

# Exeter Community Grants Panel Meeting – Large and Small Fund

26<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**Present:** Cllr Martin Pearce, Cllr Marina Asvachin, Cllr Naima Allcock, Cllr Paul Knott, Cllr Ann Jobson, Cllr Catherine Rees, Dawn Rivers (ECC)

**Advisory Members Present:** Dawn Eckhart (Exeter Connect)

**Apologies:** Mahi Ahmed (ECC), James Bogue (ECC), Carole Pilley (Exeter Community Initiatives).

## 1. Welcome and introductions

## 2. Recommendations and decision making

### Large Grants Fund

**Four applications were reviewed:**

1. Exeter Communities Together
2. Estuary Community Hub
3. Co Create Exeter
4. Exeter Community Responders

This funding is to support building or refurbishment costs or the purchase of equipment. Groups need to demonstrate a minimum of 50% match funding (unless in a priority community).

The Large Grants Budget for the 2022/23 financial year is £60,000. Throughout this year, £42,000 has been awarded to date, leaving a budget of **£18,000** remaining third and final round for the year.

Organisation	Applied For	Outcome
Exeter Communities Together	£10,000	Duplicates other services in city/ not clear where centre will be/in Ubuntu name.
Estuary Community Hub	£6,350	£4,000 awarded
Co Create Exeter	£10,000	To follow up to identify site and any security of tenure, request email information of agreement with lead tenant.  Review 7 <sup>th</sup> February, £7,500 agreed in principle
Exeter Community Responders	£5,600	£5,600 awarded

**Total Awarded = £17,100**

## Small Grants Fund

The Exeter Small Grants Fund will support groups and organisations with a one-off grant of up to £2,000 to help run events, festivals and projects that aim to encourage community participation. This fund can also be used for a one-off purchase or repair of equipment.

Awards will be for a maximum of 80% of the funding target. Applications are reviewed on a monthly basis, with no closing date.

The Small Grants Budget for the 2022/23 financial year is £50,000. Throughout this year, £40,315 has been awarded to date and £4,000 re-allocated to the Warm Spaces Fund, leaving a budget of **£5,685** remaining seventh and final round for the year.

Organisation	Applied For	Outcome
Freemoovement	£1,800	Declined and encouraged to apply for Ward grants. Work towards being less grant dependant/look for sponsorship/develop business model to be social enterprise
Fun a Day Exeter	£150	Deferred to Ward Grant
Paddleboat Theatre	£2,000	Awarded £1,500
South West Dance Hub	£1,975	Awarded £1,000
Sport in Mind	£2,000	Declined as a national charity
SNUG	£2,000	Awarded £2,000 in principle, subject to match fundraising

**Total Awarded = £4,500**

## 4. Dates of future meetings

This is the final meeting for the 2022/23 financial year, and dates for the 2023/24 financial year will be announced in due course.