

Cabinet

11 June 2019

Early Intervention, Prevention and Community Capacity Fund 2019/20 – Tranche 1 Allocations

Recommendations

It is recommended that Cabinet approve the Enhanced Time Banking and Good Gym proposals are funded from the Early Intervention, Prevention and Community Capacity Fund at a cost of £148,000.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Cabinet approved the operational and governance process for the Early Intervention, Prevention and Community Capacity Fund (EIPCCF) at its meeting on 11 April 2019, with a view to receiving the first round of bids in early summer. The agreed process involves evaluation by a Panel and the Revenue Gateway Group before applications are considered by Corporate Board who then recommend projects to Cabinet for approval.
- 1.2 The first round of bids have been received and have been through the agreed governance process. The projects recommended for approval are set out in the report Section 2.

2.0 Executive Summary and Analysis

- 2.1 Two bids are recommended for approval as part of Tranche 1:
 - Enhanced Time Banking – paragraphs 2.2 to 2.4
 - Good Gym – paragraphs 2.5 to 2.8

Enhanced Time Banking – (Partially Approved – score 74%)

- 2.2 This project is designed as a pilot/proof of concept to test and establish a new model of community-led (self-help) support in priority neighbourhoods across Warwickshire, incorporating elements of time banking, community circles and other proven delivery methods. The project represents an innovative approach to demand management that will impact on a range of service areas including Adult Health and Social Care, Children and Families and Public Health. The funding will be used to fund co-ordinators, vetting of participants, marketing and communications, training and UK timebanking membership. The priority neighbourhoods will be identified by the Locality Working team using a standard methodology.
- 2.3 The project will provide a delivery mechanism to encourage and facilitate residents to give their time to local communities. It will allow for traditional time-bank core activity of people exchanging time with each other but will also have a database of activities that need doing in a community which will allow people who aren't interested in receiving a time credit to participate.
- 2.4 The Panel supported this bid going forward for approval, but not for the full amount as it is, at this stage, a 'pilot' bid and a reduced funding allocation would reduce the risk. In line with this assessment the recommendation is to propose funding of £75,000 for one year only (rather than £156,500 over two years), with future years funding dependent on demonstrating that the project is making an impact. Furthermore, performance targets should be agreed in advance and this will enable success to be measured from a clear baseline. It is also proposed that a further £50,000 should be ring-fenced within the Fund to roll out the scheme if it is proven that the scheme is making a positive impact. The panel also recommended that the funding is prioritised to areas of the county that do not have similar schemes already in operation.

Good Gym Scheme – (Approved – score 92%)

- 2.5 Warwickshire has a significant issue in the increasing demand for adult social care services combined with our aging population and reducing healthy life expectancy. There are also growing concerns about population obesity and the long-term implications for the health and social care system. The primary benefit of Good Gym project in tackling these issues is in the establishment of a community alternative to meeting demand for adult social care support, specifically tackling the loneliness and social isolation agenda and providing the potential for the future opportunity to reduce 0-5 hours' per week care packages.
- 2.6 Good Gym recruits volunteer runners to run to a person's home or community venue, perform an agreed task or social call, and run home again. There are three main benefits of the Good Gym model for the County Council:

1. To tap into currently unused community capacity (volunteer runners) to increase local, non-service responses to low-level need;
 2. To provide a social and practical support offer to older more vulnerable people with a limited ability to leave their homes – without the need for a public service solution;
 3. To encourage people to be active: to run for pleasure, for a purpose, and to make a positive contribution to their community.
- 2.7 The funding will be used to fund the co-ordination of the runners, vetting, interviewing and supporting runners who want to help older people (through befriending or one-off missions) and working with the local referral partner to make appropriate matches.
- 2.8 The Panel agreed this was a very good bid which demonstrated in a simple and considered way what the scheme was trying to achieve with clear demonstration of the benefits from undertaking this scheme as a pilot. The panel also agreed this bid should focus on areas where there is higher potential success initially (based on experience elsewhere). However, if the pilot is successful then further consideration should be given to rolling this out to other areas of the county in future years. Any assessment of the benefits of the scheme will be largely subjective based on participant feedback.
- 2.9 Whilst two bids are being recommended for approval the Panel did consider a number of other bids. These are not recommended for approval at this stage as further work is required on the expected benefits from the investment, the potential overlap with other areas of County Council and partner activity and how projects could be brought together and aligned with current commissioned services.

3.0 Financial Implications

- 3.1 The fund consists of a one-off £1.5 million allocation and a recurring £0.5 million allocation approved as part of the 2019/20 budget. If Cabinet agree to the recommendations in this paper then the financial position of the fund will look as follows:

Approved Bids	Recurring £	Non-Recurring £
Enhanced Time Banking (Approved)	0	75,000
Enhanced Time Banking (Year 2 Ring-fence)	0	50,000
Good Gym Proposal (Approved)	0	23,000
Total	0	148,000
Agreed Allocation	500,000	1,500,000
Fund Remaining	500,000	1,352,000

3.2 Several other bids are in the pipeline to be considered for the next sitting of the Panel in July 2019 and these will come forward to Cabinet for approval in September.

4.0 Background Papers

4.1 None.

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