

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Officer Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
<b>Date:</b>	10 August 2022
<b>Title:</b>	connect4communities Grant Awards
<b>Report From:</b>	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 Empower Global (Family Church Gosport) £14,000**

The church and registered organisation supports vulnerable members of the Gosport community through its food bank, children's clothing & toy bank, and youth outreach group. This funding will enable them to support up to 180 households for a 6-month period with £10,000 of the grant being for food provisions and £4,000 for essentials such as toiletries.

##### **1.2 Southern Domestic Abuse Service (Havant) £ 20,100**

This registered charity works across Hampshire to provide inclusive services to anyone affected by domestic abuse. They also provide both accommodation and community-based services through the provision of refuge, advice, one-to-one support, and information. The funding will enable them to provide much needed food vouchers to their 92 residential service users, and 100 families living in their own homes across the County over the 6-week school holiday period.

##### **1.3 Portchester Community Association (Fareham) £ 4,090**

This registered charity is a Community Hub and pantry, providing support to vulnerable members of the community. A portion of this funding will support with a free lunch club, that will run once a week in September, to support 25 different pensioners a week. The remaining funds will be used to top up food provisions to support 16 of the most vulnerable households in the community.

**1.4 Yateley Industries for the Disabled (Hart) £3,756**

The registered charity and community pantry supports Yateley's most vulnerable residents with provisions such as food and essentials. This funding will support more than 300 households, including the elderly, and families with children, with items such as blankets, insulated flasks and slow cookers, in anticipation for the winter.

**1.5 Wickham Community Association (Winchester) £3,343**

This registered charity runs a community pantry alongside various activities and support services for the community. This funding will support the association with food provisions for up to 20 family groups of Ukrainian refugees, and food provision for a further 90 families who attend their holiday 'Stay and Play' sessions.

**1.6 Fleet Phoenix (Hart) £ 5,500**

This registered charity offers a variety of services to support young people and families within their communities. This funding will enable them to support 130 households that they serve with food provisions.

**1.7 Hampshire Food Revolution (Fareham) £3,000**

This voluntary organisation was founded to redistribute surplus food otherwise destined for landfill to the local community. More recently, in response to the rising cost of living they have focussed on supporting vulnerable families in the community. The dwindling supply of surplus food has mean that they have to supplement stocks with purchased food. The funding will supplement their supplies for the weekly food parcels distributed to 300 families and also cover the increase in demand from Ukrainian families.

**1.8 Liss Foodbank (East Hampshire) £5,040**

Liss Foodbank are a community group who provide weekly food parcels in direct response to households and those that have been referred to them in Liss and the surrounding villages. The funding will enable them to top up their surplus and donated food supplies to support up to 40 households over a 6-month period.

**1.9 Saint James CoE Primary School (Eastleigh) £850**

The school have witnessed a growing number of vulnerable families. Since COVID, the number of free school meals registered families has grown and continues to do so within the school. This funding will top up their discretionary grant funds so they can support a further two families to carpet their otherwise uncarpeted home, ready for the winter months.

**1.10 St.Mary's Church (Gosport)****£5,250**

The Church provides cooked meals, food packages as well as essential provisions and children's clothes for 40 families to support throughout the holiday period. This funding will enable them to purchase fresh food as well as supplement the stock of non-perishable donated supplies to create nutritious and healthy meal bags which they give to struggling local families throughout summer.

**1.11 Park Community School (Hampshire)****£43,200**

Park Community School deliver a number of services including the MUNCH Community Pantry to support their most vulnerable families. This funding will provide up to 1,200 households with a warm packs including winter clothing, flasks, hot water bottles and fleece blankets to support the most vulnerable. They are working with 18 pantries across Hampshire and 34 Libraries in 11 districts to distribute these in September, in preparation for the colder months

**1.12 The Carroll Centre (Winchester)****£3,700**

The Carroll Centre is a community anchor organisation and a registered charity that supports children, young people, families, and the wider community.

The funding will cover the cost of essential toiletries and hygiene packs that will be given to families attending HAF summer activities. It will also cover the cost of food for 60 children who did not qualify for HAF. Each family will also be encouraged to sign up to their pantry to provide longer term support.

**1.13 Gosport Pantry (Gosport)****£4,000**

The group run a community pantry to support those that are in financial hardship in the community. With this funding they will provide up to 60 households with sustainable and eco-friendly personal hygiene items.

**1.14 Fareham Library****£1,708**

The community library brings individuals, communities and services together, thereby making better use of available public funds and improving outcomes for people. The library offers an extensive activity and learning programme which meets the needs of library users- promoting literacy, health, wellbeing, and digital skills.

This funding will allow the library to support up to 200 households, including pensioners, with a food voucher to enjoy a summer picnic lunch box that can be eaten on site along with accessing the activities and learning programme running this summer holiday.

**Reasons for the decision:**

The community grant fund forms part of Hampshire County Council's Household Support Fund. A fund of £365,000 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:**

- Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:
- 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:** 10.08.2022

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Steve Crocker