

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE	ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE	24 JANUARY 2023	8
FULLY FUNDED REVENUE BUDGET INCREASE – COMMUNITY COST OF LIVING GRANTS			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

As part of the government’s commitment to tackling the cost-of-living crisis, NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board have allocated funding to award to Community groups who can help support Fylde residents in need of extra assistance during the winter.

The objective of the funding is for Community based providers to:

- Help support people who live in Fylde during the winter 2022/2023
- Provide support for warm spaces and food hubs.
- Consider innovative bids in the remit of supporting the community during the winter.

Fylde has been provided with a budget allocation of £80,000 to administer in grants to community sector organisations during the period of January to March 31st, 2023.

Committee approval is required to proceed with a project of this value.

RECOMMENDATION

The Environment, Health & Housing Committee is requested to recommend that Finance and Democracy Committee -

1. Approve a revenue budget increase of £80,000 fully funded from NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board for Community Grants in Fylde for the period of January to March 2023.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

None.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Economy – To create a vibrant and healthy economy	✓
Environment – To deliver services customers expect	✓
Efficiency – By spending money in the most efficient way	✓
Tourism – To create a great place to live and visit	✓

REPORT

1. The cost-of-living crisis is a matter of deep concern, especially because of the impact on people in our community.
2. There is funding of £80,000 available to help community-based organisations in Fylde to support people who live in Fylde during winter 2022/23.
3. Fylde Council's immediate focus is to offer grant funding to support and encourage our community sector organisations to further enhance their services and offers to residents of their community.
4. We are looking to offer a range of support to vulnerable individuals and families that are struggling with the cost of living, especially those that have limited means. These include the provision of warm spaces and food hubs, and we are open to innovative bids that meet the remit of supporting people during winter.
5. We also want to encourage the community to socialise during the winter months through the provision of warm spaces, exercise classes, over 55s lunch clubs, cookery classes and ideas to save on food and energy costs
6. The funding will need to be used, and any schemes/organisations funded would need to be completed by 31st March 2023.
7. This funding would be used alongside the Household Support Fund to support the community
8. The NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board will sit on any panel that is convened to discuss/approve allocation of funding.
9. Fylde Council would be the host organisation for the process and would run the administration process. For clarity some of the funding can be used to pay for this.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	The report sets out details of grant funding received by the council to administer Community Grants, and requests that Finance and Democracy Committee approve a funded revenue budget increase of £80,000 fully funded from NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board.
Legal	No legal implications arising as a result of this report
Community Safety	No Community Safety implications arising as a result of this report
Human Rights and Equalities	No Human Rights and Equalities implications arising as a result of this report
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	No Sustainability and Environmental impact implications arising as a result of this report
Health & Safety and Risk Management	No Health & Safety and Risk Management implications arising as a result of this report

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
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