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£220,000 donated to charities from Social Investment Fund's Small Grants Programme

More than £220,000 is being donated to a wide range of charities and organisations, after the first round of grant applications to the Social Investment Fund's (SIF) new Small Grants Programme. 19 grants have been agreed by the SIF board to benefit the Bailiwick.

Under the Small Grants Programme, applicants can apply for a grant of up to £25,000 to put towards one-off projects or ongoing expenses of a year's duration.

The programme replaces the Christmas lottery grants which used to be distributed by the Association of Guernsey Charities. SIF now has access to all Guernsey lottery net proceeds, which means there are more funds available for charities who apply to SIF than in the past.

A grant of £7,500 to Access for All, coordinated by the Guernsey Disability Alliance, will support the production of videos, factsheets and training on access requirements and reasonable adjustments for the proposed disability legislation.

£6,000 is being awarded to Guernsey Caring for Ex-Offenders to purchase equipment for activity workshops so that ex-offenders can learn new skills.

Headway will receive £8,500 to cover rent for 2021 which will allow the vital support it provides to survivors of brain injuries to continue.

Larger grants of up to £25,000 were made to support the running costs of charities providing key services such as the Cheshire Home, Mencap, Guernsey Adult Literacy Project and Relate Guernsey.

Smaller amounts were also awarded, for example Alderney Performing Arts Festival receiving £3,000 towards running costs, and Cystic Fibrosis Guernsey £650 to purchase five Bluetooth pulse oximeters to support those people living with the condition locally.

New initiatives also found support such as the Clean Earth Trust, with a grant to employ a part time manager for one year to develop the Repair Café initiative and the Guernsey Foster and Adoption Association, which will run training courses to support those who care for children and young people who have suffered trauma. The Guernsey Badminton Association is being awarded funding to make the badminton hall's changing rooms, toilets and entrance more accessible.

Chair of the Social Investment Fund Jurat Stephen Jones, OBE said:

“This is SIF's first round of grants having been focused on the Covid-19 Community Charity Appeal over the last year. We are very pleased to have awarded several organisations funding for their diverse projects and services, having received nearly 50 applications, and we would like to thank Guernsey Community Foundation for their administrative support in coordinating applications. The charitable sector supports so many areas of our lives and these small grants together can make a large impact on our community. SIF has increased the amount of funding made available to charities, with more funding from the Small Grants Programme yet to be awarded.”

There will be a second round of Small Grants applications later this year.

Applications for grants in excess of £25,000 fall within the Social Investment Fund's Major Grants Programme. The first round of Major Grants has also recently concluded and recipients will be announced soon.

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A full schedule of Small Grants recipients is attached.

The Social Investment Fund (SIF) was established as a charitable company in 2020. Its purpose is to use both public and privately-donated funds to invest in the third sector and improve joint working between the government and the third sector.

Further information about the Social Investment Fund can be found at <https://www.sif.gg>

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