

Eden District Council

Executive

5 November 2019

Eden Community Fund Recommendations

Portfolio:	Communities
Report from:	Assistant Director Community Services
Wards:	All Wards
OPEN PUBLIC ITEM	

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To seek approval for the award from the Eden Community Fund of grants to the four projects set out in Appendix A to this report.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 That a grant from the Eden Community Fund is agreed for each of the four projects set out in Appendix A, to a total of £9,545.41.

3 Report Details

- 3.1 The Eden Community Fund is the Council's community grant scheme established in 2013-14 to support and develop community initiatives within Eden District.
- 3.2 A total of £110,000.00 was available for the Eden Community Fund in the current financial year 2019/20.
- 3.3 The Eden Community Fund Partnership Panel met on the 12th October 2019 to assess 4 applications against set criteria and make recommendations for the award of grants. The Partnership was chaired by the Communities Portfolio Holder and consisted of representatives from Cumbria County Council, Action with Communities in Cumbria as well as individual community representatives and community policing. Of the four applications considered, three were recommended to receive a grant and one application was recommended to be deferred.
- 3.4 Application ECF 319 from Nenthead Play area Rejuvenation Project was recommended to be deferred at the panel meeting pending clarification on the Community Asset Transfer process and negotiation on the length of the current lease.
- 3.5 All four recommended applications and their applicants have been checked to ensure they meet the criteria for eligibility for the Eden Community Fund.
- 3.6 The criteria for assessing applications to the Eden Community Fund are as follows:
- Delivers wide community benefit;
 - Contributes to locally identified community needs and priorities;

- Demonstrates value for money;
- Ability to measure success of a project or event; and
- Ability to demonstrate equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination.

4 Policy Framework

4.1 The Council has four corporate priorities which are:

- Decent Homes for All;
- Strong Economy, Rich Environment;
- Thriving Communities; and
- Quality Council.

4.2 This report meets the “Thriving Communities” corporate priority.

4.3 This report addresses “Administer community grants totalling £110,000.00 through the Eden Community Fund 2019-20” strategic action in the Communities Portfolio Plan.

5 Consultation

5.1 The recommendations within this report reflect the recommendations of the Eden Community Fund Partnership Panel.

6 Implications

6.1 Financial and Resources

6.1.1 Any decision to reduce or increase resources or alternatively increase income must be made within the context of the Council’s stated priorities, as set out in its Council Plan 2015-19 as agreed at Council on 17 September 2015.

6.1.2 The £110,000 Eden Community Fund 2019/20 is drawn from the Community Fund budget.

6.1.3 This report recommends awarding grants totalling £9,545.41 to support 3 projects, leaving a balance of £56,389.49 for the final tranche in 2019/20.

6.1.4 Payments to successful applicants are made in two stages, with 75% being paid upfront and 25% on completion and receipt of a Project Completion Report and supporting evidence from the applicant. This is to demonstrate that the grant has been spent on the purpose for which it was awarded.

6.2 Legal

6.2.1 Applicants are required to sign a declaration before their application can be considered. In doing so they agree that:

- they have authority from their group to make the application;
- they understand and agree to the criteria;
- the information they provide is correct at the time of submission;
- they will submit a Project Completion Report along with the required documentation; and
- they have appropriate insurance cover.

6.2.2 Applicants will be required to enter into an appropriate agreement before any funding is paid.

6.3 Human Resources

6.3.1 There are no human resources issues associated with this report.

6.4 Statutory Considerations

Consideration:	Details of any implications and proposed measures to address:
Equality and Diversity	Applicants are asked to provide details of arrangements for those with access or mobility difficulties to participate in projects, and to outline how they will actively involve all sections of the community, including those from different backgrounds. An Equal Opportunities Policy is requested as part of required documentation. In administering the fund the council is aware of obligations under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.
Health, Social Environmental and Economic Impact	The provision of the Eden Community Fund grants has a direct benefit on the social, environmental and economic well-being of the organisations and communities who are awarded grants.
Crime and Disorder	There are no crime and disorder issues associated with this report.
Children and Safeguarding	There are no children or safeguarding issues associated with this report.

6.5 Risk Management

Risk	Consequence	Controls Required
That there is insufficient monitoring of paid grants.	Grants are not used for the intended purpose.	Grants are managed in accordance with the agreed criteria of the grant. Grants are paid in 2 stages – 75% on approval from Executive and 25% on receipt of the Project Completion Form and accompanying documentation.
Organisation dissolves for some reason	Reputational harm to the Council.	Financial checks are undertaken in order to reduce this risk.

following the award of Grant.		
Organisations may disagree with decision.	Limited reputational risk to the Council.	Decisions are made in accordance with established criteria.

7 Other Options Considered

- 7.1 The Executive is free to decide to approve or not approve all or any of the recommended grants as it sees fit in accordance with the criteria set out at paragraph 3.6 above.

8 Reasons for the Decision/Recommendation

- 8.1 The 3 applications are recommended for approval as outlined in Appendix A. All were considered by the Eden Community Fund Partnership Panel and were recommended for support.
- 8.2 One application was deferred pending clarification on the Community Asset Transfer Process and negotiation on the current lease to a future funding round.
- 8.3 The applications are recommended for support as the Council has historically supported community groups and organisations that meet both the Eden Community Fund criteria and Council Plan priorities.

Tracking Information

Governance Check	Date Considered
Chief Finance Officer (or Deputy)	18 October 2019
Monitoring Officer (or Deputy)	23 October 2019
Relevant Assistant Director	15 October 2019

Background Papers: None

Appendices: Appendix A – Eden Community Fund Recommendations
Second Tranche 2019/20

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Appendix A: Eden Community Fund Recommendations: Second Tranche 2019/20

Funds available for 2019/20: £110,000

Allocated first Tranche June 2019: £44,065.10

Balance available 1 October: £65,934.90

Ref	Project/Event	Applicant	Outcome (approved, Declined, Deferred)	Requested	Total cost of project	Partnership Assessment	Recommended Award	Balance
ECF 316	Replacement of windows and doors	Eamont Bridge Village Hall	Approved	3,250.00	13,430.00	Important local facility and used in flood events.	3,250.00	62,684.90
ECF 317	Croglin Village Hall Restoration Phase 2	Croglin Village Hall Management Committee	Approved	1,000.00	1,336.36	Support for a well used community asset/good volunteer input.	1,000.00	61,684.90
ECF 318	Fairhill Community Orchard	Alston Recreation Ground Trust	Approved	5,295.41	8,537.91	Good cross- generation project. Significant long term volunteer input and links in with GreenPrint project. Well thought through application. Note: Lissie Sharp as Chair of Alston Recreation Ground Trust and Pat Godwin as Trustee of Alston Recreation Ground Trust declared an interest and left the room for this discussion/decision.	5,295.41	56,389.49

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ECF 319	Nenthead Play Area Rejuvenation Project	Nenthead Play Area Rejuvenation Project	Deferred	10,000.00	91,197.60	Panel were supportive of project. Deferred pending clarification on Community Asset Transfer process and negotiation on length of current lease. EDC and CCC officers to meet with group to discuss further.		56,389.49

Total Requested

19,545.41

114,501.87

Total Awarded

9,545.41

56,389.49

Available	65,934.90
Recommended	9,545.41
Balance	56,389.49