

**TAMWORTH COMF AWARDS**

<b><u>Organisation</u></b>	<b><u>Name of Project</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Awarded</u></b>	<b><u>Project Summary</u></b>	<b><u>SCC Lead</u></b>	<b><u>Evaluation Received</u></b>
Belgrave Allotment	Eco-Composting Toilet	£2000.00	Installation of an Eco Composting Timber Toilet will transform the use of BCAG, providing a sustainable designed composting toilet to the intergenerational groups who attends the Community Allotment and Garden.  <b>SCC Lead: Rochelle Edwards</b>	Rochelle Edwards	Yes
Citizens Advice Mid Mercia	Cost of Living Advisor	£40,500	The funding will be used to provide a Cost-of-Living Adviser Service, which will bolster existing information, advice and guidance services in Tamworth (including Homeless Hub and Tamworth Advice Centre) and will specifically target individuals and households who have been impacted by COVID-19 and are now most at risk of ill-health or experiencing increased health inequalities due to the cost-of-living challenges.  <b>SCC Lead: Vicky Rowley</b>	Vicky Rowley	Yes
CTCIC	Care Connect Volunteers Pilot	£13,754	This project will enhance the current Social Prescribing Service by using this funding to place Care Connect Volunteers within a local GP Practice to provide daily sign posting and referrals for people needing non-medical support to remove the additional stresses of life such as debt advice, Charity Support Groups, Form Filling Services, Befriending Services and much more. The funding will pay for a volunteer coordinator to support this initiative over the 9 months of the	Vicky Rowley	Yes

			<p>funding. It will also allow us to gather evidence that by direct contact with patients daily it will assist people to have more connections with community services in the VCSE Sector. This will address both the medical and non-medical needs of patients and provide on the spot sign posting where no appointment is required as it is available within surgery, this awareness will also include promoting Staffordshire connects and Public Health Information.</p> <p><b>SCC Lead: Vicky Rowley</b></p>		
CTCIC	Wheel Connections	£10,588	<p>The funding will be used to take a 12-month lease on a 17-seater minibus which will be run by 4 volunteer drivers 6 days per week on a rota who will collect people and take them to a scheduled activity each day. A minimal charge for the transport would be made as part of sustainability of £2 (£1 each way)</p> <p>Wheel Connections will see people who are not connected, not active and who's health will be improved by the service.</p> <p><b>SCC Lead: Vicky Rowley</b></p>	Vicky Rowley	Yes
CTCIC	Fresh Starts	£8,000	<p>This funding will enhance the Hospital Discharge Service by providing much needed support to those who are discharged from hospital to unliveable spaces that may need a deep clean or in some cases a house clearance but are not in a financial position to do this. This means people are 50% more likely to go back into hospital with reduced health, trips or falls, without the</p>	Tilly Flanagan	Yes

			<p>cleanliness of their properties being addressed Hospital Discharge covers all types of tenancies Council, Social, Private Rented or Mortgage Properties. The funding would pay for 10 House Clearances as well as 20 Deep Cleans over the 9 months of the lifetime of the funding. This service is not provided through hospitals or NHS Services and is reliant on the patient's affordability. However, what we find is that once this has been done, it is unlikely that the patient will return to hospital and that the person does then continue to upkeep the cleanliness of the property. Last year out of 194 referrals only 1% of those were re admitted to hospital.</p> <p><b>SCC Lead: Tilly Flanagan</b></p>		
TBC	Active Tamworth	£70,500	<p>This project will be based at Anker Valley Sports Complex. The funding will enable a 12-month staffing post, the purchase of a mobile unit and additional equipment costs for the project. The mobile unit will allow us to replicate provision in hard-to-reach communities such as Belgrave, Glascote Heath &amp; Stonydelph. The provision will offer free fruit and veg (in conjunction with local supermarket food waste prevention), smoothies, health screening (such as blood pressure &amp; body composition analysis) &amp; physical activity opportunities e.g. group exercise classes, walking football, cricket, netball, walking schemes lead cycle rides, couch to 5k, and unique sessions such as silent disco's &amp; silent yoga sessions all free of charge, gradually training volunteers to allow the longevity of the project. The project allows us to</p>	Rochelle Edwards	Yes

			<p>maximise activities at a minimal cost due to Anker Valley Sports Complex being a Tamworth Borough Council owned &amp; operated facility with use of the venue being offered as in-kind support. The project will also look to incorporate fruit and veg growing onsite to help sustain the project and encourage the local community to grow their own produce. The project will help to address low physical activity rates and high overweight &amp; obesity rates in the borough as 1 in 3 children in Tamworth are active for less than 30 minutes a day and prevalence of excess weight in reception children is statistically higher than national in Glasgote (29%) and Stonydelph (32%). In year 6 children excess weight statistically higher than national in Glasgote (42%). Although no wards are statistically higher than national obesity is highest in Glasgote (25.6%) and Amington (23.2%). 1 in 4 adults in Tamworth are active for less than 30 minutes per week against the recommended 150 minutes per week recommended by the Chief Medical Officer. Increasing physical activity in Children will develop movement skills, muscular fitness, and bone strength, whilst increasing adult activity will improve or maintain muscle strength, balance and flexibility helping to prevent falls in later life, maintain bone health along with helping to prevent overweight and inactivity related conditions such as diabetes, hypertension and certain types of cancer.</p> <p>Breakdown of costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobile Unit - £20k</li> </ul>		
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TBC	Holiday Activities	£22,000	This project will expand upon the current free holiday activity programme run by Tamworth Borough Council during the school summer holidays. The current programme sees over 3000 children & young people access the scheme each summer. The scheme covers a range of activities including football, dance, tennis, stand up paddleboarding, Jump Xtreme (trampoline park), swimming and an aqua park. The scheme aims to include some traditional sports but also offer alternatives to engage 'non-sporty' individuals and to provide a suitable exit route at the end of activities. The expansion of the scheme would double summer activity and expand provision to include February, Easter, May & October half terms. The project will help to address low physical activity rates, high overweight & obesity rates in the borough and social isolation as a result of the effect of the Covid 19 pandemic.	Kate Sutcliffe	Yes
TBC	Housing and Hotspot Areas	£25,906	Community Home Solutions (CHS) are the Tamworth Borough Council (TBC) Customer Journey Service (CJS) provider for the Home	K Marshall & D Sugden	Yes

			<p>Upgrade Grant (HUG) scheme. To supplement this scheme CHS also have access to Energy Company Obligation (ECO) and Great British Insulation Scheme (GBIS) funding. We are therefore able to offer these alternative funding routes to residents within the Tamworth boundary where HUG funding is not applicable to the household. These schemes work based on delivery of carbon savings in domestic properties through the installation of energy efficiency measures; a metric of 'Annual Bill Savings' (ABS) is applied to each measure. The total of the ABS across all measures installed at the property is calculated and a contracted funding rate applied to this. There are scenarios where the ABS generated is not sufficient to cover the cost of the works and as such, that household will not receive support. It is in these scenarios that a Top Up Fund from TBC could support the household and extend the reach of energy efficiency improvements in the community.</p> <p>The funding requested will enable TBC to hold this top up fund to support these households. On average, we anticipate the average top up requirement for individual energy efficiency projects would be 25% of the total cost with a maximum draw down on any one project equivalent to 50% of the total cost of the project.</p>		
TBC	Dehumidifiers loan scheme	£6,160	Our proposal is to set up a rent a dehumidifier service available across all tenures within Tamworth. The funding would be used to purchase an initial 10 dehumidifiers that could be loaned out where an assessment has been carried	K Marshall & D Sugden	Yes

			<p>out confirming the benefits of a dehumidifier would significantly improve the conditions within that home and for the occupiers. The months that are most effected by damp &amp; mould caused by condensation build up in the UK is October to March.</p> <p>We feel that the initial outlay cost and additional running costs plus lack of education is why dehumidifiers are not more widely used by many residents.</p> <p>fuel vouchers will be made available to the households loaning the equipment to supplement the cost of running the machine.</p>		
TBC	Empty Homes Officer	£31,268	<p>Tamworth has more than 394 privately owned empty properties and this has increased nationally by nearly 10 per cent over the past five years, with a steady rise in the number of empty homes across all definitions and types, since the Covid-19 pandemic. Covid has had a direct impact on the empty home sector as probate waiting times have lengthened along with more properties standing empty due to increases in the death rates.</p> <p>The areas identified in Tamworth regarded as our most deprived and labelled hotspot</p>	Claire Welch	Yes

			<p>areas; Glascote has 60 and Belgrave has 21 empty properties, equating to 20% of the total empty homes in the borough.</p> <p>The funding will enable the employment of a dedicated Empty Homes Officer between January and September to oversee the Empty Homes Policy development and procedures and focus on the 81 empty homes in the hotspot areas. They will be responsible for coordinating a range of activities, in order to bring privately owned empty residential property across the borough back into use, including enforcement, grants and loans, and promotional activity</p>		
TBC	Rough Sleepers Restart	£5,000	<p>The funding requested will enable us to set up a move on support budget for rough sleepers or those who have been homeless. The move on support will enable us to purchase goods or services to move on into accommodation.</p> <p>By ensuring the property they are moved on into is considered more homely this will help ensure the rough sleeper is at less risk of returning to the streets and their home is healthier.</p> <p>It will enable us to purchase cooking equipment so they can eat well and more nutritious meal, have essential white goods to ensure their home is liveable and they are not effectively rough sleeping within a property.</p> <p>By ensuring they move with into a property with a package it is hoped this enable them to sustain</p>	Claire Welch	Yes



			their accommodation and harness necessary life skills for the long term.		
TBC	Cooking Lessons	£5,000	<p>Following on from the covid pandemic, many of our tenants in supported housing of which we have 20 units do not engage with the support workers as much as what they did prior to the pandemic. We want to increase the engagement and get back to pre-pandemic levels. We would like to use the funding to introduce cooking lessons for our tenants in our supported housing. We believe that our tenants would benefit from gaining confidence and improving skills in cooking and shopping/ providing wholesome nutritious meals to their children. Increased knowledge about food and health is paramount to any child's life and development, e.g. an understanding of healthy eating will have a positive impact on them and their children's future life and health. The majority of our tenants receive a low income and actively struggle financially therefore, introducing and promoting homemade meals which are cheaper than ready meals will help them to budget their income. Also, we could demonstrate how to use slow cookers/ air fryers which promotes energy and cost saving benefits. We would spend this money on hiring a chef, renting a room and equipment, buying products, and offering an incentive for attending those lessons to encourage young people.</p>	Rochelle Edwards	Yes
TBC	Healthy Eating Workshops in Primary Schools	£10,666	Health statistics for Tamworth indicate a higher-than-average obesity level amongst Year 6 pupils.	Kate Sutcliffe	Yes

			The project procured through Fun Food Company will provide up to 32 workshops in Tamworth primary schools to raise awareness around healthy eating in a fun and interactive way.		
		<b><u>£251,342</u></b>			