

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014

OFFICER DECISION WRITTEN RECORD

Reference:	OD/(to be added by Democratic Services)
Subject Matter:	Award of UKSPF-funded Arts in East Herts 2025 grants
Date of Decision:	15 th August 2025
Exempt/Confidential information (Yes/No):	No
If Exempt/Confidential – reason why:	n/a
Name of Officer taking decision under delegated authority:	Jonathan Geall, Director for Communities
Source of delegated authority (constitution/express delegation/etc):	At its meeting of 14 th May 2025, Council approved the use of up to £60,000 of UKSPF funds to support the Arts in East Herts programme. A total of £39,317 of the available funding is being allocated to applications for a grant for activities and events

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	<p>which have met the eligibility and assessment criteria.</p> <p>At the same meeting, Council delegated decision-making on all UKSPF spend on Arts in East Herts to the Head of Housing and Health (now the Director for Communities) acting in consultation with the Executive Member for Communities.</p>
<p>Exercise of delegated authority approved by:</p> <p><i>(if different from Officer taking decision)</i></p>	n/a
Decision:	Fund the 48 applications made during the Arts in East Herts grants bidding window which fully met the eligibility and assessment criteria. The grant recipients and amounts are listed in Appendix A.
Reason(s) for Decision:	Applications to be funded were eligible, assessed within the approved policy and will clearly contribute to the Arts in East Herts programme and the UKSPF outputs on which the council is required to report to government.

Details of alternative options, if any considered and rejected:	Not fund all or some of the applications listed above. NOT RECOMMENDED because the applications to be funded were eligible, assessed within the approved policy and will clearly contribute to the Arts in East Herts programme and the UKSPF outputs on which the council is required to report to government.
Name of Officer who has confirmed with all Members involved in taking this decision whether they have pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest:	Jonathan Geall, Director for Communities
Name(s) of any Member who has removed himself/herself from contributing to this decision because of a conflict of interest:	n/a
Signature of Decision Maker (where decision is taken in consultation with a Member):	REDACTED
Signature of Member consulted by Decision Maker (where decision is taken in consultation with a Member):	Support confirmed by email from Cllr Alex Daar, Executive Member for Communities Jonathan Geall, Director for Communities on 8 th August 2025

SIGNATURES TO BE REDACTED

Appendix A: Arts in East Herts 2025 grant recipients

Applicant	Grant awarded
All Sorts Dementia Group	£1,000
Amar Devsi	£1,000
Artshed Arts	£1,000
BEAM	£1,000
Bryony Applegate	£1,000
Buntingford Live!	£1,000
Coruscate Stained Glass	£1,000
Eloise Pilbeam	£1,000
Generation Circus	£1,000
Genevieve Smart	£1,000
Hart Studios	£1,000
Hertford Regional College	£1,000
I AM I AM Theatre Company	£1,000
J Wright Globemaker	£1,000
Ken Boyter	£1,000
Love Bengeo Community Group	£1,000
Master Art Workshops	£1,000
Ore Projects	£1,000
Pins and Feathers Theatre Group	£1,000
Rose Collins Millinery	£1,000
Roxana Parker	£1,000
Rubino Wilson	£1,000
Sawbridgeworth Memorial Hall	£1,000
Sirena13art	£1,000
Stortford Music Festival	£1,000
The Company of Players (Hertford)	£1,000
The Fabric Folk	£1,000
Ware Arts Centre (Southern Maltings)	£1,000
Ware's The Fun Palace	£1,000
Fiona Martin	£999
Drawing Voices	£997
Donna Reeves	£950
Bishop's Stortford College	£900
Matipo Arts	£810
Much Hadham Drama Group	£809
The Bishop's Stortford Choir Festival	£700
Hertford Film and Play Association	£600
Julie Arnall – grant #1	£535
DancePro Academy	£500
Gilston and Eastwick Village Hall	£500
Quintessence Drama Group	£500
Julie Arnall – grant #2	£360

Applicant	Grant awarded
Much Hadham Forge Museum	£350
Sue Nicholls	£270
Hertford Social Sewing	£200
Evans School of Ballroom Dancing	£147
Ware & District Photographic Society	£110
Cottered Village People Crochet Club	£80
TOTAL	£39,317