

EXETER COMMUNITY GRANTS PANEL MEETING – EXETER CITY GRANTS

11th February 2025

Present: Cllr Diana Moore; Cllr Matthew Vizard; Cllr Peter Holland; Cllr Paul Knott.

Advisory Members Present: Ebbie Peter Community Builder

In Attendance: Mahi Ahmed Community Officer; Stephen Clayton Head of Service Customer & Communities

Apologies: Ellie Taylor ECI; Cllr Debora Darling; Cllr Zoe Hughes

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. Cllr Debra Darling sent her apologies, but she sent her score and recommendation to the panel prior 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
- Spent to Date: £37,050
- Remaining Balance: £12,950

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

1. Art Work Exeter CIC
2. Awarebrands Ltd
3. Bodley Close Residents Association
4. Cowick Roots & Recreation
5. Cygnet Theatre
6. Devon Ukrainian Association, Exeter Branch
7. Exeter Community Initiatives

8. Exeter Girl Guiding
9. Exeter Scrapstore
10. Fabian's Film
11. Park Life Heavitree

The cumulative total requested by all 11 applicants combined was £25,060. On reviewing all the applications, the Grants Panel were pleased to be able to award the following grants:

Organisation	Amount Awarded
Art Week Exeter	£2,000.00
Cowick Roots & Recreation	£2,500.00
Cygnnet Theatre	£2,500.00
Devon Ukrainian Association, Exeter Branch	£2,000.00
Exeter Community Initiatives	£2,000.00
Exeter Girl Guiding	£450.00
Exeter Scrapstore	£1,500.00
Total:	£12,950.00

Application: Art Work Exeter CIC: Art Week Exeter 2025

Week-long celebration of creative exploration, creative activities across Exeter

Application: £2,500

Awarded: £2,000

Application: Cowick Roots & Recreation: Pinces Community Wellbeing Garden

Rejuvenate a neglected corner of the historic Pinces Gardens, transforming it into a vibrant, biodiverse space that promotes mental, physical, and social health.

Application: £2,500

Awarded: £2,500

Application: Cygnnet Theatre: Accessible foyer space

Make improvements to Foyer area for better accessibility

Application: £2,500

Awarded: £2,500

Application: Devon Ukrainian Association, Exeter Branch: Flavour Vector

Cooking sessions and interactive events for young people (Ukrainian teenagers) who have lost direct contact with friends back home due to the war

Application: £2,400

Awarded: £2,000

Application: Exeter Community Initiatives: Magic Carpet

Bring together creative practitioners and adults with learning disabilities and mental health difficulties for weekly art and drama groups.

Application: £2,500

Awarded: £2,000

Application: Exeter Girl Guiding: Jubilee Challenge - Ten Tors

To give girls the opportunity to take part in the Ten Tors Jubilee Challenge

Application: £2,500

Awarded: £450

Application: Exeter Scrapstore: New Shelving and stackable baskets for warehouse

Applicant will be acquiring much needed new shelving units/modules and additional baskets for said shelving; as well as replacement of degrading bins within the warehouse area of Exeter Scrapstore. This will free up space both in the warehouse and in their offsite storage facility and make more materials accessible for members to use.

Application: £1,680

Awarded: £1,500

Total Awarded in Round 3: £12,950.00

The Exeter City Grant will open for the 2025/26 financial year on Monday 26th May 2025 for Round 1 applications. Round 1 will close on Monday 16th June 2025 at midday, with the Panel Meeting scheduled to take place on Monday 7th July 2025.

The budget in the 2025/26 financial year will be £50,000.

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