

EXECUTIVE MEMBER(S) DECISION

PART A – FOR OFFICER COMPLETION

SUBJECT: COVID Hardship community Fund

DATE: 4th February 2021

REQUEST OF: Rebecca Hewitt

REQUEST TO: Cllr Martin Wrigley

PART I**PROGRESS BOX**

Stage number	Stage description	Progress - requesting officer to mark with completed or current if “live” stage	Date
1	First draft	Completed	4/2/2021
2	BL/BM consultation	Completed	4/2/2021
3	Discussion with EM	Completed	4/2/2021
4	Initial local members / Chair(S) O&S comments	I would completely support this. A necessary and needed fund. Huw Cox	10/2/2021
5	MO/151 consulted	No comments	9/2/2021
6	Check – any objections from stages 4 & 5		12/2/21
7	EM approved for consultation?		4/2/21
		Democratic Services to complete subsequent stages	
8	All Councillors consulted		15/2/21
9	Call in completed		22/2/21
10	Originating Officer advised		22/2/21
11	Filed and placed on web		13/03/21
12	Signed copy filed		

1. PROPOSED DECISION

The consent of Councillor Wrigley is sought to approve the Teignbridge COVID Hardship Community Fund.

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I do not consider this a key decision and Martin Flitcroft Chief Finance officer and Amanda Pujol, Head of Communities and Improvement have been consulted.

2. BACKGROUND (TO INCLUDE ALL OPTIONS CONSIDERED)

In April of 2020, Political leaders across Devon established a fund of up to £1m to address some of the most acute short-term impacts on people's livelihoods. A COVID19 Hardship Support Grant was provided by Devon County Council, which can be used flexibly by District Councils in line with local needs and existing partnership arrangements. A total grant allocation of £167,023 has been provided to Teignbridge District Council.

The focus of the grant is on direct support to applicants. However the phasing of the grant was arranged so that local community and voluntary partners could receive additional funding directly required for their role in delivering the hardship support, where necessary.

A Community Recovery Group workshop was held with key representatives from the Community and Voluntary Sector in Teignbridge on 2nd December 2020. Representatives identified the following priority areas for our COVID-19 recovery efforts; digital access, reducing loneliness; and improving mental health. A suggestion was then made by the Head of Community Services and Improvement for Teignbridge Council to allocate £50,000 from our COVID-19 Hardship Support Grant Allocation to support community and voluntary sector organisations in Teignbridge address these issues, and in so doing improve the lives and wellbeing of local residents. This decision was approved by the relevant Policy Lead based at Devon County Council.

3. MAIN IMPLICATIONS

(Please delete irrelevant wording below plus notes – including this note)

The grants will be of up to £10,000. Voluntary and community groups providing a relevant service in the Teignbridge area can apply. The organisation must be based in Devon, and must have formal governance arrangements, for example as a Community Interest Company or registered charity.

Applications will be scored and assessed by a panel made up of: The Recovery Lead, the Community Safety and Safeguarding manager and the Community Project Officer for Teignbridge District Council. Applications will be assessed against meeting the three priority areas mentioned in 2, evidence of need, engagement with partners, who will benefit, how they will work with hard to reach groups, outcomes and sustainability if appropriate.

4. GROUPS / INDIVIDUALS CONSULTED

The Policy Lead at Devon County Council was consulted along with the Teignbridge Community Recovery Group

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5. TIME-SCALE

It is hoped that scoring will be undertaken to allow for applicants to be notified by the 1st of March. Projects will then have 12 months to deliver, with an interim evaluation being submitted by the end of June.

6. JUSTIFICATION (Please complete)

This fund will enable a positive partnership with the voluntary and community sector to deliver against issues identified as a result of the impact of the pandemic in our District. The outcomes will be of benefit to the residents of Teignbridge.

Rebecca Hewitt
Community Safety and Safeguarding Manager

Wards affected	All
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Background Papers (For Part I reports only)	
Key Decision	
In Forward Plan	
In O&S Work Programme	

PART B (TO BE COMPLETED BY DEMOCRATIC SERVICES)

Decision No...01/2021.....

Date of Implementation 22/02/21 Subject to call in

PART C FOR MEMBER COMPLETION

DECISION: I confirm the decision as set out in paragraph 1 above

REASONS FOR DECISION: I agree with the justification set out in paragraph 6 above.

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I have no conflict of interest in making this decision having considered the provisions of the Teignbridge Code of Conduct.

Signed.....via email Dated:

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Cllr Wrigley
(EXECUTIVE MEMBER for ..)