



Loughton Town Council
Resources & General Services Committee

Agenda 8 February 2023

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RESOURCES AND GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

APPENDIX 1

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS 2023/24

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Financial Assistance Applications 2023/24

Application	Purpose	Amount £	Grant £	Page Numbers
1. Affordable Counselling Epping Forest	Counselling Sessions	1,000.00	500.00	
2. Alfie James Productions	Performance Skills Workshop	200.00	200.00	
3. Basics Essex	Community awareness / Demonstration trailer	1,500.00	1,000.00	
4. Epping Forest Foodbank	Purchase of food supplies & foodbank rent	3,000.00	2,000.00	
5. Loughton Baptist Church	Health & safety / Security improvements to building	6,000.00 – *8,000.00	0.00	Due to our criteria/NALC guidelines
6. Loughton, Chigwell & District Synagogue (1)	Supply of weekly food parcels	**As much as can be spared	500.00	
7. Loughton, Chigwell & District Synagogue (2)	Security gates / CCTV	20,000.00	0.00	Due to our criteria/NALC guidelines
8. Loughton Methodist Church	Café refit / new play area	1,500.00	1,000.00	
9. Restore Community – Grow Community Garden	Running Costs	2,500.00	2,500.00	
10. Restore Community – Noah's Ark Toddler Groups	Running Costs	3,500.00	3,000.00	
11. Restore Community – Oakwood Hill Community Centre	Operational Costs	3,500.00	3,000.00	
12. Restore Community – Oakwood Hill Youth Club	Operational Costs	2,000.00	1,500.00	
13. Samaritans – Redbridge Branch	Running Costs	800.00	700.00	
14. Spark – a branch of Worth Unlimited	Complex Cases Counselling Service	2,000.00	1,500.00	
15a. St Mary's Church Loughton - Ignite	A general laptop as a tool to engage children through song, PowerPoint, video	249.00	249.00	
15b. St Mary's Church Loughton	Defibrillator / pads / training	1,542.00	750.00	The Financial Assistance working party

				members recommend to award the full amount requested (£1,542.00) if the defibrillator can go on an outside wall for public access / or £750.00 if being placed inside as stated on the application.
15c. St Mary's Church Loughton	Laptop – safeguarding training / storing sensitive information securely	1,000.00	500.00	
16. St Michaels Cafe	Furniture / equipment for community café	1,300.00	1,000.00	
17. 3Food4U	Rent for Venue	4,000.00	3,500.00	
18. Voluntary Action Epping Forest (VAEF)	Handyperson scheme – operational costs	2,000.00	1,000.00	
19. Youth Employment Strategy	3 conferences for school students at Waltham Abbey Marriott Hotel	3,500.00	1,750.00	
Totals	Notes:	<u>61,091</u>	<u>26,941</u>	Total includes allocating £1,542 for application 15b. – St Mary's Church Loughton (see accompanying note on 15b.)
*5. Loughton Baptist Church – grant requested £6-8k - £6k included in totals & **6. Loughton, Chigwell & District Synagogue – not included in total, as have requested as much as can be spared	2023/24 Budget £30,000.00 (£3,000 held for emergencies – to be agreed)	See notes * & ** under totals		
20. Citizens Advice – EF District	Running Costs	9,000.00	8,500.00	* Please see accompanying footnotes

- The Financial Assistance working party members - Cllrs: S Murray, M Owen and G Wiskin met 27.01.22 at 1 Buckingham Court
- **Declaration of Interest;**
 - Cllr S Murray – **Pecuniary interest** – 8. Loughton Methodist Church – Trustee; 20. Citizens Advice – EF District – Trustee
 - **Non-pecuniary interest** – 4. Epping Forest Foodbank; 5. Loughton Baptist Church; 9. Restore Community – Grow Community Garden; 10. Restore Community – Noah's Ark Toddler Groups; 11. Restore Community - Oakwood Hill

Community Centre; 12. Restore Community – Oakwood Hill Youth Club; 14. Spark – a branch of Worth Unlimited; 15a. St Mary’s Church Loughton – Ignite; 15b. & 15c. St Mary’s Church Loughton; 16. St Michaels Café; 17. 3Food4U; 18. Voluntary Action Epping Forest; 19. Youth Employment Strategy

- Cllr M Owen None
- Cllr G Wiskin None

- Citizens Advice (CA) – EF District – Members of the working party requested that the CA are invited to an RGS meeting post the February 23 meeting, for the Committee to understand more about their work. The working party also recommended that the budget allocation for 2024/25 is reviewed.
- Members suggested that, along with other members, the previous year’s Town Mayor should also be invited sit on the Financial Assistance working group