

Division(s):

CABINET – 20 NOVEMBER 2018 DAYTIME SUPPORT INNOVATION GRANT AWARDS 2018-2019

Report by Deputy Director, Commissioning

Introduction

1. The Innovation Fund for daytime support 2018-19 was open to applications from all community and voluntary organisations to deliver new innovative projects for daytime support in Oxfordshire.
2. The aim of the funding is to provide one-off funding to support the development of self-sustaining projects, delivering new opportunities for adults in Oxfordshire.
3. As per the agreed cross-party decision-making process, the cross-party panel reviewed the applications and assessed them against grant criteria. Decisions on recommendations for award were coproduced with people who use services and supported by officer recommendations.
4. This paper sets out the final cross-party panel recommendations for allocation of the Innovation Fund for daytime support 2018-19, for decision by Cabinet.

Background

5. The Innovation Fund for daytime support budget and scope was agreed by the Council in January 2017 as part of the overall changes to daytime support. The scope of the fund is to support innovative, self-sustaining initiatives which meet gaps and broaden the current offer of daytime support for adults in Oxfordshire.
6. Applications for the Innovation Fund closed on September 21st, 2018 at 12pm. A cross party panel comprised of Cllr Lawrie Stratford, Cllr Sobia Afridi and Cllr Richard Webber as well as representation from people using services was held on October 1st, 2018 to evaluate applications and make recommendations to Cabinet for award.

Key Issues

7. Cabinet are asked to review and decide upon the cross-party evaluation panel's recommendations for awards. Details of the cross-party panel's recommendations are set out in Annex 2.

Assessment of Applications

8. There were 9 applications received from the following organisations:
 - (1) Farmability
 - (2) The Royal Voluntary Service
 - (3) Witney Day Centre
 - (4) Paintbuzz
 - (5) Fish Volunteer Centre
 - (6) Farcycles
 - (7) Cholsey Parish Council
 - (8) The Guideposts Trust
 - (9) The Cedar Community Club

9. Having carefully assessed all the bids received against the established criteria, the cross-party panel are recommending the following.

10. To approve the requested funding for the following bids:
 - (a)
 - (1) Farmability
 - (2) Witney Day Centre
 - (3) Cholsey Parish Council
 - (4) The Cedar Community Club

 - (b) To approve the requested funding for the following bid subject to conditions (these are specified in the cross-party recommendations- Annex 2):
 - (1) Paintbuzz
 - (2) Farcycles
 - (3) The Guideposts Trust

To refuse the requested funding for the following bids:

- (1) The Royal Voluntary Service
- (2) Fish Volunteer Centre

To reallocate the remaining amount to third round of applications for the Innovation Fund 2018-19, opening December 1st, 2018.

Budgetary Implications

11. The Innovation Fund budget and scope was agreed by the Council in January 2017 as part of the overall changes to daytime support. The scope of the fund is to support innovative, self-sustaining initiatives which meet gaps and broaden the current offer.

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12. The total available amount of funding available to be awarded through the second phase of the Innovation Fund in 2018-19 is £133,735.40 This represents the underspend allocated to it from the first round of applications to the Innovation Fund 18-19, as agreed by Cabinet.
13. This table summarises the funding requests, cross party panel recommendations and the total financial impact.

	Organisation	Project	Amount requested	Amount recommended by panel
1	Farmability	Bridging the Gaps	£16,330.00	£16,330.00
2	The Royal Voluntary Service	Royal Voluntary Service Banbury Hospital Transport	£5155.44	No award
3	Witney Day Centre	Inter – Daycentre Game Challenge Outings	£1,250.00	£1,250.00
4	Paintbuzz	Upcycling Workshops for Care Home Communities	£20,000.00	£20,000.00
5	Fish Volunteer Centre	Relocating Fish Office to Centre of the Village	£20,000.00	No award
6	Farcycles	Cycle Training for Adult Beginners, Improvers, and Disabled	£11,470.00	£11,470.00
7	Cholsey Parish Council	Community Drop in Support Service	£4,594.00	£4,594.00
8	The Guideposts Trust	Hi Street Supper Social Club	£15,844.00	£15,844.00
9	The Cedar Community Club	The Cedar Community Club Set Up	£15,000.00	£15,000.00
	TOTALS		£109,643.44	£84,488.00
	BUDGET			£133,735.40
	DIFFERENCE TO BUDGET			£49,247.40

14. The cross-party panel recommendations for award total £84,488.00 The surplus in the fund of £49,247.40 will be available for award in the third round of applications to the Innovation Fund 2018-19.

15. Applications for the third phase of the Innovation fund will open on December 1st, 2018 and close on January 18th, 2019 at 12 noon.

Key dates for phase three of the Innovation Fund 2018-19

January 25 th , 2019	Cross Party evaluation panel
February 13 th , 2019	CLT
February 26 th , 2019	Informal Cabinet
March 19 th , 2019	Cabinet
W/c March 25 th , 2019	Communication to applicants on outcome
Spring 2019	Allocation of funding awards

Equalities implications

16. The equality and inclusion implications of the strategic direction for daytime support and its implementation was set out in the 24th January 2017 Cabinet papers. This included a Service and Community Impact Assessment. These papers are available on the council website.
17. Equality and inclusion implications have been considered. The proposal to offer grants to community and voluntary sector services is only thought to confer a benefit on those with a protected characteristic and there is no adverse impact on those individuals.
18. All criteria for grant funding will require services to demonstrate how they meet the 'need' criteria, which includes consideration of impact. This will also be considered in the decision processes.

Risk Management

19. The risk management implications of the strategic direction for daytime support and its implementation were set out in the 24th January 2017 Cabinet papers. These papers are available on the council website.

Communications

20. The process and criteria for applying to the Innovation Fund has been communicated via the council website as well as through multiple email

communications with stakeholders and partners to encourage applications and wider distribution.

21. All organisations that have submitted applications to the Innovation Fund will be informed of the outcome by email communication in the week commencing November 26th, 2018. Councillors representing areas where projects have been successful in receiving funding will receive communication by email at the same time.

Key Dates

22. The key dates are as follows:

W/c November 26 th , 2018	Communication to applicants on outcome
January 2019	Allocation of funding awards

RECOMMENDATIONS

23. Cabinet is **RECOMMENDED** to:
- (a) congratulate the voluntary sector for its continued commitment and dedication to innovation and provision of new opportunities to people using services in Oxfordshire;
 - (b) review and agree the cross-party evaluation panel's recommendations for Innovation Fund grant awards as set out at paragraph 10 of the report; and.
 - (c) approve utilisation of the remaining amount as set out under 18 above for a third round of applications to the Innovation Fund 2018-19.

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Background papers:

Annex 1 – Innovation Fund Criteria and Application Form
Annex 2 – Cross-party panel recommendations

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