



Policy, Finance and Development Committee	Tuesday, 10 March 2020	Matter for Information and Decision
--	-------------------------------	--

Report Title: **Third Sector and Community Support Funding Requests (Q3 2019/20)**

Report Author(s): **Avril Lennox MBE (Head of Community & Wellbeing)**

Purpose of Report:	To provide Members with an update on the Third Sector Community Support Funding for Quarter 3 (2019/2020).
Report Summary:	The report provides Members with details of the range of funding bids received by the local Residents' Forums, and information in relation to the performance of Citizens Advice and Helping Hands.
Recommendation(s):	A. That Members approve the 5 Residents' Forum funding applications as detailed within the report; and B. That Members note the updates and case studies provided by Citizens Advice and Helping Hands.
Senior Leadership, Head of Service, Manager, Officer and Other Contact(s):	Stephen Hinds (Deputy Chief Executive) (0116) 257 2681 stephen.hinds@oadby-wigston.gov.uk Avril Lennox MBE (Head of Community & Wellbeing Services) (0116) 257 2673 avril.lennox@oadby-wigston.gov.uk Veronika Quintyne (Community Engagement Officer) (0116) 257 2648 Veronika.quintyne@oadby-wigston.gov.uk
Corporate Objectives:	Building, Protecting and Empowering Communities (CO1)
Vision and Values:	"A Stronger Borough Together" (Vision) Customer Focus (V5)
Report Implications:-	
Legal:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Financial:	The implications are as set out at paragraph 2 of this report.
Corporate Risk Management:	Decreasing Financial Resources / Increasing Financial Pressures (CR1) Regulatory Governance (CR6)
Equalities and Equalities Assessment (EA):	There are no implications arising from this report. EA not applicable.
Human Rights:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Health and Safety:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Statutory Officers' Comments:-	

Head of Paid Service:	The report is satisfactory.
Chief Finance Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Monitoring Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Consultees:	None.
Background Papers:	None.
Appendices:	1. Citizens Advice (Oadby & Wigston Case Studies) (November 2019) 2. Helping Hands (Oadby & Wigston Case Studies) (November 2019)

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides details of the range of funding bids received by the local Residents' Forums, and information received in relation to the performance of Citizens Advice and Helping Hands.

2. Residents' Forum Applications Received

- 2.1 The Residents' Forums are held four times a year; these provide the opportunity for local people to apply for funding to support local community projects. Residents or community groups are required to complete an application form, which includes details of costings, which are then presented to the relevant Forum. Once these are approved at Forum level, they then need final sign-off by the Policy, Finance and Development Committee.
- 2.2 A total of 5 applications were received during the last full cycle of Forums as shown below, from the South Wigston Forum and the Oadby Forum. None were received from the Wigston Forum during this timeframe; however their current budget allocation is £48,451.
- 2.3 Members are asked to provide their approval for the following projects:

Forum:	Item requested:	Amount:
South Wigston Residents Forum	The Forum agreed to the purchase and installation of a Planter tub	£300
<i>Current budget allocation: £15,228</i>		
	Total	£300

Forum:	Item requested:	Amount:
Oadby Residents Forum	The Forum agreed to part fund the purchase of 7 Interpretation Panels to be installed into Brocks Hill Park and Conservation Centre.	£3,800
<i>Current budget allocation: £41,879</i>	Funds were awarded to part fund a community reflective memorial sign to support collective commemorative community gatherings.	£2,500
	The Forum agreed to the purchase and installation of a Bus Shelter for	£4,000

	Highcroft Avenue, Oadby.	
	The Forum agreed to the purchase and installation of a litter bin in close proximity of the alley from Adlington Road to Launde Road, Oadby.	£450
	Total	£10,750

- 2.4 It should be recognised that the Forum's commitments to spend do incur ongoing, medium term revenue costs such as the emptying of bins, sign maintenance and planning that currently falls on all residents of the Borough.

3. Citizens Advice and Helping Hands

- 3.1 Both Citizens Advice and Helping Hands provided details of the number of residents they engaged with over the last quarter, together with the overall number of issues resolved. Some residents, as can be seen from the below information, were seeking help and advice with multiple matters. The benefits take up, as a result of the assistance provided by the two organisations, is also referenced below for information.

Organisation:	Number of Oadby and Wigston Residents seen:	Number of issues dealt with:	Benefits take up (annualised):
Citizens Advice	177	291	£52,024
Helping Hands	127	301	£34,869
Total	304	592	£86,893

- 3.2 Two case studies per organisation were also submitted by Citizens Advice and Helping Hands. These can be found in **Appendix 1** and **Appendix 2**.