Innovate & Cultivate Fund

Cambridgeshire County Council is working hard to make Cambridgeshire a great place to call home, where people live independently and safely in strong communities that help and support each other. To realise the vision, the Council’s Corporate Strategy for 2019-21 prioritises three broad outcomes for the period:

1. A good quality of life for everyone
2. Thriving places for people to live
3. The best start for Cambridgeshire’s children

The Innovate & Cultivate Fund helps voluntary, community and social enterprise sector organisations to deliver projects that help to achieve these broad outcomes by addressing the needs of local residents.

The Innovate & Cultivate Fund aims to redirect Council funding from high cost front-line services, towards support and services that are delivered within, and by, local communities. The priority areas of service where funding applications are most welcome are Adult Social Care and Children & Families services (see Funding Priorities section for further details).

The Innovate and Cultivate Fund has two funding streams:

**Cultivate** - grants of £2,000-£15,000 aimed at encouraging local networks where people help themselves and each other. *New!* See below for guidance on 3 new Cultivate Project Ideas.

**Innovate** - larger grants of up to £50,000 for big projects with big ideas that demonstrate an innovative approach.

[Watch Innovate and Cultivate Fund short film](#)

More information on the Innovate and Cultivate Fund, including eligibility and how to apply, is given below but two important points to note are that all projects must

- be either new, or build on an existing project in a new location or with new beneficiaries
- show that they will reduce pressure on council services and/or offer direct savings for the council.
Funding priorities

Our key funding priorities are Adult Social Care and Children & Families services.

Cultivate Project Ideas offer inspiration for community initiatives that meet fund criteria and help people to remain independent and active in their communities, encourage volunteering and complement more costly Council services.

A. Adults and older people

Key client groups supported:

- Older people
- Adults (18+) with: disabilities (learning disabilities and/or physical disabilities), sensory impairments, mental health needs
- Carers

The Council is most interested in bids which are community-led. Bids should demonstrate how they will be sustainable in the longer-term after any initial grant funding ends.

All bids should reflect the approach to prevention and early intervention outlined in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Adult Social Care Market Position Statement and should not duplicate current provision.

Three key themes:

1) Maintaining and maximising independence

Schemes or activities that have a focus on prevention and early intervention and which help people to maintain and maximise their independence.

Description of theme:

The Council is keen to see the development of new schemes, or expansion and development of existing projects which prevent adults and older people reaching crisis.

Some examples of what this may include are outlined below:

- Crisis prevention – schemes that help to identify people before they reach a crisis or support them afterwards, such as support following a stay in hospital, Parish Nursing projects, mobile warden schemes, etc.

- Promoting the use of Technology Enabled Care (TEC) – schemes that promote the uptake and use of TEC solutions to support people with a disability or illness, or who are frail due to older age.
• Healthy living – schemes that support people to live healthy lifestyles. For example, this could include schemes around falls prevention or developing a **dementia-friendly community**.

• Participation – schemes that help adults and older people to participate in activities that support health and wellbeing. This could include things such as peer support schemes (for example for carers).

2) **Connecting to the local community and staying well**

Schemes or activities that help adults, older people and carers stay independent, safe and well and connected to their community.

*Description of theme*

The Council is keen to see the development of new schemes, or expansion and development of existing projects that help adults, older people and carers to play an active part in their community and address any barriers that may stop them from doing this.

Some examples of what this may include are outlined below:

• Social isolation and loneliness – schemes that help people who may be experiencing loneliness and isolation due to disability or older age. This could include developing lunch clubs, social activities, digital inclusion projects, or community groups such as **Men’s Sheds**.

• **Good Neighbour Schemes** – schemes that support people to live independently and safely in their own homes. This could include helping with shopping, picking up prescriptions, gardening, etc.

• **Timebanks** – schemes that allow local people to help each other by exchanging knowledge, help and skills. For example, a Timebank member can choose to give an hour of their time helping an older person get to the local shops and in return receive an hour back on any services which other Timebank members are offering, whether it be gardening, IT support or companionship.

• Employment – schemes that support adults with disabilities (for example, learning disabilities, those on the autistic spectrum, physical disabilities) or mental health needs into paid employment and/or enable them to remain in employment.

3) **People having greater choice and control over how their care needs are met**

Schemes or activities that help adults and older people to have greater choice and control over how their care needs are met. This could be people who pay for their own support (self-funders) as well as those whose care and support is funded by the Council.

*Description of theme*

The Council is keen to stimulate and support the development of a range of locally-based, small micro-providers, community schemes and social enterprises that can offer flexible and localised care and support (particularly home care) to residents.

For example:

* Locally delivered home care – community schemes that support adults or older people with care and support needs. This could include developing a local micro-enterprise or social enterprise that provides care and support at home including delivering personal care.
B. Children, Young People, and Families

Key client groups supported:

Vulnerable children and young people and their families, including:

- Children and young people with: disabilities (learning disabilities and/or physical disabilities, or other additional needs), sensory impairments, mental health needs
- Young Carers
- Children and young people at risk of going into care
- Care Leavers
- Children at risk of child criminal exploitation or other significant harm
- Young people who are at risk of exclusion or are excluded from mainstream education

The Council is most interested in bids which are youth and community-led. We also require applicants to clearly present a rationale and evidence of need for their project, potential project outcomes and a longer-term project sustainability plan.

3 Key Themes:

1) Building connections between the voluntary sector and county council services

In Cambridgeshire public services are embracing a Think Communities approach. This means that we value and acknowledge the contribution made and the pace at which the voluntary sector and communities can respond to meet the evolving needs of children, young people and their families. At its heart, the Think Communities approach is a system wide approach in which partners listen, engage and align with communities and with each other, to deliver public service and support community-led activity at the fore.

This theme is about developing capacity in the voluntary and community sector to meet and adapt to the
changing needs and issues as they arise for children, young people and their families in communities across Cambridgeshire.

Cambridgeshire is a diverse county which requires us to adapt and be flexible in order to be responsive to themes and trends as they arise. The picture is different for different communities and districts and therefore requires collaboration that takes a broader view of the complexities and collectively takes a strengths-based approach to working with communities to co-produce services with children, young people and families. Allowing for multi-agency conversations within communities, the building and sustaining of trust, transparency and accountability. Integrating the expertise of the community and of all the partners involved and enabling voluntary and community groups and organisations to more easily connect with the statutory sector and to influence practice and commissioning practices. Working in this way is beneficial as it enables statutory sector to more easily connect with voluntary and community sector providers to provide an appropriate support package for a family which may avoid the family requiring support from statutory services at all.

Activities may include work to train and support Voluntary and Community organisations to work with statutory services, or work to build relationships and networks between local providers.

2) **Supporting communities to enable positive outcomes and progression for vulnerable children and young people**

The Council is keen to see the development of new, or expansion/development of existing provisions which support vulnerable children, young people and families in high needs communities. Activities may include: the expansion/development of group based youth work, positive or diversionary activities for vulnerable young people, work with individuals and groups to address self-esteem and confidence building, mentoring, coaching or befriending, and activities to promote positive friendships and relationships, coping with stress or difficult family circumstances.

Locally led positive activities for young people where they are able to develop a trusting relationship and access timely and accurate information, advice, guidance and support, can boost engagement in education, support young people to stay safe, positively develop their emotional health and wellbeing and the skills required for a successful transition to adulthood. Diversionary activities and informal education can enable young people to stay safe, reduce risk taking behaviours and protect them from various forms of exploitation.

The Council are interested in seeing bids which are looking to create, sustain or develop regular provision for young people which enables a safe place for vulnerable young people to go on a regular basis and focus on areas of known deprivation. All bids for youth work must consider how workers and volunteers will be trained and supported to connect and work in partnership with statutory services which may need to be, or are involved with the young people attending the youth provision or their families. Please see our new guidance on applying to match fund a Community Youth Worker post.

Bids should also consider the needs of the whole family in order to make lasting and sustainable change. Project plans should be influenced by those they seek to support and where possible co-produced by children, young people and their families. Any successful bidders must also consider how to expand / develop use of volunteers as part of the provision to support ongoing sustainability.

3) **Community based family support activities that meet a significant need or address an issue that presents significant risk**

The Council is keen to see the development of new, or expansion/development of existing provisions which provide community-based family support activities via regular groups or projects to vulnerable
families in communities where needs are high or where there are significant presenting issues. Activities may include support to families experiencing difficulties with children’s behaviour, housing issues, finance, social isolation or community issues. Such activities will be able to respond in a timely, creative and engaging manner and by doing so may prevent needs and issues from escalating and needing more costly interventions from a statutory provider where there might also be a waiting list or a demand for service that prevents a timely intervention.

The Council are particularly interested in bids which will take the opportunity to support people positively with healthy lifestyles and into employment. We are keen for projects to address issues such as rurality, social mobility, or poverty alleviation, and support specific vulnerable groups including Carers and Young Carers, Care Leavers, SEND and young people/young adults with additional needs and those who are NEET/face unemployment/economic challenges post-Covid.

Other funding and support

If your community group has a project idea that meets a need or issue that has arisen locally but that doesn't quite fit the above, you can access support from the Youth in Communities Team with governance, training and fundraising. You might also be eligible for a Community Reach Fund Grant (the CRF awards funds of up to £1000 to kick start community led projects). For further information please contact YouthinCommunities@cambridgeshire.gov.uk to be put in touch with your local Youth and Community Coordinator.

Cultivate Project Ideas

Do you want to do something for your community but need some inspiration to start a project? We’ve compiled some ideas for you of successful schemes that can help people to remain independent and active within their community, encourage volunteering and complement more costly Council services.

We particularly welcome applications to set up any of the following Cultivate projects.

**New! Community Youth Worker:** Community youth workers support young people to transition to independence and adulthood. They help young people to build life skills, develop healthy relationships and make decisions that are right for them. They also lead and support young people and community volunteers to fund, plan, design and deliver valuable youth clubs, projects and positive activities for young people locally. Guidance on applying for funding to employ a part time community youth worker can be found [here](#).

**New! Mobile Warden Scheme:** These schemes help elderly, infirm and disabled residents to live independently in their own homes by offering regular contact and support through home visits, phone calls and practical assistance. Wardens check in with clients on agreed weekly schedules to ensure they’re well,
and can help to collect prescriptions or small items from local shops, make appointments, fill in forms, provide information and guidance and connect clients with other support services. Wardens can also act as links between clients, health care providers and their family members. Guidance on applying for funding for a mobile warden scheme can be found [here](#).

**New! Digital Inclusion:** This funding helps communities to access resources to support people to get online and engage digitally, based on the strengths and needs of the community. Applicants may want to support digitally excluded individuals in their community in a range of ways, including setting up a local digital buddy mentoring scheme to support elderly residents, upskilling volunteers/staff members to create and deliver safe and engaging online sessions to people with learning disabilities, or supporting unemployed people to re-enter the job market, or supporting people in any other way to become digitally active. Guidance on applying for funding for digital inclusion projects can be found [here](#).

**Timebank:** This offers a way for people to help each other by exchanging skills. For example, a member can spend an hour helping an older person to the shops and in return spend that hour on help from other members, such as gardening or IT support. Co-ordinators match people's skills, arrange exchanges and keep a record of all the members’ “banked” hours. Timebanks are open to everyone and work hard to engage more vulnerable members of the community which helps people make new connections. Guidance on applying to start a timebank can be found [here](#), and you can watch this [video](#) of Houghton & Wyton Timebank.

**Men’s Shed:** A ‘Shed’ is a place where people come together to make and mend whilst sharing skills and friendship. They typically attract older men, but many have younger members and women too and some are called Community Sheds. Sheds often get involved in community projects – restoring village features, helping maintain green spaces and building things for schools, libraries and individuals in need. Sheds can help people gain a renewed sense of purpose and belonging, reduce feelings of isolation and help people remain independent. Guidance on applying to start a Men’s Shed can be found [here](#), and you can watch this [video](#) of Ramsey’s Men's Shed.

**Good Neighbour Scheme:** This is a group of local volunteers offering support to people in their community who may need a helping hand such as older people, people with disabilities, single parents and young mothers, or anyone who is ill or isolated. Volunteers help with simple tasks such as transport for appointments, running errands, household tasks and visiting people. Schemes encourage both participants and volunteers to play an active role in their community. Guidance on applying to start a Good Neighbour Scheme can be found [here](#) and you can watch this [video](#) of Colne Caring Community.

**Dementia-Friendly Community:** This is a place where people with dementia enjoy living, feel part of, are understood, respected and supported. Setting one up involves raising awareness through promotion and Dementia Friends training, and encouraging local organisations and businesses to take simple actions as part of their commitment to become more dementia-friendly. This takes various shapes and forms, including introducing rest benches or staff training, so that people with dementia can continue to live in the community they choose. Guidance on applying for a grant to help you develop your Dementia-Friendly Community can be found [here](#), and you can watch this [video](#) of St Ives Dementia-Friendly Community.

**Interested?**

Before you apply for funding, we recommend that you:

1. Talk to other members of your community to understand what already exists and which project is right for you and your community. If you have another idea, the fund is also open to any projects that reduce pressure on County Council services or offer direct savings for the council. You can also learn more about your community from the County Council's Parish Profiles [here](#).
2. Read the guidance for applicants that you can find [here](#).

3. Talk to the following support organisations:

- Community Youth Worker - CCC Youth in Communities Team on [YouthinCommunities@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:YouthinCommunities@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)
- Mobile Warden Scheme - Sarah Thomson, Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Warden Services Manager on 01354 691891 / 07445 151635 or thomson@ageukcap.org.uk
- Digital Inclusion – Agnes Toth from the CCC Strengthening Communities Team on [toth@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:toth@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)
- Timebanks – Cambridgeshire Timebanking Partnership on [banking@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:banking@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)
- Men's Sheds – UK Men's Sheds Association on 0300 772 9626 or [admin@ukmsa.org.uk](mailto:admin@ukmsa.org.uk)
- Good Neighbour Schemes – Care Network Cambridgeshire on 01954 211919 or admin@care-network.org.uk
- Dementia-Friendly Communities – Charlotte Adams at the Alzheimer's Society on 07718 252 453 or email [charlotte.adams@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:charlotte.adams@alzheimers.org.uk)

Full guidance on applying for a grant for these projects can be found [here](#).

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**Assessment criteria**

The application form for the Innovate and Cultivate Fund invites applicants to demonstrate how they meet the criteria against which their project will be scored. The questions that need to be answered are listed below

Questions to be answered on the application form

1. Please identify the main outcomes your project will aim to deliver and how your project will do this. How do you intend to measure these outcomes? (outcomes are the changes or difference your project will make to address identified needs).

2. Who are the direct beneficiaries of your project and which high cost Council services do they currently access, or are very likely to access in the future?
3. How will your project reduce the need for your beneficiaries to use Council services?

4. How does your project increase the capacity within communities and make people and communities more resilient?

5. With reference to any of your work to date, why can you be confident that your project and targets are credible and deliverable?

6. Please state whether you (or another organisation) are already delivering all or part of the project you propose. If you are already delivering, explain how your proposed project differs from current provision (e.g. different beneficiaries, different approach or in a different location).

7. Please tell us your plans for longer term sustainability. How do you see your project progressing after this funding comes to an end or do you see this as a one off project?

More information

Click on headings below to find out more

Is my group eligible to apply?

The Innovate & Cultivate Fund is for:

- voluntary, community and social enterprise sector organisations, based in and outside of Cambridgeshire

- public sector bodies in Cambridgeshire, including District, Town and Parish Councils (excluding Cambridgeshire County Council)

All projects have to benefit the residents of Cambridgeshire.

The fund is not open to individuals, or for profit businesses. Project beneficiaries must be residents of Cambridgeshire and projects serving the residents of the Peterborough City Council local authority area.
are not eligible for funding.

Please note that unincorporated associations must be legally registered to apply for a grant if their income is above £5,000 or if the grant applied for will take their income over £5,000.

Cultivate grants (£2,000-£15,000)

Please note that the maximum Cultivate grant has reduced from £19,000 to £15,000.

The application is a one-stage process that takes approximately 3 months from the application deadline to confirmation of award.

Cultivate grant applications are submitted by applicants using the online form accessed on this webpage (see left hand column). Applications will be considered by a Panel whose recommendations will go to an elected member committee for consideration.

Cultivate grants under £5,000 are usually made in a single upfront payment and grants of £5,001 to £19,000 are usually paid in two equal instalments, one upfront and one at the midway point.

Innovate grants (£15,001 to £50,000)

The application is a two-stage process that takes 5-6 months from the application deadline to confirmation of award.

Stage 1 – Innovate applications are submitted by applicants using the online form accessed on this webpage (see left hand column).

Stage 2 – Chosen proposals selected by a Stage 1 Panel will be invited to provide further information including a project plan, budget and activity plan. Applicants will then be invited to a Stage 2 Panel where applications will be assessed and applicants will be required to give a short presentation about their project. Recommendations on grants from the Stage 2 Panel will then go to an elected member committee for final consideration. Innovate grants are paid in quarterly instalments.

You can view and download the stage 2 Innovate application templates on Cambridgeshire Insight.

All applicants are required to submit the following documents with their application form:

- A signed copy of your organisation’s set of rules / terms of reference / constitution
You may also be requested to provide:

- Three different quotes for any capital items over £500
- Evidence of a long-term lease if you are applying for funding towards a building or land that your organisation does not own.
- If you are a Community Interest Company, we require your CIC 36 form (if you have registered as a CIC in the last 12 months), or your latest CIC 34 Annual Report (if you have been registered as a CIC for over 12 months).

If you have received a grant from Cambridgeshire Community Foundation in the last two years, you do not need to resubmit your documents unless there have been significant changes in your organisation. Further details may be found in step 2 of Cambridgeshire Community Foundation’s ‘How to apply’ guide.

Can a request be for more than 1 year of funding?

You can apply for up to two years of project funding. The maximum amount of funding you can apply for is £15,000 for Cultivate grants and £50,000 for Innovate grants.

All successful projects will be required to complete project monitoring forms with the support of a Service
Lead County Council Officer. You will also be required to submit quarterly monitoring reports for the duration of your project.

Innovate monitoring forms can be downloaded here.

The Cultivate monitoring form can be downloaded here.

Information and Data Sets

It is strongly recommended that applicants book to attend a pre-application advice session where you will have support and guidance on writing your application. However, the following resources may also help to ensure your application is supported by statistical data and useful information. A collection of useful local datasets and interactive reports are available on Cambridgeshire Insight. A guide to using Cambridgeshire Insight is here.

This includes:

- Local Ward Profiles
- Local Parish Profiles
- A selection of datasets on Adult Social Care Provision
- Other useful datasets relevant to the Fund
- A range of interactive maps and reports across a range of themes

Other useful sources of data and information include:

Public Health England Fingertips for a range of local public health profiles. These profiles are a rich source of indicators across a range of health and wellbeing themes.

Cambridgeshire County Council Finance and Performance Reports are provided by services and give details on their financial position and performance levels achieved for each month, accompanied by forecast outturn estimates. These reports can help applicants to understand the current spend on existing services.

Cambridgeshire County Council Business Plan

Think Communities: The Think Communities partnership approach (2018) has been developed in collaboration with partners to create a shared vision, approach and priorities for building community resilience across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.
Funded Projects

A list of all funded projects is below. Case studies showing how the Innovate & Cultivate Fund is helping organisations to support Cambridgeshire residents can be found here.

**Carers Trust Cambridgeshire**

‘Caring Communities in Later Life’

Awarded up to £49,999 to develop programmes at carer friendly community hubs and increase small group respite opportunities, particularly targeted at the over 80s.

**Cambridge Housing Society Group**

‘Timebanking’

Awarded up to £49,984 to develop more Timebanks across the county, further integrate them with another Time Currency called Time Credits, and enable the Timebanks themselves to become more financially sustainable.

**Little Miracles CIO**

Awarded up to £35,000 to deliver services for families with disabled children across Cambridgeshire.

**Somersham Parish Council**

‘Changing Lives’

Awarded up to £25,000 to carry out activities to improve the quality of life for Somersham area residents with neurological and other conditions.

**Switch Now CIC**

Awarded up to £10,500 to train, support and mentor young adults with learning difficulties to progress
towards voluntary, paid or self-employment.

**Age UK Cambridgeshire & Peterborough**

‘Friendship Clubs’

Awarded up to £32,740 to support the set-up of a network of Friendship Clubs for older people in areas of Cambridgeshire where the provision of such services is limited.

**Cambridgeshire Deaf Association**

‘Volunteer Manager’

Awarded up to £50,000 to hire a volunteer manager to develop a pool of volunteers who will provide support for people within the deaf community.

**Care Network Cambridgeshire**

‘Connected Communities’

Awarded up to £49,475 to support older people in their communities by helping communities and individuals in the Soham area to set up micro enterprises, circles of support, and groups to meet the identified needs of their communities, through research, promotion and support.

**The Resilience Group (Blue Smile, CFMS & Relate Cambridge)**

‘Stronger Families – Building Resilience’

Awarded up to £31,055 to deliver the ‘Stronger Families – Building Resilience’ project, providing therapeutic support to disadvantaged children in Cambridge and providing parenting wellbeing programmes.

**The Cinnamon Network**

‘Demand Reduction Partnerships – Cambridgeshire’

Awarded up to £17,800 to work with five churches across the county to run social action projects that support people in communities that need it the most.

**Meadows Children and Family Wing**
‘Freedom Forever Together’
Awarded up to £49,478 to support female victims of domestic abuse and their children through a range of 1-1 and group services.

**Romsey Mill Trust**

‘Trumpington Youth Development’
Awarded up to £49,062.25 to provide specialist support for isolated and disadvantaged young people in Trumpington to help them fulfill their potential.

**British Gymnastics**

‘Love to Move’
Awarded up to £9999 to run the Love to Move seated exercise programme in Huntingdonshire to help older people to improve their fitness of mind and body.

**Ely St. John’s Primary School**

‘25 Year Anniversary Fund: Nurture Model’
Awarded up to £5,000 to develop the community’s ability to understand and respond to both pro-social and anti-social behaviours, through training and developing the school as a community resource.

**Godmanchester Town Council**

‘Godmanchester Timebank’
Awarded up to £5,426 to launch a Timebank in Godmanchester to bring people together to help one another.

**Holy Trinity Church, Hildersham PCC**

‘Parish Nurse Plus’
Awarded up to £10,000 to appoint a community development worker to work alongside an existing Parish Nurse.
Houghton & Wyton Time Bank

‘Houghton & Wyton Time Bank in the Community’
Awarded up to £10,000 to connect young people and old people through volunteering, to reduce isolation.

South Cambridgeshire District Council

‘Through the Door project’
Awarded up to £10,000 to run a social prescribing service to help older people stay independent in their communities.

Stretham Youth Club

‘3159 Young At Heart’
Awarded up to £3,900 to run a community led drop-in and activities project for over 60s.

Cambridgeshire Police Shrievalty Trust

‘Supporting Vulnerable Families & Children’
Awarded up to £10,000 to run a pilot Bobby Scheme to support families and children who have been victims of crime to help them recover from the trauma.

East Leightonstone PCC

‘Thrive Huntingdon’
Awarded up to £10,000 to employ a part time outreach worker for youth cafes where young people can spend time after school and access pastoral support from trained volunteers.

Cambridge Women's Resource Centre

‘Birth as a medium 4 change’
Awarded up to £10,000 to identify and support 10 vulnerable in Cambridge who might struggle to sustain a healthy pregnancy and prepare for a healthy relationship with their babies.
Cambridgeshire Hearing Help

‘Transforming our technology infrastructure to meet the demands of Cambridgeshire’s ageing population’

Awarded up to £4,680 to re-design the organisation’s technology infrastructure to meet ever-increasing demand and prevent older people's social care needs from escalating.

Ramsey Neighbourhoods Trust

‘Ramsey Timebank’

Awarded up to £7,500 to establish and coordinate a Timebank to reduce isolation, promote community resilience and enable residents to live well independently.

Disability Huntingdonshire

‘Focus on Older People’

Awarded up to £7,767 to provide benefits information, advice and support to older people to enable them to continue living independently.

Romsey Mill Trust

‘Aspire’

Awarded up to £9,903 to provide youth clubs for 140 children and young people with an autistic spectrum condition enabling them to meet others and develop social skills.

Cambridge City Council - Safer Communities Team

‘Mobile outreach support and information service’

Awarded up to £7,450 to provide a mobile outreach hub to provide support and information for people who are rough sleeping as an accessible way for people to engage with services.

Histon & Impington Community (HICOM)

‘Histon & Impington Worry Tree Café’

Awarded up to £2,800 to bring support and friendship to people experiencing mental health and other wellbeing issues through running a community café.
The Cambridgeshire Police Shrievalty Trust

‘Vulnerable Families Continued’

Awarded up to £10,000 to continue supporting and securing the homes of Domestic Abuse victims (mainly female) and their families.

Lifecraft

‘Let’s Go!’

Awarded up to £49,080 to provide one-to-one motivational support and coaching for disadvantaged and vulnerable adults with mental health difficulties to enhance their employability or eligibility for volunteering roles.

Huntingdon Town Council

‘Supporting Older People Oxmoor Friendship Group’

Awarded up to £50,000 to expand programmes for older people on the Oxmoor Estate in Huntingdon to incorporate healthy eating, exercise, health related issues, raising awareness on vital topics and decreasing social isolation, by working in partnership with other key organisations.

Thera East Anglia of Thera Trust

‘My Way - Supported Employment Project’

Awarded up to £41,945.87 to provide one-to-one coaching and support for people with learning disabilities in East Cambridgeshire and Fenland to help them get into paid or voluntary employment.

The Prospects Trust

‘Prospects Trust Unwrapped & The Barn at LuvEly’

Awarded up to £50,000 to open a zero waste farm shop and seasonal food enterprise in Ely which people with additional needs will be trained to help run.

Royal Mencap Society

‘Employ Me Cambridgeshire’
Awarded up to £50,000 to provide supported employment for adults with a learning disability, learning
difficulty or autism in Cambridge and Huntingdonshire and help them in their journey towards and into
paid work, or training and education programmes such as traineeships.

**Pinpoint CIO**

‘Pinpoint Champions Programme’

Awarded up to £47,099.88 to run a pilot project developing a network of school-based parent volunteers in
Huntingdonshire in order to engage families whose children have additional needs and prevent costly
escalation of issues.

**Cambridge Acorn Project CIC**

‘Tetris Emotional Wellbeing Project’

Awarded up to £18,450 to expand an existing project to reduce emotional distress in 50 children in
Cambridge by employing a sessional practitioner to work with children, families and schools.

**Cambridgeshire Early Years Teaching School Alliance**

‘Managing behaviour in the Early Years (STEP Therapeutic Approach)’

Awarded up to £8,735 to train early year's practitioners in Huntingdonshire to use the STEP therapeutic
approach so they can manage child behaviour.

**The Edmund Trust**

‘Young People’s Befriending’

Awarded up to £17,498 to expand a befriending service from Cambridge City/South Cambs into East
Cambs and Fenland, for the benefit of 130 young people with learning disabilities.

**Arthur Rank Hospice Charity**

‘Befriending Project- for people with life-limiting conditions’

Awarded up to £18,677 to employ a project coordinator who will develop and manage a countywide
befriending scheme where volunteers will meet patients in their homes.
Community Care Matters Gamlingay CIC

‘Community Care Matters Gamlingay’

Awarded up to £10,720 to provide a personal service to carers and older people which will help increase care provision within the local community.

Disability Cambridgeshire

‘Specialist Mental Health Benefits Caseworker’

Awarded up to £18,000 to recruit a specialist case worker to support 100 adult clients who have mental health issues or autism with financial and benefits advice.

Hemingford Hub

‘Hemingford Hub’s Good Neighbour Scheme’

Awarded up to £2,380 to run a good neighbour scheme which aims to help 30 adults at risk in the local community.

Sawston Parish Council

‘Timebanking’

Awarded up to £12,000 to part fund the employment of a Timebank Co-ordinator in Sawston for two years.

Sutton Parish Council

‘Sutton Timebank’

Awarded up to £11,039 to employ a Timebank Coordinator in Sutton for 2 years, who will manage the scheme and encourage residents to participate.

Papworth Trust

‘First Steps to Success’

Awarded up to £18,450 to run 'First Steps to Success' which will provide specialist support to help 15 adults with learning disabilities in Cambridge to realise their aspirations, become ‘work ready’ and/or enter employment.
**Centre 33**

‘Extension of Someone to Talk to (STTT)’

Awarded up to £49,182 to enhance Centre 33’s existing ‘Someone to Talk to’ service through building support networks for young people and helping parents/carers get better support for the mental health needs of their children.

**Ormiston Families**

‘Small Steps Together’

Awarded up to £50,000 for an early intervention perinatal mental health project that supports 175 women and their families in Fenland who are at risk of developing poor perinatal mental health. Building on the success of Ormiston Families’ pilot in March, Whittlesey and Chatteris, the project will be expanded into Wisbech and offer a two tier programme of support.

**People Potential Possibilities (P3)**

‘Working with hoarding behaviour’

Awarded up to £41,200 for a pilot project to support a group of vulnerable people in Huntingdonshire that exhibit hoarding behaviours so they can live in a safe environment and lead healthier lifestyles, staying well for longer.

**Caldecote, Dry Drayton and Hardwick Community Scheme**

‘Community Timebank’

Awarded up to £6,581 to expand the existing Community Car Scheme by adding a Timebank with the objective of increasing the number and range of people engaging with the local community.

**Burwell and District Day Centre**

‘Village Support Scheme’

Awarded up to £15,883 to support older people and those with disabilities in Burwell to live safely and independently at home by contacting them five days per week checking their wellbeing and visiting if necessary.
**Fenland District Council – Active Fenland**

‘Forever Fit’

Awarded up to £5760 for a project for older adults 65+ that aims to reduce social isolation, promote better health and wellbeing and help people stay connected to their community.

**Sustainable Cottenham**

‘Cottenham Connected’

Awarded up to £4015 for a programme of events and opportunities for Cottenham residents of all ages to get to know each other; ease loneliness and isolation and introduce all generations to each other and share skills.

**Huntington’s Disease Association**

‘Specialist Huntington's Disease Advisory Service – Cambridgeshire’

Awarded up to £4000 to develop the Cambridgeshire Specialist Huntington's Disease Advisory (SHDA) service, a vital lifeline helping people affected by Huntington’s Disease to navigate the complex care, health and emotional needs of the condition.

**Cambridge Early Years Teaching Alliance**

‘Managing behaviour in the Early Years (STEP Therapeutic Approach)’

Awarded up to £9925 to train early year’s practitioners in private, voluntary, independent settings to implement the STEP therapeutic approach to manage children's behaviour. Research-based training will reduce longer term exclusion in primary schools.

**Disability Huntingdonshire**

Awarded up to £6,000 to upgrade the IT platform and database system to move to a cloud based access system that will enable agile, mobile working and increase staff efficiency and capacity to support more people with their welfare benefit claims.

**Refuge**

‘Cambridgeshire Health Based Domestic Abuse Outreach Project’

Awarded up to £49,350.40 to provide training for health professionals in responding to domestic abuse and
providing outreach support to clients referred from health services

**Ormiston Families**

‘Mpower Cambridgeshire’

Awarded up to £44,308.00 to help women in Fenland who have had children removed and placed into care in order to reduce the risk of further child removals.

**The Kite Trust**

‘Building Support Networks for LGBTQ+ Young People’

Awarded up to £18,540.00 to develop the volunteer offer and management processes and to develop new locations and activities to provide support for the whole family.

**Fenstanton Parish Council**

‘Community Warden’

Awarded up to £10,500.00 to provide a Community Warden Scheme to the (primarily over-70) residents of the Parish of Fenstanton.

**Lighthouse Ely**

‘Linking Lives Ely’

Awarded up to £16,046.58 to deliver a volunteer programme of befriencers to engage in weekly home visits with the isolated elderly population of Ely and surrounding villages and encourage their participation in social/community activities.