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<b>Title of meeting:</b>	Cabinet Member for Central Services
<b>Subject:</b>	Community Inclusion Grants
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	31 January 2025
<b>Report by:</b>	Head of marketing, communications and engagement
<b>Cabinet Member:</b>	Cllr Attwell
<b>Wards affected:</b>	none

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**1. Requested by** Cllr Attwell

**2. Purpose**

To update on activity regarding Community Inclusion Grants

**3. Information Requested**

- 3.1. In 2022 the council launched a one-off Community Inclusion Grant Scheme inviting community and voluntary sector groups to apply for up to £1,000 funding to support activities which challenge inequality, advance equality and celebrate diversity in Portsmouth.
- 3.2. In 2023/24 funding from the Voluntary Sector Capacity & Transition Reserve was allocated to support a second round of Community Inclusion Grants.
- 3.3. Across the two years more than £60,000 has been awarded to support 64 community projects.
- 3.4. The grants support projects that will:
  - Advance community cohesion and diversity by bringing people together
  - Deliver positive impacts relating to equalities, diversity and inclusion across the city
  - Promote equality, diversity and inclusion across the city
  - Support community and residents with protected characteristics
  - Tackle inequalities
- 3.5. A new round of Community Inclusion Grants was launched on 27 January applications will be open until 16 March.



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- 3.6. As in previous years, each application will be assessed by a range of council officers whose work focuses on equalities, diversity and inclusion or frontline work with communities.
- 3.7. HIVE Portsmouth is offering support to organisations to ensure their applications meet the criteria for the grants. Successful applicants will be announced in the summer.
- 3.8. As in previous years, any applications that are not successful will be advised how to work with HIVE Portsmouth in order to identify more suitable grant opportunities for their projects and support with developing any future grant applications. Projects that are unsuccessful in securing a grant should not infer that they were in any way less worthy causes than others, decisions will be made based on which applications best meet the specific criteria of this scheme and all unsuccessful applicants will be advised how to work with HIVE Portsmouth in order to identify more suitable grant opportunities for their projects.

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Signed by (Director)

**Appendices:**

**Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972**

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location