

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:	01 June 2021
Title:	connect4communitites 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 Humpty Dumpty Playschool (Test Valley), the sum of £150

To provide 6 vulnerable families with food vouchers and other essentials. These families are additional to the FSM criteria and have been identified as needing some support.

1.2 Park Community School (Havant), the sum of £400

To support the current 377 families accessing the provision of a community food pantry. This will provide an additional £100 of food per week to be distributed.

1.3 Horns Drove Community Pre-School and RASCALS (Test Valley), the sum of £571.43

To provide food vouchers to support their vulnerable families who have been identified as struggling to afford their food and fuel costs.

1.4 Ranvilles Junior School (Fareham), the sum of £135

To provide 5 vulnerable families with food vouchers. These families are additional to those eligible to the voucher scheme and would benefit from the support this would provide.

1.5 The Greenary Nursery School (Winchester), the sum of £200

To support 2 families with food and fuel costs and clothing for the children. The families have been identified due to loss of employment and facing financial hardship.

1.6 Crofton School (Fareham), the sum of £1,000

To provide food vouchers and school uniform to 60 families, who have struggled through the Covid pandemic. These families are facing financial hardship and would benefit from the support this would provide.

1.7 Woolton Hill Junior School (Basingstoke), the sum of £135

To provide 5 vulnerable families with food or fuel vouchers. These families have been identified as struggling to afford their food and fuel costs but fall outside of the FSM food voucher criteria.

1.8 UK Harvest (Hampshire wide), the sum of £5,000

To support 1,990 families through the distribution of rescued food to 10 pantries. These pantries support vulnerable families by providing quality food each week for the people in Hampshire.

1.9 Sunhill Infant School (Winchester), the sum of £200

To provide 10 vulnerable families with food vouchers. These families are additional to those eligible to the food voucher scheme and identified as financially struggling. This would benefit those families and provide a little support.

1.10 HCC Libraries (Basingstoke), the sum of £85

To supply a 'brunch bag of food/drink items (as approved by HC3S)' alongside their current free provision of Ready Reads Click & Collect book loan service. 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). To provide support both with children's literacy and child food poverty in the Basingstoke area.

A free and safe community space, providing access for all to free books and reading opportunities, free public computer access, activities, events and learning for children and families, and adults of all ages.

1.11 Hayling Island Community Association CIO (Havant), the sum of £3,800

To provide the make take and bake activities for 200 families to do over the half term period, using fresh healthy ingredients and providing recipes so families can make at least 3 meals and 3 desserts together.

To provide essential food parcels to 30 of our most vulnerable families.

To engage with local residents and provide support, education and help around food, shopping, budgeting, cooking, healthy eating.

2. Reasons for the decision:

The community grant fund forms part of Hampshire County Council's COVID Local Support Grant Scheme response. A grant fund of £112,000 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 is also to support the delivery of holiday activity and food clubs during May 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. Physical Development, for the sum of £600

To support 5 additional families on the Premier Whitsun Holiday Camp – Walsh Junior School project, running 1-4 June 2021. This was due to a last-minute request to increase the already approved grant for 120 funded places.

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:



1 June 2021

Steve Crocker

Director of Children's Services