

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 January 2021
Title:	connect4communities Grant Awards
Report From:	Suzanne Smith, Assistant Director, Children's Services

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1. The decision:

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

1.1 Chandler's Ford Help (Chandler's Ford), the sum of £2,000

Chandler's Ford Help aim to ensure nobody in the region goes without, is lonely or cannot access key services. Funding will be used to provide emergency food parcels for one or two weeks whilst families are supported in accessing other routes for support or are waiting for that support to be made available. Referrals to the service come either directly to the organisation, through local charities or via Eastleigh and Test Valley Borough Councils. This funding is intended to support 150 households.

1.2 Single Parents Support and Advice Service (SPSAS) (Hampshire wide), the sum of £5,000

SPSAS will be making care hampers for families, costing £45 each with a weeks' worth of food and essentials in. The organisation will also be offering emergency top ups to members on prepayment meters who cannot afford to top up, to the amount of £20 per application. All funding will be used to support families with children, and it is envisaged that up to 500 families will benefit from this grant.

1.3 Inspero Community Hub (Basingstoke), the sum of £12,5000

Inspero's community hub supports over 400 people per week including families with children living in hardship and vulnerable older people. The community hub provides a range of services delivered by experienced staff and volunteers including food parcels for families with children and older people, a community shop open two days per week, prescription collection and delivery, food shopping and delivery and wellbeing check-ins.

This grant will be used to provide 121 families and 42 vulnerable older people with food parcels between February and March.

1.4 Basingstoke Discovery Centre (Basingstoke), the sum of £800

The funding will be used to supply a 'brunch bag' alongside the current free provision of Ready Reads Click & Collect book loan service during the COVID pandemic. This scheme will be aimed at children and families eligible for free school meals or needing additional support with food provision during school holidays (identified via local agencies).

An estimated 50 families with children will benefit from this scheme during the February half-term.

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. 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]