

EXETER COMMUNITY GRANTS PANEL MEETING – EXETER CITY GRANTS

7th July 2025

Present: Cllr Diana Moore; Cllr Matthew Vizard; Cllr Zoe Hughes; Cllr Paul Knott; Cllr Gemma Rolstone; Cllr Deborah Darling; Cllr Tammy Palmer; Cllr Molly Miller-Boam

Advisory Members Present: Ebbie Peters, Rachael Gilmore Community Builder

Apologies: Stephen Clayton Head of Service Customer & Communities

In Attendance: Mahi Ahmed Community Officer; Ben Langston Consultation and Engagement Manager, Exeter City Council

1. Welcome and Introductions

Cllr Matthew Vizard chaired the meeting by welcoming all panel members, Mahi Ahmed sent all the applications and summary to the panel prior to the meeting.

City Grant Budget:

- Total Budget: £50,000
- Spent to Date: £17,084
- Remaining Balance: £32,916

2. Recommendations and decision making

This funding is to support groups and organisations to help run events, festivals and projects that aim to encourage community participation. This fund can also be used for a one-off purchase or repair of equipment. These are one-off grants of up to £2,500. Further details of the criteria and details on how to apply can be found [here](#).

The Grants Panel wish to put on record its thanks to all 17 applicants in this round, who have taken the time to complete an application, as listed below:

1. Freemoovement UK CIC
2. Step One Charity
3. Exeter Otters wheelchair basketball club
4. Daisy
5. Lightbear Lane
6. Adventure Therapy
7. Exeter Historic Buildings Trust
8. Isca Community Enterprises
9. Double Elephant Print Workshop
10. Home-Start Exeter, East and Mid Devon
11. Inclusive Exeter
12. M/Others on the Mic
13. Youth Arts and Health Trust
14. Richard Chappell Dance CIC
15. Wild Hearts Services CIC
16. Fabian's Film CIC
17. Say Aphasia

The cumulative total requested by all 17 applicants combined was £35,053.50. On reviewing all the applications, the Grants Panel were pleased to be able to award the following grants:

Organisation	Amount Awarded
Exeter Otters wheelchair basketball club	£2,500.00
Lightbear Lane	£1,500.00
Exeter Historic Buildings Trust	£1,000.00
Isca Community Enterprises	£2,000.00
Double Elephant Print Workshop	£1,500.00
Home-Start Exeter, East and Mid Devon	£2,500.00
Inclusive Exeter CIC	£2,000.00
Youth Arts and Health Trust	£2,214.00
Fabian's Film Community Interest Company	£1,200.00
Say Aphasia	£670.00
Total:	£17,084.00

Application: Exeter Otters wheelchair basketball club

Run open sessions every Saturday for everyone to come along and enjoy the great sport of wheelchair basketball.

- Application: £2,500
- Awarded: £2,500

Application: Lightbear Lane

A project focused on listening to and recording people's views, hopes, and stories, recording conversations on video and audio, and allowing people to create maps and postcards, all in a safe, nonjudgmental space.

- Application: £2,500
- Awarded: £1,500

Application: Exeter Historic Buildings Trust

Replace materials: replica tutor materials such as toys, dolls, skittles, and coins; replica food such as ham and beef joints; art materials.

- Application: £1,000
- Awarded: £1,000

Application: Isca Community Enterprises

Running Drop-in Centre and Summer Activities for the Children and Families

- Application: £2,500
- Awarded: £2,000

Application: Double Elephant Print Workshop

Organisation of a series of Community Open days across the city to celebrate the 26th Anniversary.

- Application: £2,500
- Awarded: £1,500

Application: Home-Start Exeter, East and Mid Devon

Mothers-in-Mind: a group for mothers in the perinatal period who are struggling with their mental health and who feel isolated or lonely. Family Wellbeing Group focused on building stronger parent-child attachment and supporting early learning and development.

- Application: £2,500
- Awarded: £2,500

Application: Inclusive Exeter CIC

Application on behalf of Alshola, a community association – a multinational and inclusive network of individuals from BAME backgrounds, including refugees and migrants. Four activity days' between late June and early October 2025, hosted in public spaces such as Wonford Playing Field, St Thomas, Heavitree, and Belmont Park, working in partnership with Wonford Community and Learning Centre, Newtown Community Association and Heavitree Park. These activities will offer opportunities for families to connect, engage in recreational and cultural activities, and build relationships across communities. The activities will be open to everyone.

- Application: £2,000
- Awarded: £2,000

Application: Youth Arts and Health Trust

YAHT Relocation and Relaunch: moving to Exeter Library

- Application: £2,214.00
- Awarded: £2,214.00

Application: Fabian's Film Community Interest Company

A series of events, including a roadshow, theatre piece, and workshop. Focused on raising awareness of Frederick Douglass, who visited Exeter in the 1840s

- Application: £1,200
- Awarded: £1,200

Application: Say Aphasia

To buy two iPads and an app to support group members attending the Say Aphasia group to communicate more effectively with one another

- Application: £837.30
- Awarded: £837.30

Total Awarded in Round 1: £17,084.00

Round 2 Dates

- Applications Open: Wednesday 27th August 2025
- Application Closing Date: Wednesday 17th September 2025 – 12.00pm
- Panel Meeting Date: Tuesday 7th October 2025 – 5.30pm at Civic Centre

When the City Grant re-opens, applications can be made via our online [application form](#).