



Subject:	SUMMER SCHEME SMALL GRANT FUNDING 26/27
Date:	22 May 2026
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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to update members on awards that were made through the Summer Scheme small grants fund.

2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to note the contents of the report.
3.0	Main Report
	Background information
3.1	At the May 2026 People and Communities committee, members received an update on summer programmes supported by Neighbourhood Services, this included an update on funding provided through the Summer Scheme small grant programme. Following discussion, committee agreed that; 'the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, at its meeting on 22nd May, be requested to provide the maximum Summer Scheme Small Grants award to all organisations which had scored over 50 within the original assessment'.
3.2	The Summer Scheme small grant programme was advertised as part of the council's small grants programme which opened on Monday 20 October 2025 and closed on Friday 9 January 2026. The Grant attracted 98 applications totalling £251,603.39. Officers scored each eligible application against the set criteria as outlined in the guidance notes. Each of the applications was then individually discussed, and scoring and awards agreed, at a series of internal group assessment panels.
3.3	Following this, an independent assessment panel was set up by CGU for each grant stream to review a sample of applications. This panel was content that the assessment process had been consistently applied and awards were approved, in line with delegated authority, by the Director of Neighbourhood Services.
3.3	The total budget available for the Summer Scheme grant is £170,000. In line with practice in previous years, allocations were made on a banded basis, with the highest scoring applicants receiving the highest % of their eligible requested amount. Grants to the value of £168,464 were made to 89 organisations.
3.4	The total budget required to award all applicants scoring over 50 100% of their requested eligible costs would be £214,418. This would require an additional budget of £45,874. Neighbourhood Services does not have any available budget that could be used to cover this additional cost.
	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u>
3.5	Financial implications are as noted in the report.
3.6	Members may wish to note that administration and management of this grant is delivered by both Community Services staff and the Central Grants Unit. All Letters of Offer have been issued

	to 89 funded groups, if an additional budget is agreed, officers will need to review budgets, issue addendums to Letters of Offer and process additional payments which will be unplanned work.
3.7	Members may also wish to consider that this decision will not be ratified until June council, officers have to allow 'call in' to pass before issuing additional paperwork to funded groups, who must sign and return addendums before additional payments can be issued. It is likely that additional payments will not be received by organisations until early July.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications /Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.8	None identified
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached or None
	Appendix 1 - Summer Scheme small grant awards 26/27