

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Officer Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date:	29 th June 2022
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 Alabaré Christian Care & Support (Test Valley) £12,600

The registered charity provides accommodation and support services for the homeless. The grant funding will enable them to support their clients with food provisions over 6 months and cover an increase in energy costs for their 4 accommodations that houses up to 33 individual at any one time.

1.2 Inspero (Basingstoke & Deane) £5,491

The charity provides a range of services in the Basingstoke community, such as food banks, wellbeing programmes, children's forest school and horticulture work placements. The funding will cover provision of fresh produce for food parcels, and to support 96 children attending cooking classes run by a professional chef. It will also cover the cost of materials to run horticultural sessions for children.

1.3 Romsey Community School (Test Valley) £4,950

The school are looking to provide support to their most vulnerable families who are on low-income. This grant funding will enable them to provide their families with breakfast parcels, for a three month period over the summer.

1.4 Waypoint Hub (Fareham) £12,000

The registered organisation provides food for local families on low income, as well as support with essentials. The funding will go towards the provisions for meal ingredients, for 99 households to be able to cook a meal each week, for 26 weeks and warm clothing, supporting up to 244 households.

1.5 Woodcroft pre-school & Wrap Around Care (Havant) £450

The school provide early years education and support to those families in need. This funding will support 15 families with food vouchers topping up the school's discretionary grant to reach out to more families in need.

1.6 Tadley Community Primary School (Basingstoke & Deane) £400

The school is seeking to support their families most in need. This funding will supplement the school's discretionary grant to support a further four families identified in urgent need of support with food. It will give each family a £100 food voucher.

Reasons for the decision:

The community grant fund forms part of Hampshire County Council's Household Support Fund. A fund of £300,000 has been made available to organisations that wish to support members of their local communities who are experiencing food and fuel poverty, particularly in rural areas. Use of the 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.

2 Other options considered and rejected:

3 Conflicts of Interest:

3.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

3.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

4 Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel:

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

6 Statement from the decision maker:

Approved by:

Date:

Steve Crocker

10.06.22