

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Officer Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People
Date:	12 February 2021
Title:	connect4communities Grant Awards
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1. The decision:

That the Director of Children's Services approves the award of grants to:

1.1 Woodcroft Pre-School (Havant), the sum of £1,693.20

Woodcroft Pre-School will be providing 20 vulnerable children with cooking hampers. The hampers will include equipment provided by Hampshire County Council including cooking equipment, and food and fuel vouchers delivered by the setting.

1.2 Hampshire County Council, Skills and Participation (Fareham), the sum of £6,600

Skills and Participation (CS, HCC) will be providing 120 free spaces to vulnerable children, between the ages of 8-11, during February half-term at field study centres in Stubbington, Fareham and Minstead, New Forest. Vulnerable children from local schools will attend the playscheme. Skills and Participation will provide childcare and a hot meal for 15 children per day at each location, with the Minstead scheme being open for three days only.

1.3 Growing Places (Havant), the sum of £2,975

Growing Places will be providing 85 free spaces to vulnerable children, between the ages of 4-11 years, during February half-term at their three settings across Havant. Growing Places will provide childcare, a hot meal and snacks for 17 children per day.

1.4 Denmead Daycare (Havant), the sum of £600

In his decision on 4th February 2021, the Director of Children's Services approved funding of £2,400 for Denmead Daycare to provide free spaces to vulnerable children, between the ages of 4-11 years, during February half-term at Denmead Infant School. Denmead Daycare have identified that a further £600 funding is required to provide the 100 places they intend to deliver. Approval is sought for an additional £600 is awarded, taking the total grant to £3,000 for 100 childcare spaces, including meals for 20 children each day.

1.5 Alresford Youth Association (East Hampshire), the sum of £450

Alresford Youth Association holiday club will be providing three free spaces to vulnerable children, between the ages of 4-11, during February half-term. Alresford Youth Association will provide childcare and a meal.

1.6 CiCs (Andover), the sum of £3,000

CiCs will be providing 100 free spaces to vulnerable children, between the ages of 4-11, during February half-term at Vigo Primary. CiCs will provide childcare, snacks and a hot meal. CiCs intends to support 20 children per day.

1.7 Hampshire Young Carers Association (Hampshire), the sum of £6,000

HYCA will be providing young carers across Hampshire February half term wellness and activity packs. The packs will include food and activities to complete with support from HYCA for 450 children.

1.8 Stop Domestic Abuse (Hampshire), the sum of £4,365

Stop Domestic Abuse will be providing supermarket vouchers to vulnerable families and individuals who use they service to enable them to buy food, warm winter clothes and fuel vouchers. Stop Domestic Abuse intends to support 37 families and nine individuals.

1.9 Fleet Phoenix (East Hampshire), the sum of £4,430

Fleet Phoenix will be providing hampers which will include food, cleaning items, store cupboard goods, bay items and food vouchers, to vulnerable households in the Fleet area. Fleet Phoenix intends to support 110 families and 10 individuals.

1.10 Pavilion on the Park (Eastleigh), the sum of £5,500

Pavilion on the Park will be providing fresh two-course meals daily to vulnerable households in the Eastleigh area. The funding will help Pavilion

on the Park cover costs until the end of March. Pavilion on the Park intends to support 30 households a day.

1.11 Shepherds Spring Nursery and Pre-school, the sum of £3,685

Shepherds Spring Nursery and Pre-school will be providing 130 free spaces to identified vulnerable children, between the ages of 2-4 years during February half-term, at their setting. Shepherd Spring will provide childcare and a meal. Shepherd Spring intends to support 26 children per day.

2. Reasons for the decision:

The community grant fund forms part of Hampshire County Council's COVID Winter Grant Scheme response. A grant fund of £100,000 has been made available to organisations who wish to support their local community with food and fuel poverty, particularly in rural areas. This grant fund has been supplemented by a further £320,000 to support the delivery of holiday activity and food clubs during February half term for vulnerable children. Use of such a grant fund will enable a flexible and responsive approach to addressing local needs as and when they are identified, in accordance with the Department for Work and Pensions guidance.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. N/A

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel:

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent:

7. Statement from the decision maker:

Approved by:

Date:

[Insert name of Decision Maker]

[Insert title of Decision Maker]

[Insert date]