

## SCRUTINY ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE	COMMUNITY FOCUS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	16 MAY 2024	6
<b>COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - ANNUAL REPORT</b>			

### PUBLIC ITEM

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

#### PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

The Fylde Community Projects Funds awards grants between £300 to £2000 for groups which are based in Fylde or work exclusively with people who live in the Borough. The fund supports projects which promote or enhance the environment, encourage cohesive communities, or promote the economy.

£20k per annum is provided each year for this fund as a part of the annual budget setting process. Each year a summary report is made to this committee outlining the awards made in the previous financial year. This report outlines awards made during 2023/24.

#### SOURCE OF REFERRAL

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#### FURTHER INFORMATION

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#### RECOMMENDATION

To receive the report and make any observations on the Community Projects Fund

### REPORT

1. In 2023/24 the Council allocated £20k to the Community Projects Fund.
2. The Community Projects Fund comprises two amounts: a larger fund for bids from £300-£2000, and a smaller fund with bids up to £300. Bids for both funds can be made throughout the year.
3. Bids from the larger fund are awarded following conferral with a Panel comprising the Mayor of Fylde with police and community representatives together with the Deputy Chief Executive. The smaller fund is also determined through electronic discussion and agreement.
4. There is flexibility across both funds to ensure that as many organisations as possible are offered support. Applications for the larger fund must provide an equal amount of match funding in cash or in-kind.

5. There will be a communications campaign to promote the fund during the forthcoming year and the council's Community Development Officer will also promote the fund to organisations within the community.
6. For the larger fund, monitoring forms are sent out after 6 months asking for feedback on how the money was spent and what difference it has made. For most of the projects, it is too early to have heard back from the groups, however historically many of the comments received is that the funding makes a big difference to the community groups in achieving delivery of their projects. The funding also assists with the sustainability of some of the groups concerned.
7. The attached appendix provides an overview of the successful bids across both the funds during the last financial year.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	There is a reoccurring budget commitment within the base budget for the Community projects Fund.
Legal	None arising from this report
Community Safety	None arising from this report
Human Rights and Equalities	None arising from this report
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	None arising from this report
Health & Safety and Risk Management	None arising from this report

BACKGROUND PAPERS RELEVANT TO THIS ITEM		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
Report CFSC	22 June 2023	<a href="#">CMIS &gt; Committees</a>

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Attached documents: Successful Bids