

EXETER COMMUNITY GRANTS PANEL MEETING – EXETER CITY GRANTS

5th September 2024

Present: Cllr Debora Darling; Cllr Diana Moore; Cllr Matthew Vizard; Cllr Peter Holland; Cllr Zoe Hughes; Cllr Paul Knott.

Advisory Members present: Ebbie Peter Community Builder; Eleanor Sunderland Live and Move

James Bogue Active and Healthy people lead; Mahi Ahmed Community Officer

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. In the meeting Cllr Vizard presented information on the purpose of the Exeter Grants programme, membership and panel role/ spending to date, budget thresholds for the current year

City Grant Budget: Total Budget: £50,000

Round 1 Allocation: £17,000

Two More Rounds

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 of how to apply can be found here: <https://exeter.gov.uk/people-and-communities/grants/exeter-grants-programme/exeter-city-grants/>

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. Co-Create Exeter
2. Co-Lab Exeter – Co-Lab Women
3. Connected Romanians from Exeter, Devon
4. Exeter Girlguiding
5. Exeter Pride
6. Exeter Respect CIC
7. Fitter for .com
8. Freelance Mum
9. i-LEARN SMART START (i-LESS)
10. Isca Community Enterprises
11. Love Food CIC
12. Music in Devon Initiative CIC
13. Outreach Southwest CIC
14. Pincus Garden Bowling Club

- 15. Planet Earth Games Trust
- 16. Read Easy – North, East and West Devon
- 17. Shumba Arts

The cumulative total requested by all 17 applicants combined was £38,403. On reviewing all the applications, the Grants Panel were pleased to be able to award the following grants:

Organisation	Amount Awarded
Co-Create Exeter	£1,250.00
Co-Lab Exeter – Co-Lab Women	£2,000.00
Exeter Respect CIC	£2,000.00
Exeter Pride	£2,500.00
Isca Community Enterprises	£2,000.00
Love Food CIC	£2,500.00
Music in Devon Initiative CIC	£2,500.00
Outreach Southwest CIC	£1,000.00
Total:	£15,750.00

Application: Co-Create Exeter CIC: Project to empower women in the community by providing opportunities to learn new skills, particularly in woodworking and creative arts. Through this initiative, women can enhance confidence, independence, and community engagement.

Application: £2,500

Awarded: £1,250 in principle, subject to further information

Application: Exeter Colab (Colab Women)

Develop a women's arts project that will support a diverse range of women across Exeter to connect, codesign and cocreate a women's centre vision for the future. The women supported would be from across the spectrum of disadvantage, from women rough sleeping, facing sexual exploitation, domestic and sexual violence and abuse and poverty, through to women with children on local estates to women in business and education.

Application: £2,500

Awarded: £2,000

Application: Exeter Respect

Two days' community celebration of diversity which takes place in Exeter. Purpose of the event is to celebrate and reflect the diversity of Exeter.

Application: £2,500

Awarded: £2,000

Application: Exeter Pride

Provide representation and celebration of LGBT+ community in Exeter and the surrounding areas. Annual event including march and stalls.

Application: £2,500

Awarded: £2,500

Application: Isca Community Enterprises: Free drop-in sessions incorporating board games, pool, facilities for children, refreshments, company, friendships etc.

Application: £2,500

Awarded: £2,000 in principle, subject to further information

Application: Love Food CIC

Variety of food activities to bring the local community together, help people eat better, address food poverty, and reduce food waste. This includes cooking sessions, a community fridge, lunch clubs, foraging walks, an apple juicing project, and other food events for people of all ages and backgrounds.

Application: £2,500

Awarded: £2,500

Application: Music in Devon

Music sessions. Fully equipped music space in Exeter city centre to be made available for children outside of mainstream education.

Application: £2,500

Awarded: £2,500

Application: Outreach Southwest CIC

Provide monthly lunches to help the international community engage with the local community and find a friendly welcome in Exeter. Once a month, people from a different country make lunch for the local St Thomas community, to share something of the culture, traditions and values. This enables them to engage with local people, who can help people from our international communities adapt to life in Exeter.

Application: £1,250

Awarded: £1,000

The meeting agreed that, where awards are agreed in principle, that further information will be sought from the applicant prior to final award. This will be requested via email to be sent to the Community Grants Team. The final award will then be made by the Grants Panel subject to the information received.

There were 5 applications from organisations deferred subject to a request for further information. There were 4 applications from organisations that were unsuccessful in this round.

Total Awarded in Round 1: £15,750.00 (of the allocated £17,000 for Round 1)

Remaining Budget for Rounds 2 & 3: £34,250.00 (of total City Grants Fund: £50,000)

Round 2 of applications will open on 7th October 2024 and close on 25th October 2024. Applications can be made via: <https://exeter.gov.uk/people-and-communities/grants/exeter-grants-programme/exeter-city-grants/>

3. Date of Next Meetings:

21st November (the Grants Panel will meet to review Round 2 applications).