How projects can meet HDC priorities for Community Grants

There was a discussion at the Parish Liaison Meeting in September 2024 about how different projects might meet Harborough District Council priorities. Here are some suggestions for how different projects might meet different outcomes, with quite a lot of overlap between them, so an outcome highlighted for one type of project may also be applicable for another.

These are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be many other projects and other ways to achieve outcomes depending on your individual situations. It is generally not enough to just state that your project will meet these outcomes, and the suggestions do not guarantee that your project will be funded. Applicants will also need to demonstrate that:

a) there is a need in your particular community for the change identified.
b) the activity that you've identified is likely to lead to the outcomes you've stated.

You can do both through local consultations such as meetings and surveys, and by use of research, evidence and statistics from elsewhere.

If you would like further information, please contact the community grants team on communitygrants@harborough.gov.uk

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Project	Community	Health and wellbeing	Economic	Environment
ICT, Wi-Fi hardware and audiovisual equipment	Able to deliver more activities more efficiently and use venues for a wider range of activities to bring the community together May contribute to reducing digital exclusion for residents to be able to	Can provide technology for physical activity classes	Able to provide more services to raise income Able to facilitate other organisations to develop economic benefit Able to rent out premises to a wider range of	Reducing use of paper Able to meet online to reduce travel People can do things locally instead of needing to travel

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	connect online to other services and activities		organisations to generate income Can provide facilities for adults and children to gain digital skills	
Enhancing sports facilities **Play equipment / multi-use games area / gym equipment**	Opportunity for children and adults to make social connections More activities for younger people may reduce (the perception of) anti-social behaviour and increase intergenerational mixing	Improves physical fitness and mental wellbeing; gives young people skills for life Increases the range of leisure opportunities to suit people's different needs and capabilities	Creates sponsorship opportunities by local businesses to improve their reputations Can bring visitors to the district Gives people the opportunity to be involved in running organisations, giving them connections, skills and experience for employment	Makes buildings more energy efficient
Community bus	Enabling people to go out together to reduce social isolation	Accessing health and wellbeing services Improving physical activity on trips out	Encouraging people to spend money in local communities Trips for younger people to broaden horizons for education, training and employment	Reducing use of private cars

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Creating safe walking and cycling routes and bike parking	Encourages people to be out in their communities to socialise and meet neighbours	Encourages active travel to improve fitness and supports healthier life choices	Enables people to travel for education, training and employment	Reduces car use, reducing environmental impact and increasing air quality
Seating e.g. in parks or village/town centres	Creates a focal point for people to meet and chat	Enables people with reduced mobility to rest giving greater opportunities to get out and increase activity levels	Encouraging visitors to spend more time in the area, increasing visits to local businesses	Encouraging people to enjoy their local environment and to take care of it
Improvements to community buildings, e.g. kitchen facilities, accessibility	Encourages more people to use community spaces Preserves community assets People are better able to shape places to meet communities' needs	Gives community groups more ability to run activities, e.g. lunch clubs, children's play groups, food banks etc. to improve physical and mental wellbeing	Able to rent out premises to a wider range of organisations to generate income	Makes buildings more energy efficient
Road safety / traffic calming measures	Makes roads safer for children and adults to be out and about	Reduces accidents	Makes area more attractive for individuals and businesses	Reduces traffic and noise pollution
Musical instruments and equipment	Enables people to come together to play Ability to play at events to involve the community	Making music can improve wellbeing Reduces social isolation, has an impact on people's wellbeing	Able to raise money from events Raises the profile of the ensemble and area that they are from	Holding performances locally in green spaces to encourage people to appreciate their local environment

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	Reduces loneliness and social isolation		Creates opportunities for people to be involved in arts administration to increase skills and experience	Having local performers reduces the need for lengthy travel
Gardening equipment	Enabling people to come together and socialise to improve the environment, creating a sense of purpose and wellbeing	Improving physical and mental health through being in green spaces and being physically active Enables communities to grow their own food	Makes the area more attractive for individuals and businesses	Improving green spaces and biodiversity for the community Increase planting reduces the carbon footprint and improve air quality Reducing environmental crime through spaces communities have pride in creating