

Parish Council

Report

Subject: Places Called Home Grant Scheme

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1. Report Summary

This report contains details of the grant scheme, the purpose of the funding being applied for and how it meets the criteria set by the scheme.

2. Details Scheme

Description of scheme from its website. The scheme opened on 30th June and closes on 14th July or sooner once they've received 1,500 applications:

'IKEA UK and The National Lottery Community Fund have come together to grow thriving, resilient and sustainable communities across the UK. Places Called Home explores the idea that communities can become as important to us as our homes. It aims to inspire and help people get more involved in their local community as a positive, homely place to be and meet other people. We can fund equipment or materials to improve your community's shared spaces and run activities that focus on sustainable living.

Places Called Home will support projects that meet at least two of the following criteria:

- It builds on the relationships created during the COVID-19 pandemic to increase community activity and the number of people taking part.
- It encourages people to work together, creating opportunities for communities to live in a sustainable and healthy way.
- It raises awareness amongst the public of the importance of connected households, neighbourhoods and resilient communities.
- It develops a new idea, activity or way to come together that has emerged in response to the pandemic.
- It revives or redesigns community and common spaces to encourage shared community activities.

Area: UK-wide

Suitable for: voluntary and community organisations

Funding size: £1,000 - £5,000

Application deadline: 14 July 2021 or once we receive 1,500 applications - whichever comes first.'

3. Project for new public access defibrillators

- i. Officers gave some thought to projects which could meet the criteria set and have determined that the Council could:
 - Apply for a public access defibrillator to be attached to the social club at the leisure centre as there are many users of the sports facilities, potentially more users of the refurbished social club at the site and also more houses west of the A338. Funding for training of volunteers could also be applied for.
 - Apply for a public access defibrillator for the telephone box in Charlton All Saints and training for volunteers. The telephone box is already being used by the community as a hub for book and other exchanges and where residents place spare free vegetables grown in their gardens.
- ii. In sourcing a quote for the defibrillator for the Charlton All Saints telephone box (for which there is already an Earmarked Reserve), the Admin Officer was advised by the Community Heartbeat Trust that the Council should be planning for replacing its existing defibrillators at the Doctor's Surgery and the Memorial Centre as they are ten years old.
- iii. In view of the advice, the Earmarked Reserve for the Charlton defibrillator could be reallocated to replace the Doctors surgery device if funding from this scheme is successful. Further funding could also be sought from the Southern Wiltshire Area Board for the device at the Memorial Centre.

4. Recommendations

That the application and purpose for receiving funding through the grant scheme be approved in principle. Due to the limited timeframe for submission of the application and the limit set of 1500 applications being received before it is closed, the application itself may need to be submitted before the Council has had an opportunity to consider it.

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