

EXETER COMMUNITY GRANTS PANEL MEETING – EXETER CITY GRANTS

16th October 2025

Present: Cllr Diana Moore; Cllr Matthew Vizard; Cllr Deborah Darling; Cllr Tammy Palmer; Cllr Molly Miller-Boam

Advisory Members Present: Ebbie Peters (Community Builder)

Apologies: Stephen Clayton Head of Service Customer & Communities; Cllr Zoe Hughes; Cllr Paul Knott; Cllr Gemma Rolstone

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 21 applicants in this round, who have taken the time to complete an application, as listed below:

1. Interwoven Productions CIC
2. Freemoovement UK CIC
3. Citizens Advice Exeter
4. Hospital Radio Exeter
5. Exeter Respect CIC
6. Exeter Library – Music Making Hub
7. Exeter Library – Yoga for Everyone
8. Positive Light Projects
9. Exeter Equine Care Trust
10. Cafe EX4
11. All Souls' Day c/o Inclusive Exeter
12. Animating Devon CIC
13. ASSOCIATION "MOVEUP" CIC
14. Exeter Community Transport Association
15. Exeter Hindu Cultural Centre
16. Pennsylvania international Friendship Group
17. Rediscover Church
18. Sylvania Play and Community Facilities Association

- 19. Westcountry hawks wheelchair rugby club
- 20. Exeter Community Initiatives
- 21. Space Youth Services

The cumulative total requested by all 21 applicants combined was £45,583.28. On reviewing all the applications, the Grants Panel were pleased to be able to award the following grants:

Organisation	Amount Awarded
Citizens Advice Exeter	£1,500.00
All Souls' Day c/o Inclusive Exeter	£500.00
Space Youth Services	£1,748.00
Exeter Community Initiatives	£2,500.00
Exeter Hindu Cultural Centre	£1,000.00
Positive Light Projects	£1,000.00
Exeter Respect CIC	£2,000.00
Cafe EX4	£2,000.00
Exeter Library – Music Making Hub	£2,492.00
Animating Devon CIC	£1,000.00
Exeter Equine Care Trust	£1,000.00
Total:	£16,740.00

Application: Citizens Advice Exeter

Host a series of mobile Advice Roadshows in the community to be more accessible to those not currently accessing CAB services.

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

Application: All Souls' Day c/o Inclusive Exeter

Community-led festival that provides an inclusive space for remembrance, grief, and the celebration of life. Rooted in Polish Zaduszki and Mexican Día de los Muertos, the festival brings people from across the city together through creative workshops, performances, food and talks.

- Application: £1,000
- Awarded: £500

Application: Space Youth Services

Creating music around the topic of knife crime, including writing lyrics and producing the backing tracks, to help young people express and articulate their concerns, emotions and experiences in a creative release.

- Application: £1,748
- Awarded: £1,748

Application: Exeter Community Initiatives

VCSE work incorporating training, forums/networking events, online tools.

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

Application: Exeter Hindu Cultural Centre

Diwali 2025 - annual cultural celebration; festival of light. Event comprising of food, music, dance, other performances.

- Application: £2,500
- Awarded: £1,000

Application: Positive Light Projects

Expand existing darkroom by develop & launch of membership scheme; build a booking system; deliver free workshops, taster sessions; host open days and events; create a paid programme of workshops to generate own income for self-sustainability.

- Application: £2,500
- Awarded: £1,000

Application: Exeter Respect CIC

Exeter Respect Festival 2026: Two-day celebration of diversity and human rights, held in the heart of Exeter. Dedicated to promoting unity and understanding.

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

Application: Café EX4

Affordable café for everyone, where food and drink is sold on a voluntary donation basis. Focused making friendships, giving people a safe, social space and providing a hub for information.

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

Application: Exeter Library – Music Making Hub

An inclusive music-making project for adults aged 16+ with learning disabilities and additional needs. This initiative will include 6 interactive sessions from Nov 2025 - Feb 2026, welcoming individuals with learning disabilities, neurodiverse conditions, profound and multiple disabilities, and their carers.

- Application: £2,492
- Awarded: £2,492

Application: Animating Devon CIC

Work with Libraries Unlimited and Exeter Primary Schools to provide an opportunity for young people across Exeter to learn animation skills from experienced, professional animators, by introducing techniques and tools, resulting in the creation of animated sequences.

- Application: £2,500
- Awarded: £1,000

Application: Exeter Equine Care Trust

Permanent fencing to make new area for horse related community activities safe.

- Application: £2,500
- Awarded: £1,000

Total Awarded in Round 2: £16,740.00

Remaining Balance for Round 3: £16,176.00

Round 3 Dates

- Applications Open: Friday 12th December 2025
- Application Closing Date: Tuesday 20th January 2026 – 12.00pm
- Panel Meeting Date: Tuesday 10th February 2026 – 5.00pm at Civic Centre

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