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Name and date of Committee	CABINET – 22nd June 2022, 2pm
Report Number	ALLOCATED BY DEMOCRATIC SERVICES
Subject	COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANT 1st ROUND 2022/23
Wards affected	Charlbury and Chipping Norton
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Summary/Purpose	To consider applications for grant aid from the Community Facilities Grant Scheme.
Annexes	ANNEX A – Community Facilities Grant Applications 2022/23 – Round 1
Recommendation/s	<i>a) That the Council agrees to award grants in accordance with the recommendations set out in ANNEX A.</i>
Corporate priorities	Working with communities to meet the current and future needs and aspirations of residents.
Key Decision	YES
Exempt	No
Consultees/ Consultation	None

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. This report represents the first of two rounds of funding for the Community Facilities Grant scheme.

2. MAIN POINTS

- 2.1. All Members are invited to submit additional information or comments in respect of any of the applications prior to or at the meeting.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1. The proposed costs arising from this report are detailed in ANNEX A. If all the grants are approved as recommended the total financial commitment will equal **£41,551** and all grants can be met from the existing capital budget. ANNEX A also indicates the closing balance for the grant budget if all the proposals are accepted.
- 3.2. Applications were not scored against the scoring matrix for this round as the total sum applied for did not exceed the agreed budget.
- 3.3. Detailed in the following table is the financial commitment if all applications are taken into account and the amounts recommended are approved:

Reference	Applicant	Recommended
CFG/2223/01	Charlbury Bowls Club	£40,677
CFG/2223/02	Chipping Norton Swifts FC	£874
Total Grant Allocation		£41,551

- 3.4. This grant award results in a total investment of **£41,511** into local schemes, with the leverage effect of the Council's grant being that for every pound grant aided **£2.83** of external or community funding is being released into the District's economy and cultural facilities infrastructure.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. None

5. RISK ASSESSMENT

- 5.1. The main risk to the Council is allocating funding to these projects, while the applications to the various other funding partners are unsuccessful. In mitigation the Community Facilities Grant criteria states that the grant will only be paid following successful awards from funding partners.
- 5.2. Risk to the Council will be mitigated by making payment only on satisfactory completion of key stages of the project and upon the provision of relevant invoices and certification by the applicant.

- 5.3. Should Members decide not to grant fund these projects a gap will be left within the project funding which could affect the successful draw down of external grants which ultimately could cause the project to be cancelled.

6. EQUALITIES IMPACT (IF REQUIRED)

- 6.1. None

7. CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS (IF REQUIRED)

- 7.1. None

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 8.1. The Cabinet could choose to offer differing levels of grant aid than those proposed in ANNEX A, but within the budgets established for these purposes, although this may result in the projects not being viable due to insufficient funding.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1. None.

ANNEX A
Community Facilities Grant Applications 2022/23 – Round I
(Annual Grant Allocation £200,000 – unallocated grant balance £200,000)

Amount Requested	Total Scheme Cost	WODC Contribution	Rate Relief received	Applicant and Grant Use
£40,677	£162,711	£40,677 (20% of annual grant allocation)	Y – 100%	CFG/2223/01 – Charlbury Bowls Club
Funding Breakdown				<p>Extension to Building (Phases 1&2)</p> <p>A four-year plan entitled ‘Prospectus for the Development of Charlbury Bowls Club’ was approved by the club committee in September 2020 following twelve months consultation.</p> <p>The Prospectus details 22 actions to be achieved, and identified the need to expand the club building with two extensions to enhance the playing area for short-mat bowls, enable full participation by disabled players, provide storage areas, improved spectator capacity and comfort, and for a multi-purpose social, meeting, and storage area. Working towards carbon-neutrality is also a cornerstone of this work.</p> <p>Charlbury Bowls Club is a vibrant, growing, Community Amateur Sports Club and the overall project is required to meet the identified need of additional space to play their sport, and to become a fully inclusive community club. Growth in membership, increased community use and greater diversity has created the requirement for more space.</p> <p><i>An award will be made subject to achieving the required partnership funding</i></p>
Funding Source	Status	Amount	% of Scheme Cost	
West Oxfordshire District Council	Applied	£40,677	25%	
Applicant Organisation	Confirmed	£38,001	23%	
Charlbury Town Council	Estimated	£5,000	3%	
Sustainable Charlbury	Estimated	£4,960	3%	
FCC Community Action Fund	Estimated	£17,000	10%	
The Greaves and Withey Foundation	Estimated	£10,000	6%	
Sport England Community Asset Fund	Estimated	£40,000	25%	
Bartlett Taylor Charitable Trust, PF Charitable Trust, Peter Harris Foundation etc.	Estimated	£7,073	5%	
Total		£162,711	100%	

Amount Requested	Total Scheme Cost	WODC Contribution	Rate Relief received	Applicant and Grant Use Additional notes and recommendations
£874	£3495	£874 (0.5% of annual grant allocation)	Y – 100%	CFG/2223/02 – Chipping Norton Swifts FC New Goalposts for newly formed Girls Team
Funding Breakdown				<p>Chipping Norton Swifts have introduced three all girls teams. They have partnered with Chipping Norton school who are providing much needed space, but require new goals and nets in readiness for next season. All other equipment and start up costs have been self financed from their own resources.</p> <p>One of the teams moves up to U12's next season and the current goals at the school do not meet the FA regulations.</p> <p>The creation of the teams has been well received with over 50 girls turning up for trials and training.</p> <p>The Club have also been working with the Oxfordshire FA who support this project.</p> <p>An award will be made subject to achieving the required partnership funding</p>
Funding Source	Status	Amount	% of Scheme Cost	
West Oxfordshire District Council	Applied	£874	25%	
Applicant Organisation	Definite	£1181	34%	
Oxfordshire FA	Applied	£1440	41%	
Total		£3,495		

Grant balance unallocated: £158,449