant seeks to continue the support offered to clients with Autism and their families.

**Sexual orientation:** Neutral

**Race:** Neutral

**Religion or belief:** Neutral

**Gender reassignment:** Neutral

**Gender:** Neutral

**Marriage or civil partnership:** Neutral

**Pregnancy and maternity:** Neutral

**Poverty:** Positive

**Impact:** Some of the Local Solutions Grants will fund services in communities identified of higher deprivation, with the aim that the services to be funded will improve access to support that otherwise might be prevented due to cost. Furthermore some organisations recommended for funding will be offering services designed to maximise a user's income through benefit checking, support with financial management and giving assistance with benefit claims.

**Rurality:** Neutral

## LOCAL SOLUTIONS GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS BY AREA

## Basingstoke Grants

Organisation	Project/Service	Description	Recommended Award	Payment Instalments
Sycamore Halls Community Association	Chair Yoga for the over 55s	Grant applied for in order to build on the existing over 55s lunch club at the community centre and incorporate instructor led exercise activity to support people to be active and mobile for longer.	£5,000	One off payment on award
FitzRoy	Love for Life	Grant application made to expand the current service, running successfully in Fareham to the Basingstoke area. Working with the PD client group the project seeks to help users build social and romantic networks and to live independent and more connected lives.	£5,000	One off payment on award
Westside Community Association	Healthy Aging	Application made to run a range of health based activities in the currently under utilised community centre. Activities will be aimed at the over 65s and have a range of difficulties to suit all users, enabling people to build strength, promote their own health and tackle social isolation.	£5,000	One off payment on award

Sub Total £15,000

## East Hants Grants

Organisation	Project/Service	Description	Recommended Award	Payment Instalments
Citizens Advice East Hants	Hants Help and Home	Grant applied for to extend the current CA offer out in the community to include extensive home visitation for clients unable to leave their homes. Will build financial resilience in users, boost confidence and tackle debt related mental health issues in users.	£7,100	One off payment on award

MHA	East Hants Befriending	Application to run an active befriending service in both Hart and East Hants districts, focussing primarily on those unable to leave their homes, using home visitation to boost confidence and connect people to the wider community.	£26,450	3 equal instalments on a 6 monthly basis starting on award
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Sub Total £33,550

**Fareham Grants**

Organisation	Project/Service	Description	Recommended Award	Payment Instalments
Citizens Advice Fareham	Stay Safe, Smart and Well	Grant applied for to extend the current CA offer out in the community to include extensive home visitation for clients unable to leave their homes. Will build financial resilience in users, boost confidence and tackle debt related mental health issues in users.	£35,000	4 equal instalments, first on award and then 6 monthly thereafter
Dementia Friendly Hampshire	Dementia PALS	Dementia support service focussed on new ways of maintaining cognitive function and promoting health amongst residents with dementia. Supporting both clients and their carers this project will be delivered across both Havant and Fareham to ensure the best support for users.	£5,000	One off payment on award
One Community	Back to the Future	Application to extend the successful project already running in Eastleigh to Fareham. Working with older persons and also those with dementia to share past experiences, build networks and break down social isolation. Project will run for 2 years and support both clients and their carers.	£10,000	One off payment on award

Sub Total £50,000

## Hart Grants

Organisation	Project/Service	Description	Recommended Award	Payment Instalments
MHA	Befriending Hart and East Hants	Application to run an active befriending service in both Hart and East Hants districts, focussing primarily on those unable to leave their homes, using home visitation to boost confidence and connect people to the wider community.	£17,300	2 equal instalments made 6 monthly starting on award
Citizens Advice Hart	Money Management and Advice at Home	Grant applied for to extend the current CA offer out in the community to include extensive home visitation for clients unable to leave their homes. Will build financial resilience in users, boost confidence and tackle debt related mental health issues in users.	£12,900	2 equal instalments first on award and second in 6 months pending conditions met
Hart Voluntary Action	Fleet Forum	Grant applied to in order to fund a quarterly forum aimed at residents over 55 in the Fleet area. Outputs will be used by HCC and other organisation to tailor support in the area based on older residents needs.	£9,800	One off payment on award

Sub Total £40,000

**Havant Grants**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project/Service</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Recommended Award</b>	
Dementia Friendly Hampshire	Dementia PALS	Dementia support service focussed on new ways of maintaining cognitive function and promoting health amongst residents with dementia. Supporting both clients and their carers this project will be delivered across both Havant and Fareham to ensure the best support for users.	£5,000	One off payment on award

Sub Total £5,000

**New Forest Grants**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project/Service</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Recommended Award</b>	<b>Payment Instalments</b>
HOPE New Forest	Help and Advice Centre	Application will expand the service which is currently on offer in the New Forest to two new areas which have been highlighted by Adults Health as areas of particular need. Focussed on connecting and signposting older adults into services and providing confidence building, financial independence and emotional support, enabling people to access these who would not otherwise be able to.	£5,000	One off payment on award
Forest Forge Theatre	Act Your Age	Application will support a theatre group for older persons who will work with clients to break down social isolation and loneliness, building confidence through a strength based approach. Sessions will be run for 3 months at a time and aimed at people over 65 years.	£6,250	One off payment on award
HaRT	Wellbeing Wednesdays	Grant application would fund a range of supported activities aimed at tackling social isolation and improving networks, building user resilience and wellbeing. Activities will be user driven and focus on the skills of the individual rather than being pre- determined.	£7,000	One off payment on award

Memoryworks Hampshire	NEW CIC	Application seeks to fund new CIC for innovative approach to dementia support and care. Support will be provided to those living with dementia, their friends, family and carers.	£10,000	One off payment on award
Avon Valley Dementia Pals	Dementia PALS	Grant application will fund dementia support, building on the existing offering which is used by community teams already across other areas of the county and bring the service to the New Forest.	£999	One off payment on award

Sub Total £29,249

**Rushmoor Grants**

Organisation	Project/Service	Description	Recommended Award	Payment Instalments
Citizens Advice Rushmoor	Money Management-Meeting Local Needs	Grant applied for to extend the current CA offer out in the community to include extensive home visitation for clients unable to leave their homes. Will build financial resilience in users, boost confidence and tackle debt related mental health issues in users.	£15,000	2 equal instalments first on award and second in 6 months pending conditions met
The Vine Centre	Shoulder to Shoulder	Grant application would provide a trained support worker for 2 days a week across the 3 most deprived wards in Rushmoor to offer home support on a range of topics, supporting people who cannot access traditional community resources. Support will focus on building confidence, re-engaging people with their communities and offering practical help with a range of small tasks.	£10,000	One off payment on award

Sub Total £25,000

**Peer Support Grants**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>AREAS</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Recommended Award</b>	<b>Payment Instalments</b>
Disabled Peoples Voice	Eastleigh, Winchester, Fareham, Gosport and Havant	Building confidence and networks amongst those with PD. Identified as very much needed by the PD team and as something which will support independent living in the long term and be key to preventing reliance on HCC services.	£25,000	One off payment on award
Rushmoor Healthy Living	Rushmoor Hart and East Hants	Building confidence and networks amongst those with PD. Identified as very much needed by the PD team and as something which will support independent living in the long term and be key to preventing reliance on HCC services.	£15,000	One off payment on award

Sub Total £40,000

**Total Local Solutions Grant recommended for award £237,799**