

Report of	Record of	Date
Director (Communities and Leisure) (Introduced by Executive Member (Economic Development and Public Service Reform))	Executive Member Decision	10/04/2024

2024/25 UKSPF Community Capacity Building Fund Allocations

Is this report confidential?	No
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Is this decision key?	Yes
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Savings or expenditure amounting to greater than £100,000	Significant impact on 2 or more council wards
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Purpose of the Report

1. This report is provided for the Executive Member to consider and approve the allocation of funding for 2024/25 as part of UKSPF Community Capacity Building Fund

Recommendations

2. That the recommendations in paragraph 35 for funding to be allocated are approved, subject to agreeing and signing grant agreements with the organisations listed.

Reasons for recommendations

3. To provide grant funding to allow local VCFSE organisations to deliver services in the borough which contribute towards the Chorley Council and UKSPF priorities.

Other options considered and rejected

4. Not to award these organisations with the grant as requested.

Executive summary

5. Chorley Council recognises the valuable role that voluntary, community and faith groups play in enhancing the life of people in Chorley. The provision of funding provides a route to enable these organisations to make this delivery possible.

Corporate priorities

6. The report relates to the following corporate priorities:

Housing where residents can live well	A green and sustainable borough
An enterprising economy with vibrant local centres in urban and rural areas	Healthy, safe and engaged communities

Background to the report

7. An allocation of £200k revenue funding has been provided from The UK Shared Prosperity Fund to help deliver projects in Chorley that will support local priorities and help communities thrive and grow.
8. It has been proposed that the Communities Team manage the funding programme, utilising existing funding models where possible as a foundation for delivery.
9. The funding is time sensitive, and all funding needs to be spent by March 2025
10. The Communities and Place strand of the UKSPF programme sets out the objectives to:
 - Strengthen our social fabric and foster a sense of local pride and belonging, through investment in activities that enhance physical, cultural, and social ties and access to amenities, such as community infrastructure and local green space, and community-led projects.
 - Build resilient, healthy, and safe neighbourhoods, through investment in quality places that people want to live, work, play and learn in, through targeted improvements to the built and natural environment and innovative approaches to crime prevention.
11. The funding programme will ensure it aligns with the work the council has undertaken and provide delivery that reacts to the pressures our communities are experiencing, complementing key corporate priorities and enhance the life of people in Chorley, supporting better outcomes.

Delivery Approach

12. Chorley Council recognises the valuable role that the voluntary, community, faith, and social enterprise (VCFSE) and third sector play in enhancing the life of people in Chorley and is evidenced through our community commissioning programme, annual Community Grant Fund which provides an avenue of funding to support these organisations along with continued partnership working across the borough to help develop community initiatives.
13. To launch a Community Capacity Building and Infrastructure Support Grant scheme in which we invite partners and organisations from the VCFSE and third sector to apply.
14. This is a one-off community grant fund programme which builds on our core delivery and will enable Chorley's Voluntary, Community, Faith, and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) and third sector to further enhance and sustain their delivery, react to the current

challenges our communities are experiencing and help in providing services that support our most vulnerable.

15. In total, £200,000 is available from which we will award grants of between £15,000 and £30,000.

What is the funding for?

16. Funding is available to support initiatives under the following UKSPF intervention – E11 ‘Investment in capacity building and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups. It therefore sets out to build capacity, deliver social action projects and improve community infrastructure that will help create more vibrant, engaged, and resilient communities. In this way, funding is designed to support and enhance existing services.
17. The grant scheme will be an open competitive process and projects should support the work the council has undertaken and provide delivery that reacts to the pressures our communities are experiencing. They should be innovative and creative, addressing local needs and clearly demonstrating the difference the project will make to local people and communities. Bids may address gaps in services or complement and enhance any existing offer. We want to capitalise on known successes so will consider supporting activity that has proved to add value.
18. Value for money will be a leading assessment criterion for all submissions. Additionality is key and funding will not be used simply to displace existing or committed funding. It’s about helping organisations to grow, deliver more and /or expand its reach into different areas of the borough. Applicants will need to show they can deliver lasting legacy for our residents and communities, enhancing the life of people in Chorley and supporting better outcomes.
19. Applicants must also be compliant with the UK Subsidy Control regime and all public sector support received over the past three years will be considered. Organisations already exceeding public subsidy thresholds will be ineligible for funding.
20. Alongside the overarching goals of the UKSPF programme, applicants must demonstrate how their application enhances the life of people in Chorley and supports better outcomes by meeting one or more of the local priorities below.
 - Enable better access to local services provided in a community setting.
 - Improve community infrastructure e.g. A community building or space.
 - Improve digital and address gaps in provision.
 - Provide support for those experiencing financial hardship due to Cost of Living
 - Provide opportunities to enhance life skills.
 - Provide opportunities to address social isolation.
 - Enhance opportunities that help encourage residents to be more active.
 - Enhance local arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities offer.
 - Supports reduction in crime and anti-social behaviour.
 - Provide opportunities that improves the wellbeing of residents.
 - Provide opportunities that promote pathways into employment.
 - Supports better early years outcomes.

What will projects need to deliver?

21. Each project must demonstrate how it meets the aims of the funding programme and contributes to the key outputs and outcomes of UKSPF. These may vary between projects but should include one or more of the outputs defined below, alongside one or more outcomes.

Output	Definition
Number of people reached / supported	<p>Number of people directly impacted by the UKSPF intervention. The definition of direct impact will vary across interventions e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Energy efficiency improvements - those living or working within the treated premise. - Engagement schemes - those directly engaging (e.g. reading, viewing, attending). - Direct impact should only be recorded where it can be done so robustly
Number of facilities supported/created.	<p>The number of new amenities/facilities created or improved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amenity/facility means any service contained within a physical structure, including, but not limited to, magistrates courts, police stations, town halls, sports facilities, hospitals and public toilets. - Created means the amenity/facility did not previously exist. - 'Improved' means adding, renovating or repairing facilities with the aim of creating better public space. It does not include maintenance of existing facilities.
Number of local events, activities, participatory programmes delivered.	<p>Number of events and/or participatory programmes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Events include but are not limited to: international enterprise events and conferences supporting the local growth sector by promoting networking, collaboration, innovation, growth as well as expertise, innovation and resources sharing. - Participatory programmes mean the delivery of outreach and engagement events for local assets and sites such as cultural, historic and heritage institutions that makes up the local cultural heritage offer.
Number of volunteering opportunities supported	<p>Number of organised volunteering roles supported as a direct result of the intervention. This includes opportunities for people to volunteer on a regular basis, and opportunities for one-off volunteering.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Formal volunteering refers to those who have given unpaid help via a group, club, or organisation: for example, leading a group, administrative support or befriending or mentoring people.
Outcomes	Definitions
Increased users of facilities/amenities	<p>The increase in number of users of facilities/amenities. Users are the people using facilities/amenities. Amenity/facility means any service contained within a physical structure, including, but not limited to, magistrates courts, police stations, town halls, cultural institutions, hospitals and public toilets.</p>

	Reporting will also facilitate the option to report a decrease metric.
Improved perception of facilities/amenities	The number of individuals who report their perception of facilities/amenities as good or very good. As this is aiming to measure change, it will only be relevant where the user could experience it previously (i.e. the perception of facilities/amenities existed previously and isn't new). Measurement should directly relate to the perception change through the UKSPF project (e.g., the facilities/amenities impacted). Amenity/facility means any service contained within a physical structure, including, but not limited to, magistrates courts, police stations, town halls, cultural institutions, hospitals and public toilets. Reporting will also facilitate the option to report a decrease metric.
Improved engagement numbers	The increase in number of individuals engaged in the local area / activity during the last 12 months. Engagement can include physical and digital engagements. What is classed as the 'local area' where events are recorded should remain consistent throughout the collection e.g. should not include/ exclude events in neighbouring locations which were excluded/included in previous returns. Reporting will also facilitate the option to report a decrease metric.
Number of community-led arts, cultural, heritage and creative programmes as a result of support	Number of programmes started because of support provided by UKSPF interventions. This indicator focuses on programmes that are led by the community groups (self-governing and not for profit group or organisation which works for the public benefit) and focuses on the topics of arts, culture, heritage.
Number of volunteering opportunities created	The number of organised volunteering roles created as a direct result of the intervention. This includes opportunities for people to volunteer on a regular basis, and opportunities for one-off volunteering. - Formal volunteering refers to those who have given unpaid help via a group, club, or organisation: for example, leading a group, administrative support or befriending or mentoring people.

Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for a funding award, applicants must:

- Be based in Chorley.
- Be a registered charity, voluntary, community, faith, or social enterprise sector group/organisation.
- Those trading as commercial business, or private individuals are not eligible.

- Have a bank account registered to their group or organisation.
- Able to commence delivery by April 1st, 2024.
- You must be able to complete your project by March 2025
- Ensure that it addresses one or more of the key priorities of the fund.
- Ensure the project is based on local need.
- Demonstrate the positive impacts which will be made through the project.
- Any works to buildings or property must be less than £5,000 as we cannot provide capital-based funding.
- Funding will not be awarded to any retrospective spending.
- The Council must be satisfied that the applicant has the necessary expertise and resources to see the project through to successful completion.
- Grants are not generally available to fund permanent staff positions, but consideration will be given to maintain some hours-of-service delivery, or exceptionally towards posts on fixed-term contracts. Consideration will be given where salaries are included as part of the organisation's start-up costs.
- Grants are not generally available to fund an organisation's running costs.

Joint Bids with South Ribble District

22. We welcome Partnership working and appreciate that organisations may work across Chorley and South Ribble. If application is part of one to be considered by South Ribble, we will liaise with South Ribble Borough Council to discuss application with their relevant officers and decision panel.

Funding conditions

23. Evidence must be provided that all required policies and practices are in place, as set out in the grant approval letter before grant monies are paid.
24. Grants awarded may be subject to certain conditions which must be satisfied before payment is made. The applicant must indicate acceptance of such conditions when any offer of a grant is made.
25. In applying, applicants are giving Chorley Council consent to carry out financial checks on their organisation.

A panel will determine all grant awards. All awards will be subject to the submission of necessary supporting documentation as stated in the grant award letter. Following confirmation of grant awards, payment of grants will be made on the following basis:

- First stage payment – following sign off of all grant awards and funding documentation (estimated timescale March – April 2024)
 - Second stage payment – following satisfactory progress in delivery and receipt of progress report (estimated timescales October 2024).
26. Organisations are expected to use the grant received for the purpose outlined in their grant application. All projects must be complete by March 31st, 2025. Applicants will be required to keep a record of all project activity, expenditure and outputs achieved for 7 years following project completion.
 27. Recipients of grants should inform the Council of any problems with completing the project as early as possible. The Council will expect repayment of the grant in full if the

project is not completed or necessary monitoring information is not received by a set date. The Council may consider requests to repay in part, or not at all if the project is not completed due to circumstances beyond the applicant's control.

Monitoring and evaluation

28. All successful applicants will be required to provide monitoring information. The fund will look to be open and flexible as possible on use of the funding and level of monitoring required will be reflected in value of funding granted.

This may include, but is not limited to:

- Project details
- Breakdown of spend including invoices.
- Demonstration of desired outcomes and impact
- User feedback
- Photographs / promotional materials / opening events

29. To ensure grants awarded are adding value to our communities, recipient organisations will be required to provide progress/end of project report detailing outcomes achieved and provide any necessary monitoring information.

Assessment and Scoring

30. The scheme would be managed through the Communities Team and applications and recommendations to be considered and decided by the Executive Member (Early Intervention).
31. An evaluation team will assess and evaluate the applications against the criteria, and recommendations made. These applications must demonstrate clear alignment with the brief in terms of a well scoped project and defined outcomes in relation to the funding priorities.
32. When allocating funds and scoring, consideration will be given to any gaps in provision. The overall funding budget would look to allocate funds across the different funding priority aims.
33. A scoring system utilising similar categories below will be used for each application.

1.	Meets eligibility criteria. Organisation based in Chorley, bank account, project delivery dates etc.
2.	Outcomes The project has clear, visible outcomes and it is clear on the impact of project.
3.	Demonstrable need Evidence of need - clear and fully understand why the project is needed.
4.	Community involvement It is clearly demonstrated that in the development and or delivery of this project stakeholders have been involved (residents/groups/partners)
5.	Target demographic The target demographic is clear, and the project outcomes are aligned with the needs of this demographic

6.	UKSPF and Council priorities The project contributes to funding aims and wider council priorities.
7.	Clear timeline There is a clear timeline for project delivery and confident that the project will be completed as described
8.	Value for money This will be based on number of beneficiaries, but also take into consideration quality of provision and long-term benefits
9.	Sustainability The outcomes from the project will have a long-term impact and consequently lead to further positive outcomes
10.	Feasibility and Experience of delivery The group or organisation have the capabilities to deliver the project, including ability to evaluate and monitor delivery and evidence of previous successful delivery

34. All applications would be advised of the decision, setting out agreements to those who have been successful and upon the receiving of those agreements, funding will be awarded.

Recommendations

35. A total of £200k was available to allocate and therefore not all applicants have been able to be successful. The recommendations below include 11 grants for approval through the fund and those who have been unsuccessful. See appendix A for more project details for each applicant.

Two applications can be funded via another strand of UKSPF fund and a further application via Household Support Fund as it aligns with the aims of those funds.

Organisation		Amount to Fund
1.	Lancashire Wildlife Trust	£15,430
2.	Genesis Care	£17,787
3.	Chorley Help the Homeless	£21,620
4.	Chorley Theatre	£21,000
5.	Lancashire MIND	£25,612
6.	Chorley Womens Centre	£15,000
7.	SVP Chorley Buddies	£20,000
8.	Galloways	£14,646
9.	St Laurence's Church	£12,000
10.	Key Charity	£16,644
11.	Saheliyaan Asian Womens Forum	£20,000
Total Funding		£199,739
	Inspire Youth Zone	UKSPF Employment
	UDevelop	UKSPF Employment
	Livingwaters	HSF

36. Five organisations were unsuccessful following evaluation and scoring.

Organisation		Amount to Fund
1.	Lancashire Wrestling Federation	£18,400
2.	Wellbeing Experience	£27,740
3.	Chorley in Bloom	£8,000
4.	One of a Kind Chorley CIC	£26,410
5.	Whittle le Woods Methodist	£5,000
Total Funding		£85,550

37. Appropriate monitoring will be undertaken for each of the successful applicants relevant to the level of funding provided.
38. If these recommendations are approved, grant agreements will be developed and monitored at conclusion.
39. Grant agreements will include a clause stating the necessity for funding to be used in Chorley and for the benefit of Chorley residents.

Climate change and air quality

40. The work noted in this report has an overall positive impact on the Councils Carbon emissions and the wider Climate Emergency and sustainability targets of the Council.

Equality and diversity

41. No implications, the allocation of grant funding follows an agreed process which allows equal opportunity to apply, and each application is assessed using set scoring criteria

Risk

42. Minimal risk is associated with delivery, however if an organisation highlights difficulty to fulfil the proposed project delivery an officer within the Communities Team will work with the relevant group to support

Comments of the Statutory Finance Officer

43. The budgets have been established within the budget setting of 2024/25 for the UKSPF funding, which will be utilised on this grant funding to allow local VCFSE organisation to deliver services.

Comments of the Monitoring Officer

44. The need to comply with the public subsidy rules is referred to in the body of the report. Legally binding grant agreements can be used to impose obligations such as transparency in invoicing and repayment of grant if the scheme is not implemented.

Background documents

There are no background papers to this report

Appendices

List the appendices in the order that they are attached to the report with titles as appropriate. Any spreadsheets/diagrams should be in pdf format and be headed up.

- Appendix A - project details for each applicant.

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Following careful consideration and assessment of the contents of this report, I approve the recommendation(s) contained in Paragraph 2 of the report in accordance with my delegated power to make executive decisions.

Alistair Bradley

Councillor Alistair Bradley
Executive Member for Economic Development and Public Service Reform
Dated 10/04/2024

This decision will come into force and may be implemented five working days after its publication date, subject to being called in in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

Appendix A - UKSPF Community capacity Building and Infrastructure Support Fund – details of applications and funding allocations

Organisation	Funding allocation	Main Funding Priority	Brief description of project
Lancashire Wildlife Trust	£15,430	Provide opportunities that improves the wellbeing of residents.	Create a gentle pathway supporting people with medium to severe mental health needs to transition from clinical services into positive meaningful activity within the community. will also provide opportunities for people with poor mental health and social isolation to self-refer from the community who might not otherwise seek clinical support. provide group sessions that support people within their cohort to begin to engage and develop confidence trying new things and interacting as a group. Each group will have the opportunity to take part in activities that introduce conservation, food growing, nature walks, mindfulness, cooking over a fire, bushcraft skills.
Genesis Care	£17,787	Provide opportunities that improves the wellbeing of residents.	<p>Genesis provides a range of activities designed to motivate and stimulate. Main aims to provide respite for carers who are looking after individuals living with dementia and other disabilities. The carers can leave the person they care for at Genesis for 6-hours for day-time support, four days per week. This enables carers to have some "me" time and therefore can continue their role for longer. The carers are encouraged to do things together bringing benefits from talking to others who are experiencing similar situations.</p> <p>To enhance the offer by creating opportunities for being outdoors within the newly rented space, improving the experience for service users.</p>
Chorley Help the Homeless	£21,620	Provide support for those experiencing financial hardship due to Cost of Living	To expand existing offer and create a community café and digital hub along with extension of delivery hours better support service users. Will support vulnerable residents who are risk of homelessness and provide early intervention to those who are struggling. It will support users into employment and rehabilitation of offenders

Chorley Theatre	£21,000	Enhance local arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities offer.	Enhance the offer within recently opened new space, The Studio. To develop the space to provide more activity for new and existing users. Includes rehearsals, live performances, acting workshops and singing practice, dementia events and talks. Provision of technical installation so these groups can develop their skills even more such as acting groups for all ages. It will be used to show films in the Studio and wider support to partner organisations. This project will enable us to purchase equipment to provide hands-on entry-level theatre training to all ages; to expand on what we can offer groups and the community; and to cover costs and promotion of these events so they are accessible and affordable for the community.
Lancashire MIND	£25,612	Provide support for those experiencing financial hardship due to Cost of Living	To deliver 'Money and Me' to help people when money is impacting their wellbeing (and when their mental health is negatively impacting their finances). This unique, evidence-based service aims to strengthen beneficiaries' economic and mental wellbeing through facilitating access to information, advice, tools and income. Will combine mental health experience with money management tools, information and in-person support. Money and Me is a 6-week program which will be delivered to individuals and groups. It has been designed to offer people tools and support to understand the impact that money can have on their mental health and wellbeing. The program can be delivered virtually or in person, in office hours or in the evenings.
Chorley Womens Centre	£15,000	Provide opportunities that improves the wellbeing of residents.	The project will uplift the services, to benefit individuals and reduce waiting lists and the hundreds more seeking alternative accessible support. The aim is to increase capacity for counselling and mental health services, reducing waiting times and create earlier access to our wellbeing resources such as support groups. Funding will be used to increase capacity for counselling sessions, create and deliver the support groups and uplift the management to accommodate the increase in service provision. Will create structured support groups specifically on mental health and neurodivergence which will be provided monthly from a Community Centre in the Borough. Each session will have a different focus and combination of wellbeing,

			psycho education, and a social space. This will allow attendees to build trust with us and increase confidence in accessing our other wellbeing services.
SVP Chorley Buddies	£20,000	Enable better access to local services provided in a community setting.	To enhance the overall delivery of all projects through securing a designated place for delivery. Adding an Activities Coordinator to enhance activity offering and also give the scope to offer a broader range of activities that are centred around the arts and wellbeing. The art/painting classes will add a new dynamic to timetable of activities and will allow to reach and engage with more people who are experiencing social isolation and need help boosting their wellbeing. Toddler sessions will be an addition to cafe environment. initiative where parents/ grandparents can bring children for a small cost and where they can learn valuable skills, do crafting, play with other children, sing/ play musical instruments etc. weekly exercise class in the Clayton Brook area to improve their health and wellbeing. film club developed which will enable a core group of people to come together on a where they can enjoy old classics and popular films. The aim of these sessions will be to allow groups to create and maintain friendships and share their love of the arts and culture. We will also be able to tailor these sessions to be Dementia friendly.
Galloways	£14,646	Improve digital and address gaps in provision.	Provide a nurturing and inclusive environment for blind and partially sighted individuals through engaging coffee mornings and educational events. Goal is to foster community, boost confidence, and enhance digital literacy. Aim to host interactive coffee mornings for confidence-building and to broaden participants' knowledge. They will be more than social gatherings; they offer a relaxed atmosphere for building confidence and connections. Sessions will include confidence-building tasters, like accessible technology introductions, sparking further learning. Sessions will also feature guest speakers on assistive technology, personal development, and more, providing valuable insights and skills. Project plan to increase awareness, reaching a wider audience with accessible materials and diverse outreach channels.
St Laurence's Church	£12,000	Provide support for those experiencing	To enhance the offer of the Wellness hub. Delivery of safe environment to support most vulnerable providing key services and signposting when needed. Provision of

		financial hardship due to Cost of Living	life skills courses and wellbeing sessions plus social activity provision. Enhanced provision of parish nurse. Hot food, and taste café provision. Emergency food parcels that support weekend and evening when other provision is not available.
Key Charity	£16,644	Supports reduction in crime and anti-social behaviour.	<p>To deliver counselling therapies to people affected by Domestic abuse and homelessness and also to deliver work in schools to support domestic abuse prevention. To be able to offer 1:1 counselling support for some of these young people within two supported housing schemes in Chorley providing support and accommodation for young people who have experienced homelessness.</p> <p>Will work through the first phase of the formal therapy process, providing safety and stability to the client, offering up to 12 sessions focusing on self-care. Providing generalised therapy will help the individual feel grounded, build skills and resilience, learn about psycho- education and about mindfulness/or specific tools to stay safe, helping them with processing their trauma, in a therapeutic way. This enables the individual to feel less vulnerable, less triggered, re-regulated and more empowered, to deal with their trauma moving forward.</p> <p>Offer a domestic abuse prevention programme targeting Chorley school(s) offering workshops to young people around conflict resolution, delivered by our Community Counsellor. The programme will follow a framework for young people to understand the causes and consequences of conflict and undertake practical exercises, strategies and techniques that develop skills and resources to help them with conflict issues and resolving conflict in a safe way.</p>

Saheliyaan Asian Womens Forum	£20,000	Provide opportunities to enhance life skills.	<p>Project is community-focused, specifically designed to minimise health inequalities with a focus of issues affecting the BAME/Merging and wider communities.</p> <p>Aims to reduce social isolation, up-skill members and volunteers, encourage independence, smarter budgeting, creating positive friendships, improve mental wellbeing, improve family and social environment, raise awareness of help available in the community</p> <p>The project aims to intervene at early stages through regular contact with residents. By eliminating concerns, hope can alleviate any stresses these individuals may have and therefore encourage them to reach their full potential, this may be them applying for their dream job, bettering their family ties, or even learning a new skill which better prepares them for the future.</p> <p>Activities will include, healthy eating/cooking classes. Alternative ways of cooking traditional food, Exercise classes and highlighting easy ways to keep fit and the correlation between fitness and health (physical /mental), Money management (budgeting), Sewing class/other round table activities, Social group (Chai [tea] and chat), 1-1 sessions, Drop in service for IT training and access for online services, Out of hours service.</p>
Total Funding	£199,739		
Inspire Youth Zone	UKSPF Employment funding Strand	Provide opportunities to enhance life skills.	<p>The overarching objectives to bolster the resilience of children and young people, equip them with vital life skills, foster positive relationships, and promote a sense of community belonging.</p> <p>Early intervention project to those young people who are at risk of NEET and hard to reach young individuals who do not traditionally engage in services. Aim to bridge this gap by bringing support directly to them within the familiar setting of their schools.</p>

			<p>It will look to engage with schools and work closely with local schools, leveraging existing relationships, to identify young individuals who could benefit. These individuals may struggle with attendance, family or relationship challenges, mental health issues, or social isolation. The project will deliver tailored sessions of 1-2 hour sessions, either to small groups or individuals, depending on their specific needs and circumstances. These sessions will span approximately six weeks and cover a range of topics, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Building confidence and self-esteem - Emotion regulation - Positive behavior management - Strengthening relationships - Enhancing social and life skills - Connected to your community
UDevelop	UKSPF Employment funding Strand	Provide opportunities to enhance life skills.	<p>A range of development programmes to help strengthen and support residents' wellbeing and closer to employment.</p> <p>Positive Minds - 6-week cohorts delivered at Chorley Sheds which takes unemployed and economically inactive learners into an environment that they would never potentially. Aims to develop their social skills, lowered anxiety and depression and enhanced their confidence levels.</p> <p>Listen UP- 5-week programme that allows people to be creative digitally and gives them a confidence boost whilst working in a team. During the 5 weeks the learners take part in visualisation, goal settings, group podcasting sessions and create resource that can be used for others to enjoy and learn from. This is not only a new dynamic way of learning but people can grow so much in confidence and develop transferable skills for personal development. This programme can empower and provide people with the self-belief to get back into education.</p> <p>Royal Society of Public Health – aimed at lower health inequalities in more deprived areas. provides learners who are economically inactive with opportunities to grow self-belief and gain an accreditation that has a sustainable purpose. Looks into aspects of your own health through smoking, alcohol, positive and negative influences on health, goal setting, health inequalities, communication skills and developing team building</p>

			<p>opportunities that are transferable skills for the future. This can be toured around the Borough to places such as Clayton Brook, Coppull and Chorley.</p> <p>To develop and launch a new mentoring coaching service for economically inactive young people and adults. This service will be able to start to work through the high numbers of NEETS in the borough that aren't engaging in education and work with them and adults to provide 1-2-1 support when they need it the most. This service would provide learners with new opportunities to visit and work with some of the excellent local businesses in the area, to inspire, grow motivation and gain future support through the employers.</p>
Livingwaters	HSF	Provide support for those experiencing financial hardship due to Cost of Living	<p>Project to support those experiencing financial hardship. It will deliver life skills courses to help support residents and provide them with the tools to make better life choices and build greater reliance to cope with future life challenges. It will support families with an enhanced food offer in emergency situations which currently is difficult to deliver due to decrease in donations. This provision is utilised through key partners working with vulnerable families across the borough and is a lifeline for those struggling.</p>

Unsuccessful Applicants

Organisation	Funding requested	Main Funding Priority	Brief description of project
Lancashire Wrestling Federation	£18,400	Enhance opportunities that help encourage residents to be more active.	To grow the LWF to deliver more sessions and shows to residents. Current facility is not fit for purpose and is not appealing to new starters. The new facility would mean

			<p>could market the group better but allow to put on better sessions.</p> <p>New Equipment would be purchased as current is old and worn, bigger facility and new equipment would allow to deliver more.</p>
Wellbeing Experience	£27,740	Provide opportunities that improves the wellbeing of residents.	To deliver a wellbeing event for those who need it most, from individuals to VCFSE organisations and clubs. Would include Talks Roadshow in schools. Photography/art showcase - invite pupils to create their own piece of art to represent wellbeing or submit photographs of Rivington to be displayed at the event. Provide ticket packages to schools in Chorley. school would manage their ticket allocation. Proposal for transport as event in Rivington, would hire minibuses to transport those without access to event from a shared location. Funding to create opportunity for other VCFS groups to exhibit at the event.
Chorley in Bloom	£8,000	Improve community infrastructure e.g. A community building or space.	To create four wider beds at community garden site to grow more produce and maintain the look of the garden and enhance area. Flag areas to make the area more accessible.
One of a Kind Chorley CIC	£26,410	Provide opportunities that promote pathways into employment.	<p>Retail Project to provide a platform for local small businesses and makers to sell their creations, receive feedback, test new products, and increase their reputations in the local area.</p> <p>To set up two funds that will allow successful applicants to be a part of the retail project. A Chorley Small Business fund aimed at promoting local small businesses where applicants must run a small business in the Chorley area. The second Women In Business fund will help to address</p>

			<p>the gap in provision for women in business. The grant will allow to fit out a retail unit situated in Chorley town centre and set up the two funds.</p> <p>Phase two of the project is a Small Business and Creatives hub. The hub will host creative workshops and business events aimed at small businesses or those who wish to turn their hobby into a small business. Will allow local small businesses and makers to connect, share and learn all whilst enhancing the local arts and creative offer.</p>
Whittle le Woods Methodist	£5,000	Improve community infrastructure e.g. A community building or space.	To improve toilets facilities. The ladies have an antiquated hot water system for the washing of hands, the complete area requires tiling and a damp issue resolving. Improved facilities would benefit the local community who use the hall and increase the use for creative activities.
Total Funding requested by unsuccessful applicants	£85,550		