

RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION



Decision taken by individual Cabinet Member

DECISION MAKER

Councillor Sophie Porter, Community & Residents Portfolio Holder

DECISION AND THE REASON(S) FOR IT

Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund grant requests from:

- **£8,941 awarded to Chloe's & Sophie's Special Ears Fund** for The Bloom Space
- **£7,500 awarded to The Source Young People's Charity** for The V-Team - Recycling & Employability Project

The Community Environmental Fund commenced in 2001. It is levied by Farnborough Airport on business aviation movements at a rate of £2 or £5 per aircraft movement (dependent on aircraft).

The fund is available to groups and organisations under the following criteria:

- Located within 5 kilometres (3 miles) from the centre of Farnborough Airport (taken to be halfway down the main runway) and is demonstrably and regularly affected by aircrafts travelling to and from Farnborough Airport
- Has public access to be available to be enjoyed by the community as a whole and result in the improvement of an outdoor facility or area
- Includes an environmental improvement
- Projects may include: -
 - Green or open spaces
 - Natural habitats
 - Environmental improvements
 - Community projects with an emphasis on improving the local environment

There is £33,992 available for allocation from the Community Environmental Fund.

DATE DECISION TAKEN

04 July 2025

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

(Those examined by officers and generated by consultation, etc)

None.

ANY CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

(Conflict of interests of any executive member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision. A note of dispensation should be attached).

N/A

Signed _____ **Sophie Porter** _____

Designation ____ **Community & Residents Portfolio Holder** _____

Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund applicant bid

Applicant name and address of project site:	Chloe's & Sophie's Special Ears Fund (CSSEF), Manor Chambers, 304 High Street, Aldershot, Hampshire, GU12 4LT					
Purpose of grant:	The Bloom Space – A Deaf-Inclusive Community Garden					
Grant amount requested:	£8,951	Total cost of project:	£10,340.91			
Previous grants from this fund in the last five years:	n/a					
Criteria met?	Y/N	Comment				
• Located within distance?	Y	<p>CSSEF is seeking funding to create The Bloom Space—a Deaf-accessible, inclusive, and environmentally enriching outdoor garden and community area at their Wellbeing Hub in Aldershot. This project will transform part of their underused car park into a vibrant, sensory-friendly green space that improves the wellbeing of Deaf children and young people.</p> <p>The environmental impact will include promoting biodiversity with pollinator-friendly planting. It will also encourage green social prescribing activities to boost mental wellbeing, reduce isolation and support development of confidence and life skills.</p>				
• Regularly affected by air movements?	Y					
• Public access enjoyed by whole community?	Y					
• Result in improvement of outdoor facility/area?	Y					
• Include an environmental improvement?	Y					
Other sources of funding for this project:	£1400	Charity shop income – Just4Kids towards cost of salaries to manage project				
Accounts:	Income:	£166,745	Expenditure:	£294,840	Balances:	£58,052
Additional information:	<p>The Bloom Space will offer a unique and inclusive outdoor resource that supports not just physical and mental health, but also social connection and environmental awareness. Deaf children often face barriers to accessing mainstream community and wellbeing spaces. This garden will be designed with their specific communication and sensory needs in mind—making it accessible, engaging, and empowering.</p> <p>Their Blossom Group will be actively involved in every stage of the project. This group support deaf girls aged 7-12 who experience high levels of isolation, low confidence. This garden will also provide their parents with a tranquil place to rest and connect with others.</p>					
Aim of organisation/group:	<p>Chloe and Sophie's Special Ear Fund brightens the lives of Deaf children from ages 0-18 years old, who live in Surrey, Hampshire, Berkshire and London.</p> <p>They aim to provide an everlasting positive impact on their wellbeing and mental health by overcoming challenges, creating experiences and empowering them to be their best selves. Our practical and emotional support helps Deaf children overcome barriers that prevent them from accessing the same opportunities as everybody else. CSSEF come together to change this. They work to 'brighten the lives of Deaf people' by combatting the barriers that can prevent them from thriving.</p>					
Application recommendation:	£8,951					

Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund applicant bid

Applicant name and address of project site:	The Source Young People's Charity, 2a Grosvenor Road, Aldershot GU11 1DP		
Purpose of grant:	V-Team - Recycling and Employability Project		
Grant amount requested:	£7,500	Total cost of project:	£13,413
Previous grants from this fund in the last five years:	2023 – Bikes for Good Project 2024 – Skills for Life, Bike Maintenance		
Criteria met?	Y/N	Comment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Located within distance? Regularly affected by air movements? Public access enjoyed by whole community? Result in improvement of outdoor facility/area? Include an environmental improvement? 	Y Y Y Y Y	The Source wish to further develop the environmental benefits of their Bikestart programmes. This new project will enable an additional 120 donated bikes to be re-used and recycled. This includes impacts such as reduced waste, lowering carbon emissions, encouraging sustainable transport and reducing pollution.	
Other sources of funding for this project:	£5,913	Benefact Trust (Confirmed), The Source (Confirmed) & Fundraising activities (Pending)	
Accounts:	Income: £	Expenditure: £	Balances: £58,103
Additional information:	<p>The objective of the project is to offer voluntary trainee roles for six local young people to recycle and refurbish 60 donated bikes for local people in need or will be sold to support the sustainability of the project. This will include a 6 month programme for six vulnerable young people / young adults (16-30) who need to boost their wellbeing, who are currently not in regular employment or at risk of isolation. They will then attain certification or professional Cytech qualification in Bike Maintenance.</p> <p>Many neurodivergent young people (for example) struggle with social and communication difficulties which are core attributes for many jobs. By providing a safe, supportive learning environment, they will offer them a chance to develop transferable employability skills, qualifications, and the confidence, self-esteem and resilience to take into future volunteering or working environments.</p>		
Aim of organisation/group:	The Source is a Christian charity supporting local young people aged 11 to 25 years old who are struggling with their wellbeing and mental health. To support our work, we have an environmentally friendly Recycling Project called Bikestart which refurbishes and sells donated bikes, creating a surplus for the charity and has also begun to provide training courses for local young people who require a boost to their wellbeing.		
Application recommendation:	£7,500		