

District-wide Voluntary Sector Grants 2017/18

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Purpose of the Report

1. This set of reports seeks the approval of District Executive on the levels of funding for the following district-wide organisations seeking financial support from SSDC in 2017/18.
 - Access for All
 - Citizens Advice South Somerset (CASS)
 - SPARK
 - Somerset Rural Youth Project
 - Actiontrack Performance Company,
 - Take Art
 - Somerset Arts Week
 - Somerset Film

Forward Plan

2. Yes, a standing annual report for March.

Public Interest

3. SSDC supports a range of community groups and voluntary sector organisations via its one-off community grants programme, administered via the Area Committees and through regular funding of strategic district-wide organisations that report to District Executive. This financial investment in the sector not only provides direct support to groups working in the local community but also assists the council in the delivery of the council plan.

Recommendations

4. That District Executive:
 - a) Approve the proposed funding for 2017/18 at the levels indicated in Table 1.
 - b) Approve the proposal to conduct a review into the future funding relationship with SPARK and CASS to be reported to members in the autumn of 2017. This will inform the funding relationship from 2018/19 onwards.

Overview

5. **Table 1 (below)** – summarises the financial position if all the recommendations in the following reports are supported:

Description	What is it for	Budget for 2017/18	Budget Holder/Lead Officer	Funding recommended
Equalities & Diversity	SLA with Access for All	10,000	Helen Rutter	9,000
CAB Grants	SLA with Citizens Advice South Somerset	121,730	Helen Rutter	121,730
CVS Grants	SLA with SPARK (previously SSVCA)	74,260	Helen Rutter	74,260
Youth Development	SLA with Somerset Rural Youth Project	8,000	Rob Parr	8,000
District Wide Health and Well-being grants	SLAs with Actiontrack Performance Company,	20,150	Pauline Burr	2,000
	Take Art,		Pauline Burr	10,500
	Somerset Art Works		Pauline Burr	3,500
	Somerset Film.		Pauline Burr	2,000
	Total	£234,140		£230,990

Financial Implications

6. Subject to confirmation of the council's budget, all recommended allocations are in the planned service budgets for 2017/18.

Council Plan Implications

7. The funding of the district-wide organisations detailed in this report helps the Council deliver on the following values and priorities in the 2016-21 Council Plan:

Values:

Supporting people and communities, enabling them to help themselves
Working with partners to improve services, efficiencies, resilience and influence

Priorities:

- High Quality Cost Effective Services
 - Work with partners to achieve economies, resilience and influence
- Economy
 - Capitalise on our high quality culture, leisure and tourism opportunities to bring people to South Somerset
- Health and Communities
 - Target support to areas of need
 - Help people to live well by enabling quality cultural, leisure, play, sport & healthy lifestyle facilities & activities
 - Help keep our communities safe

8. The work of Access for All contributes to the Council's Equality Objectives and Action Plan.
