

Community Investment: ANNUAL REPORT**Report of the Cabinet Member for Inclusive Neighbourhoods****1. SUMMARY / MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 1.1. To provide an update on the Stockport Local Fund with a focus on programme investments and impact
- 1.2. Updates from the wider programme of work to support a thriving third sector and early analysis from the State of the Sector report 2020
- 1.3. To set out priority areas for development and next steps in delivering investment into the third sector in 2021/22

2. Background

- 2.1. In response to the State of the Sector Report in 2017 the Stockport Local Fund (SLF) launched to expand capacity in the voluntary sector to ultimately reduce demand on public services.
- 2.2. The SLF provides grants to the Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) sector to provide support for people living and working in Stockport.
- 2.3. The investment supports activities that will improve health, social and economic outcomes, and support growth in the VCFSE sector.
- 2.4. Following the formal launch in 2018, SLF has delivered 5 phases of funding with a further 2 during the pandemic to help support the community response. [Appendix 1 Fig 1](#)
- 2.5. Grant awards range from £200-10k, and monitoring is undertaken at 12 months where applicants provide evidence of their impact.
- 2.6. To date over 700 applications have been received to the fund and awards of over £800,000 made to 225 projects. [Appendix 1 Fig 2](#)
- 2.7. The delivery of the Stockport Local Fund has been complimented by a wider programme of work to support VCFSE organisations, developing infrastructure support and building partnerships between statutory and community organisations.
- 2.8. In 2020 the State of the Sector survey was commissioned at GM level to understand the impact and needs of the sector. Whilst the report methodology limits comparison with the 2017 report it will provide important insights to shape investment in and support for the VCFSE going forward.

3. Covid Context

- 3.1. The Stockport Local Fund remains a key tool to support the sector and provide a catalyst for growth and innovation but in the context of Covid is less well able to respond to emerging challenges in a way that is sufficiently agile. The fund generates a high level of interest and expectation in a very broad range of priorities which pre-date the pandemic, and decision making can be a lengthy

process due in part the number of applications and varying quality of these applications.

- 3.2. Modifications have been made to the small grants process to create a more responsive approach to funding that supported Covid response and there is a need to now to take a more strategic approach to ensure the fund can support and grow community capacity where is likely to be needed in the future as the longer term impacts of Covid are felt.
- 3.3. Recognising the importance of community investment to Covid recovery £500k is additionally available for allocation in year (21/22).
- 3.4. The sixth round of the fund scheduled to launch in June has been postponed until autumn to allow time both for strategic investment to be made in the sector (Section 7) and distribution of time limited central government funds (section 8). This has helped identify the gaps and emerging priorities for communities.

4. Progress and Impact

4.1. Progress

- 4.1.1. Since the last report to Scrutiny in Sept 20 two rounds of SLF have been delivered Phase 5 and a second Covid Response Phase. The former of which made £272k investment in 42 organisations, whilst 26 organisations benefited from £23k Covid Response Grants. A full list of these investments is at Appendix 3.5 and 3.6, appendix 3 also sets all SLF investments to date.
- 4.1.2. As part of the Covid response the small grant limit was increased to £1000 to ensure neighbourhood organisations had access to the funds they needed without the need to navigate a more involved process associated with the larger grants.
- 4.1.3. Whilst bids were received to support ethnically diverse and other minority groups these continue to be received from a very small number of organisations. A challenge remains to ensure both equality of access to the fund but also that wider community activity and associated funding bids are truly inclusive;
- 4.1.4.

4.2. Impact of Investments

- 4.2.1. The SLF Phase two provided financial stimulus to the VCFSE sector in 2019/20 and invited applications that would achieve one or more of the priorities, [Appendix 2](#), and monitoring data from this phase is now available.
- 4.2.2. In Phase 2 SLF received 94 applications totalling £538,522. 19 grants were awarded ranging from £250-£10,000 and a total investment was made of £110,913.
- 4.2.3. Of the 19 awards made 5 were to Community Interest Companies, 4 Charities, 8 Community groups, 1 Sports Association and 1 individual.
- 4.2.4. The projects ranged in community benefit and target groups, from projects targeting a particular neighbourhood to those working with communities of identity and shared experience with many investments benefiting multiple cohorts. [Appendix 3 fig3](#) details the nature of these investments.
- 4.2.5. In phase 2, as with other subsequent rounds, grants over £500 have been primarily awarded to organisations that work across the borough, with communities of experience or identity. In phase 2 only 1 larger investment

was linked specifically to a neighbourhood with place-based organisations tending to apply to the small grants pot. Small grants (those under £500) have been awarded primarily to place based groups working in a particular neighbourhood.

4.2.6. From the 19 projects awarded funding under Round 2:

- £83,489 Cash Match funding has been secured
- 4402 Volunteer Hours delivered
- 10 services worked with directly including GMP, Stepping Hill, Pupil Referral Units, Stockport Homes, Adults Social Care, Stockport Family, Stockport College, Juniper, Domestic Abuse Services, Youth Offending Team.
- 895 people reached
- 116 hours of Workshops and Learning
- 3500 work trials
- 2 P.T jobs created

4.3. Beneficiary organisations have supported those they work with to increase in confidence, reduced anxiety and a sense of purpose.

4.4. Monitoring impact can often be challenging for the sector, not more so than when demand surged during Covid and it should be noted that this data is drawn from a sample of projects and does not reflect the full impact of all 19 investments. Work continues to support the sector to capture and demonstrate impact.

4.5. Monitoring returned from Round 2 to date has been used to produce the Year2 Impact Report 20/21 (Background Papers).

4.6. Investments in Round 2 furthered the pattern seen in Round 1, investing in locally based organisations who were diversifying their offer outside of the borough. Giving them confidence that Stockport was a place where their organisation was valued, could grow and have impact. Whilst also attracting organisations from neighbouring boroughs to extend projects into Stockport.

4.7. Whilst all investments have all fully directly benefited local residents third sector operations rarely align fully with local authority boundaries and the fund has established an important role in giving the sector confidence to operate within the borough.

5. Wider Progress

5.1. Funding is only part of a wider package of support to the sector that is building this confidence.

5.2. The Communities programme / Team Around the Place

5.2.1. The Communities Programme proved vital during the pandemic and was instrumental in the pandemic response, allowing services to connect and work with communities through a challenging time.

5.2.2. Work continues to embed multi-agency cross sector teams around the place (TAPs) in areas across Stockport with teams now operational in all 8 neighbourhoods. The TAPs provided significant support to work during the Covid outbreak, they mobilised communities quickly and provided a forum for neighbourhood connections and support. They were able to identify where

there were gaps in provision and worked with communities and services to close them, supporting and shaping bids to the Local Fund and other sources of support and investment.

5.2.3. Learning from this work has been captured to shape the next phase of the Communities Programme, and a model for neighbourhood working.

6. Digital Alliance

6.1. The importance of digital to support communities through Covid has been key. Under Phase 5 investments were made to ensure sustainability of the Digital Alliance and lending library as demand for this service soared. The SLF team worked with Renewal Northwest to redesign their Phase 5 bid to focus on refurbishment of IT hardware and maintenance of the digital library whilst also achieving their original proposals ambition to create employment opportunities and experience for ex-offenders. Direct investment was also made in Starting Point in recognition that their Phase 5 bid was constrained by the fund criteria and did not provide the type or level of investment needed to ensure the Alliance offer was robust and sustainable at a time when digital inclusion was central to well-being, learning and day to day transactions.

6.2. Going forward investment in digital will be considered as part of the strategic infrastructure investments made in the VCFSE to ensure the sector has the resources and support required to operate with an increased emphasis on digital.

7. Sector3 development

7.1. As reported to scrutiny in September 20 an initial investment was made in Sector 3, the infrastructure organisation for the VCFSE sector in Stockport to:

- To bring communities together to deliver better connectivity and engagement
- To lever in external grant pots for Stockport
- To develop a volunteer hub

7.2. Sector3 have developed as a key strategic partner, bringing the VCFSE together to respond to Covid, ensure organisational and sector resilience and represented the view of excluded communities. Sector3 proved to be effective partner in the delivery of small grant programmes, administering the Community Champions Small Grants Programme (Section 8), delivering innovative funding events such as Community Soup¹ and leveraging in an additional funds through crowd funding and applications to national funders.

7.3. Details of the partnership work delivered with Sector3 is set out in [Appendix 4.1](#)

7.4. In the past 12 months there has been new board members appointments and recruitment a core staff team including a Chief Executive and Equalities Officer placing Sector3 in a strong position to support the sector response to the challenges ahead. Further investment is required to consolidate Sector3 as externally secured grants will fund development projects and not core running costs of the organisation.

8. Community Champions

¹ Community Soup: Participants pitch their idea and people vote on their favourite project.

- 8.1. Funding to the VCFSE has also been distributed in 2021-2 through the Stockport Community Champions programme², [Appendix 5](#).
- 8.2. This programme is funded non-recurrently, £650,000 for 2021-22 was received from the Ministry of Housing, Communities, and Local Government (MHCLG) Community Champions: Local Authority Fund which aims to 'support a range of interventions to build upon, increase or improve existing activities to work with residents who are most at risk of Covid-19'.
- 8.3. The programme has a number of key pillars of activity and related investment envelopes including the development of new networks, creating resilient networks, community capacity building, communication and engagement and programme management, learning and evaluation. As part of the programme funding was ringfenced to facilitate growth and collaboration within VCFSE through small and medium grants which were administered via Sector 3 and via a dedicated Community Champions Stockport Local Fund stream. Direct strategic investments in Key VCFSE delivery partners, aimed at building legacy and lasting Stockport wide networks of champion organisations supporting priority groups were also made. This report summarises investments to date.
- 8.4. Micro grants of up to £1,000 were administered by Sector 3, with 26 awards made where pre-Covid SLF have typically made less than 10 micro investments. Grants of up to £5,000 were administered via a dedicated SLF community champions funding stream which was open in May 2021. 30 applications were received for £5,000 or less of which 7 were funded.
- 8.5. The number of applications provides further evidence that larger more accessible small grants are required by a sector that is shifting and changing with community need.
- 8.6. Key themes included - reducing isolation, improving health and wellbeing, helping people and communities to recover from the impact that Covid-19 has had on their life and community, re-opening community activities.
- 8.7. The Community Champions stream also invited partnership applications for up to £20K for initiatives delivered by two or more organisations working together (where SLF maximum is currently £10k). Nine bids were made for these larger amounts, of which 3 were funded. Most were from well-established organisations looking to grow and consolidate their offer.
- 8.8. Additionally, there is evidence from the Community Champions funding programme, and broader conversations with the sector that organisations are incurring increased costs as they seek to re-open. Changes to how space is used and managed, combined with reduced fundraising in the past 18 months and uncertainty about how community members will engage with community activities after an extended period away means many organisations are taking significant financial risks in re-opening.

9. Holiday Activities Fund

- 9.1. The Holiday Activities Fund (HAF) is a DfE programme to provide enriching activities alongside a food offer to families in receipt of benefit related Free school Meals and other vulnerable families. Mobilising volunteers and building sector

² Community Champions programme will report wider progress and impact to Health Scrutiny

capacity is an expressed secondary outcome of the programme. In Stockport direct investment was made in Sector3 with Street Games to ensure VCFSE organisations had the support they needed to meet required DfE standard to delivery on HAF. 24 VCFSE organisations expressed an interest and 15 are delivering as part of the summer programme.

- 9.2. A number of providers expressed an interest in delivering activities or approaches that were out of scope of strict HAF criteria and there is a need to ensure these organisations can develop their offer using other resources, harnessing the increased energy from the VCFSE to support young people who have been significantly impacted by Covid.
- 9.3. The increased focus on ensuring support and activities for young people impacted by the pandemic is bringing together VCFSE providers into a network that can ensure providers work more coherently going forward.

10. State of the Sector

- 10.1. The GM State of the Sector research which catalysed the Stockport Local Fund in 2017 was repeated in 2020. The research provides both a local and GM perspective of the needs and value of the sector, capturing the impact of Covid on VCFSE operations and consolidating the learning themes that have emerged from the above programmes.
- 10.2. The report identified the continued imbalance within Stockport's VCSE with 77% of organisations considered to be micro organisations (annual income <£10k) compared with 71% across GM. Of the 1,600 VCSE organisations in Stockport 40 (2.5%) are in receipt of 60% of VCFSE income.
- 10.3. Sector income is drawn from a range of sources and whilst grant continues to be an important funding source 63% of organisations have at least one source of non-public funding with 20% employing fundraising, 15% membership fees and 14% business donations/ sponsorship to ensure diverse funding streams.
- 10.4. In addition to funding VCFSE organisations mobilise significant resource through volunteer hours with 57,488 volunteers giving 213,536 each week with a value of £98m per annum. 79% of volunteer's hours were attributed to micro organisations whilst 6% of volunteer hours were attributed to medium organisations who make up 8% of the sector.
- 10.5. Partnership working has been identified as a critical factor in managing demand when challenged by limited resources and tackling health inequalities³. Relationships across the VCFSE are good with 83% of organisations having dealings with other VCFSE organisations, 89% with SMBC and 61% with private business. However these relationships have yet to translate into meaningful partnerships with only 4% of organisations reporting a great amount of dealings with the private sector and 17% with the VCFSE sector locally. A third of organisations reported that they were satisfied with their ability to influence SMBC.
- 10.6. Further analysis will be brought to a future Scrutiny committee following the publication of the Stockport and Greater Manchester full reports in September 2021

³ Marmott

11. Future Plans and Next Steps

11.1. Going forward in a period of significant uncertainty for the VCFSE it is important that the approach to community investment can remain agile and respond to need whilst also providing confidence and resilience, future proofing the sector in areas where need is likely to increase.

11.2. **Emerging Priorities**

11.3. Three areas of focus have been identified where local VCFSE capacity could be enhanced: Food, Youth Activities, Equalities. In each of these areas cross sector networks have established to coordinate the local offer and develop a cohesive response to need.

11.4. Recognising that the established phases of bi-annual funding may constrain the community response if applications are limited to the phase 6 timeframe an allocation from SLF will be ring-fenced for themes and if appropriate delegated to the emergent cross sector networks to oversee. In so doing both consolidate their role as a collaborative forum to address community need and to move funds more efficiently to where they are needed to support the community to re-orientate activities from crisis response to community resilience and ultimately recovery at a pace that works for communities as a posed to pre-set funding phases.

11.5. Additionally, as mentioned above the cost of re-opening is impacting organisations confidence to resume activities. Whilst the focus of SLF has, and will continue to be, growth and diversification of the sector it is important to acknowledge that in this next phase of funding a more flexible approach to running costs may need to be taken to ensure organisations that have previously added value to communities can resume their activities with limited financial risk.

11.6. **Larger grants up to 30k**

11.7. In July 2020, an executive decision was taken to increase the upper limit for grant funding to ensure VCFSE organisations had the support they need during a sustained period of change. To date larger investments have been reserved for exceptional circumstances but were more widely tested under Community Champions. It is now timely to more broadly operationalise this upper limit. Making awards of up to £30k in phase 6 will both support organisational sustainability and provide an increased degree of financial certainty to allow the sector to develop their offer to meet changed community need.

11.8. Larger investments will be restricted to organisations with a proven track record of delivery, be made only where they are facilitating organisational development and linked to support where needed to ensure impact.

11.9. Work will also continue with colleagues from across all directorates to maximise fund potential and to bring services closer to the fund. The report in September 2020 set out changes in decision making where each directorate was brought closer to the decision making on investments that would directly impact their service users. Going forward the fund will be further aligned with service transformation priorities and partnerships developed between services and VCFSE organisations particularly but not exclusively where larger investments are made.

11.10. **Smaller Grants**

- 11.11. The Voluntary sector is diverse to meet this there must be access to a diverse grant system. Simple and easy to apply for grass roots groups is particularly crucial in periods of uncertainty and change. The small grants programme must be able to respond to this need and reach all communities. As detailed above collaboration and support is a key element of small grants.
- 11.12. Sector3 have proved well placed to mobilise and deliver small grants programmes and lever private investment whilst also providing support.
- 11.13. The importance of place based support via the Team Around the Place has also proved valuable in developing grass roots community action aligned to early help priorities.
- 11.14. It is proposed that going forward the allocation of small grants is devolved to Sector3 and the place based teams linked to preventative services to allow for funding to reach deeper into communities and create local ownership of the fund, encouraging innovative applications, increasing fund visibility and maximising match funding.
- 11.15. Devolving small grants will also free capacity to quality assure these larger investments set out above.

12. Sector 3

- 12.1. Sector 3 have demonstrated in a brief time the value added by a local infrastructure body, [appendix 4.1](#). They are key partners in coordinating the above referenced networks and supporting wider organisational capacity building including through the mobilisation of volunteers. Work will continue with Sector 3 to develop an infrastructure organisation that is right for Stockport communities.
- 12.2. Further funding has been identified to develop the Sector3, [Appendix 4.2](#), providing both a direct investment in core costs and allocations to support emerging priorities.

13. Internal Capacity

- 13.1. The SLF was setup to grow capacity in the sector, which as previously stated requires both financial investment but also support. Having people with the right skills, knowledge and expertise will be key as we enter the next phase of funding and our ambition for a thriving voluntary sector. To compliment the investment in Sector3 funding will also be used to create temporary posts that can work with the VCFSE organisations, TAPs and statutory services to build collaborative partnership networks whilst also administering a robust and transparent grant funding programme.

14. One Stockport

- 14.1. The launch of One Stockport in 2020 brought new focus to the narrative of 'Connected communities'. The campaign has a profile and resonance across the sectors and the potential to reconnect people to their town and bring the different communities and sectors closer together.
- 14.2. The One Stockport messaging will encourage collaboration and will create civic pride supporting growth across Stockport while tackling inequalities, it is a shared vision for how we can make best use of existing capacity and create new stronger sector co-operation.

14.3. It is therefore proposed that the Stockport Local Fund integrate into One Stockport and be launched under this banner to further consolidate the messaging of connected communities.

15. Members

15.1. Elected Members remain a key stakeholder in the delivery of any community investment programme. The SLF benefits from the knowledge members have about their area, helping to raise the profile of the fund and encouraging strong applications from the areas they represent. To do this effectively members must be equipped with the right information. Communication with Elected Members will be improved with the opportunity to be engaged in local area funding workshops when these resume, and information about all activity funded in a ward will be shared with ward Members.

16. Recommendations

That the committee:

Note the progress and impact of delivering the SLF in 20/21

Support the ongoing development of the related programme of work including

- The strategic investment in Sector3
- Closer alignment of small grants with Sector3
- Development of thematic networks and investment to support emerging priorities
- Endorse the alignment of the Stockport Local Fund to the One Stockport brand
- Support the launch of phase 6 in autumn
- Receive a further update on the State of the Sector

Appendix 1: Timeline and investment

Figure 1. From opening of scheme to grant award.



Figure 2
Investments to date:

Stockport Local Fund Phase	Total Investment
Phase One	£132,445.99
Phase Two	£110,913.00
Phase Three	£150,511.00
Phase Four	£88,858.00
Phase Five	£271,778.50
Covid Response 1	£49,635
Covid Response 2	£22,728
Total invested to date	£826,879

Appendix 2: Phase 2 Priorities

- increase social contact and support for people experiencing social isolation and loneliness
- get more people involved in supporting each other with long-term physical and/or mental health conditions
- get more people to succeed in making long-term lifestyle changes to improve their own health and wellbeing
- work together with schools, police, youth offending services or local support agencies and the communities they serve
- create opportunities for people at risk to help them fulfil their potential
- build relationships between communities, peer groups or generations with a focus on mentoring and buddying

Appendix 3: Funding Breakdown

1. Phase 1

1a. Funded groups under £500

Organisation	Title	Amount
Cale Green Women's Institute	Setting up a friendship group.	£500.00
Heaton Norris Dementia Group	Supporting people with dementia and their Carers.	£500.00
Luncheon Club for older members of the community	Marple URC Day Centres	£500.00
OWLS (Ongoing Women's Local Support)	Supporting victims of domestic abuse.	£486.00
Practice Champions	Weekly session to improve health and wellbeing.	£500.00
Rotary Club	Basic cooking skills for children	£350.00
SPARC (Stockport Progress and Recovery Centre)	Football group participating in local disability league.	£490.00
Stockport RUFC All Stars	Rugby team for children with disabilities.	£400.00
	Total Amount	£3726

1b. Projects Funded over £500

Organisation	Title	Amount
Alvanley Practice Champions	Alvanley Practice Health Champions Community Allotment	£10,000.00
Arc	Arts for Ageing Well	£3,600.00
Beacon Counselling	Safe Space	£10,000.00
Cheadle Heath Community Association	Friendly Fridays	£10,000.00
Christ with All Saints Parochial Church Council	Wonderful Things in Heaton Norris!	£4,500.00
EDUCATE - Early Dementia Users Cooperative Aiming to Educate	'It's all about Music and Laughter'	£4,700.00
Heart	HEART domestic violence prevention	£9,759.00
Jump Space	Independence through bounce	£10,000.00
Mode Rehabilitation	Helping people live their potential youth outreach	£10,000.00
North West Media	I am	£10,000.00
Olive Community Project	Olive Harvest	£5,000.00
Project.INC	Isolation Nation-connecting the disconnected	£9,800.00
Pure Innovations	The Kitchen	£9,985.99
Redeeming Our Communities	ROC Community Mentoring	£5,375.00
Walthew House	Making More Happen	£7,500.00
Yaran northwest CIC	Here to Help	£8,500.00
	Total Amount	£128,719.99

Phase 1 Grand Total	£132,445.99
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2. Phase 2

2a. Funded groups under 500

Organisation	Title	Amount
Cafe Unity	Cafe Life	£500.00
Cale Green WI	Personal Safety workshops	£500.00
Heatons' Men In Sheds	Heatons Men in Sheds Wood Workshop Tools	£480.00
Individual	Ladies Wellbeing Group	£250.00
Positive Arts Stockport	Positive Arts	£500.00
Stockport Music In Sheds	Stockport Music in Sheds	£495.00
	Total Amount	£2,725

2b. Funded groups over 500

Organisation	Title	Amount
Brinnington Events Team (B.E.T)	Life's a Beach	£3000.00
CERA Cycloan	Ceracycloan Social Enterprise Skills	£9985.00
Ebony and Ivory community organisation	Reablement to integrate positively into the community,	£6000.00
Made By Mortals	Change Players	£10000.00
Nomad Construction Training CIC	Project RECCE - veterans into construction	£10000.00
Project T20 (Mode Rehabilitation-Rising Stars)	Project T20	£10000.00
Rising Stars	Stockport Podcast	£9941.00
SAZ MEDIA	SAZ MEDIA CLUB	£9914.00
Stockport and District Mind	Food for Thought	£9500.00
Stockport Music Project	Stockport Music Project - Second Session	£8360.00

Stockport Neighbourhood Watch Association	Growing SNWA network to improve community safety	£10000.00
Stockport Sands Football Club	Stockport Sands Football Club	£3000.00
Stockport Total Advocacy Trust Ltd	Corporate/Community Connector	£8488.00
	Total Amount	£108,188

Phase 2 Grand Total	£110,913
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3. Phase 3

3a. Under 500

Organisation	Title	Amount
Age UK Stockport	Step Together Stockport	£500.00
Cheadle Medical Practice Champions	Cheadle Medical Practice Champions	£500.00
Community Funday	Shaun Thomson Community Memorial Group	£500.00
Friends of Rose Vale Park	Clearing the Orchard	£500.00
Grow Edgeley	Community planting of flowerbeds around carpark at SK3 9EU	£500.00
Heald Green Friday Hub	Heald Green Friday Hub Nutrition and Friendship	£480.00
Socially Yours	Socially Yours Community Allotment	£500.00
The Friends of High Lane and Brookside Parks	Promotion of social interaction and inclusion in our parks	£500.00
The Keenagers	Keenagers active over 60s social club	£500.00
	Total Amount	£4,480

3b. Over 500

Organisation	Title	Amount
Arc	Creative Mums	£9,840.00
Heatons Heritage Society	Time Tourist app connects people with the past using AR	£6,400.00
MENTELL	Mentell Stockport	£9,438.00
Mirrlees Fields Friends Group	Walk on the Wild side	£2,500.00
New Beginnings GM	New Beginnings Greater Manchester	£10,000.00
Olive Community Project	Olive Belles	£2,000.00
OmniMusic	Stockport Celebrating Sound!	£9,450.00
OWLS (Ongoing Women's Local Support)	Expansion of OWLS	£10,000.00
Reddish North End FC	North Reddish Park Community Pavilion	£9,000.00
Reddish Vale Men in Sheds	Growing the Group	£5,969.00
Royal Mencap Society	Round the World Challenge	£10,000.00
SAZ MEDIA	Love my community	£5,286.00
St Cuthbert's	St Cuthbert's Community Cafe	£1,127.00
St Matthew's Church	Connected Communities	£10,000.00
Stockport and District Mind	Engagement Volunteers	£9,879.00
Stockport Women's Centre	Come Along and Meet Each Other	£8,800.00
The Cherry Tree Project	The Cherry Tree Project (The September Plan)	£3,848.00
Tusome	Tusome Homework Club	£10,000.00
We Care NW	IN YOUR CORNER - a boxing/wellbeing programme	£9,790.00
Wycliffe Congregational Church	SOCIAL - Stamp Out Social Isolation and Loneliness	£2,708.00

	Total Amount	£146,031
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Phase 3 Grand Total		£150,511
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4. Phase 4

4a. Under 500

Organisation	Title	Amount
Arty Kind	Arty Kind	£500.00
Gatley Carrs conservation group	Gatley Carrs Nature Reserve	£499.00
LADS	The LADS Group	£500.00
Miss Nikki Franklin	Rhoddy and Ivy bashing brigade	£500.00
Stockport Cloth Nappy Library	Stockport Cloth Nappy	£500.00
Stockport ME Group	Working to Bring Workshops to the Home	£400.00
	Total Amount	£2,899

4b. Rent Grants

Organisation	Title	Amount
Brinnington Activity Group	Brinnington Activity Group	£500.00
Brinnington Craft Club	Brinnington Craft Club	£500.00
Brinnington Short Mat Bowling Club	Rent grant	£500.00
Chelwood Baptist Church	Young at Hearts	£500.00
Chelwood Tots	Rent grant	£500.00
Hazel Grove machine knitting club	Rent grant	£375.00
Heald Green Pensioners Social Club	Rent grant	£500.00

Kozi Pensioners Club	Rent grant	£500.00
Little Arthurs Playgroup	Little Arthurs Playgroup Rent Grant	£500.00
Paint Box Art Club	Paint Box Art Club	£500.00
Stockport Stroke Support Group	Rent grant	£300.00
Tame Valley Women's Club	Rent support for Tame Valley Women's Club	£500.00
	Total Amount	£5,675

4c. Over 500

Organisation	Title	Amount
Adswood Community Centre	Adswood Community Centre	£6912.00
Great Minds Together	Great Minds Together	£10,000.00
Heaton Norris Community Centre Pavilion	Grow the Community	£10,000.00
Man about a Dog	Man about a Dog	£10,000.00
Pure Insight	Insightful Parenting	£10,000.00
Starting Point Community Learning Partnership	Digi know Lending Library	£9,673.00
Sunflower Alley	Sunflower Alley	£999.00
Sustainable Living in the Heatons	Programme of Environmental Change for the Heatons 2020	£3,100.00
The Veterans Food Company	The Stockport Veterans Lunch	£9,600.00
TLC: Talk, Listen, Change	TLC for Stockport	£10,000.00
	Total Amount	£80,285

Phase 4 Grand Total	£88,858
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5. Phase 5

5a. Awards £500-10k

Organisation	Title	Amount Awarded
Beechwood Cancer Care Centre	Beechwood Online Counselling and Wellbeing Support	£10,000.00
Cheadle Heath Community Association (Friendly Fridays project)	Digital PLC Project (be Present, Learn, Connect)	£4,450.00
Coffee, Chill & Spill	Coffee, Chill & Spill	£1,000.00
Community College Kitchen (operating from Stockport College)	The Community College Kitchen	£7,500.00
Cracking Good Food	Cracking Good Food 'Cook Pods'	£4,914.00
CRADLE	Cradle	£5,000.00
Culture Bridge	Global Kitchen	£7,700.00
Disability Stockport	Mood lounge	£10,000.00
Dry Wave Recovery CIC	Dry Wave	£5,000.00
Ebony and Ivory community organisation	SUPPORTING THE NEEDS OF AFRICAN AND CARIBBEAN YOUNG PEOPLE	£9,050.00
Great Minds Together	Supporting young people at risk of crime and/or exploitation	£10,000.00
Individual	Men's mental health	£1,700.00
Jean Byers Community Hub (formally known as Bredbury Community Hub)	Cook Along With	£10,000.00
Jump Space	Jump Space Equipment and Resource Library	£8,910.00
Keira's Kingdom	Keira's Kingdom Walk, listen, talk service	£10,000.00
KIDS	Stockport's Young People's Community Connections	£10,000.00
Love Heaton Chapel	Greening the alley ways of Heaton Chapel	£500.00
Men alive	connecting the N5 way - Men alive	£1,000.00
Merseyway Workshop	Merseyway Workshop	£4,055.00

NK Theatre Arts	Film Forum	£3,263.00
Offerton Community Fit Fed and Fun	Cakes and Bakes	£8,000.00
Our Boards CIC	Our Boards online parent carer workshops supporting SEND	£4,913.50
OWLS	OWLS All Inclusive	£9,972.00
Pedal further CIC	Bike smart	£10,000.00
Pie Radio UK	The Youth Radio Show (The Comment Section)	£9,850.00
PIE: Pursuing Individual Excellence	PIE Slices Woodley	£9,995.00
Pure Innovations / Wellbeing Independence Network	Stockport Connected.	£6,904.00
Pure Innovations Ltd	Connect & Unite	£10,000.00
Read Easy Stockport	Read Easy Stockport group	£2,800.00
Renewal North West	Digital Refurb	£10,000.00
Signpost Stockport for Carers	Stockport Carers Spa and Sanctuary	£7,700.00
Smart Works Greater Manchester	Smart Works Local	£5,000.00
SRMD UK Manchester Centre	Sharing skills and serving the community	£3,000.00
St Cuthbert's church	Handy Ladies feeding the community	£3,000.00
Stockport Advocacy	Stockport Advocacy digital offer	£6,192.00
Stockport Afternoon Flower Club	Digital support for elderly members	£800.00
Stockport Allergy Mummas	Stockport Allergy Mumma's	£500.00
Stockport Cloth Nappy Library	Stockport Cloth Nappy Library: Long-Term Nappy Hire Scheme	£750.00
Stockport Harriers Special Athletics Group	Launching Stockport Harriers Special Athletics Group	£8,650.00
Stockport Progress and Recovery Centre	SPARC Cafe	£9,800.00
THE ORCHARD PROJECT	Stockport Orchard Works (S.O.W)	£10,000.00

WE CARE NW LTD (BOOST programme)	BOOST Stockport	£9,910.00
	Total Amount	£271,778.50

Phase 5 Grand Total	£271,778.50
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6. Covid Community Response Fund

1. Round 1

Project	Details	Amount
Abney Café	Delivering food parcels.	£1,000.00
Active Communities Ltd	Sports Classes	£1,000.00
African and Caribbean Community Association	Covid-19 Peer Support for Black Men	£1,000.00
Age UK	Mobile phones to support connectivity for older isolated people.	£1,000.00
All Hallows Church	Cheadle FM	£1,000.00
AutiSK	Activity packs for children with autism.	£1,000.00
Beechwood Cancer Care	Online Counselling	£1,000.00
BME Engagement Covid 19	EalCO	£1,000.00
Brinnington Big Local	Portable food bank support for self – isolating in Brinnington.	£1,000.00
Compstall Community Council	Shopping and Food Parcels	£500.00
Disability Stockport	Helpline providing support including shopping, food parcels and medication for people with disabilities.	£1,000.00
Doorstep depot	Starting Point Community Learning Partnership	£695.00
Forward (Stockport LGBT+ Centre CIC)	Helpline LGBT	£1,000.00
Gatley Community Help Group	Mutual aid group providing shopping,	£1,000.00

	food parcels and medication in Gatley.	
Handy Ladies Feed the Community	Handy Ladies Feeding the Community	£1,000.00
Hazel Grove Mutual Aid	Mutual aid group providing support including shopping, food parcels and medication in Hazel Grove.	£1,000.00
Heaton Norris Sunday Dinners	Delivering hot Sunday meal to older people in Heaton Norris.	£1,000.00
Heatons Covid-19 outreach	Mutual aid group providing shopping, food parcels and medication in Heatons.	£1,000.00
Help Your Neighbour	Mutual aid group providing support including shopping, food parcels and medication in Brinnington.	£1,000.00
Helping hands Bramhall	Mutual aid group providing shopping, food parcels and medication in Bramhall.	£1,000.00
Helping Hands Cheadle Hulme	Mutual aid group providing shopping, food parcels and medication in Cheadle Area.	£1,000.00
Individual	Hot meals delivered to vulnerable people in Offerton and surrounding area.	£450.00
Individual	Mutual aid group providing food packs in Edgeley Area.	£1,000.00
It's her story	Acheiverplus	£1,000.00
Keira's Kingdom	Well-being Support	£1,000.00
Lanky hill aid group.	Delivering support packages and shopping support in Lancashire Hill.	£1,000.00
Manchester Rugby Club	Group providing support including shopping, food parcels and medication.	£500.00

Marple Sports Club	Household and sport packs.	£1,000.00
Mentell	Online counselling support for men.	£900.00
Mode Rehabilitation	Virtual counselling support for young people.	£1,000.00
Multi mediums to enable vulnerable women to access help	OWLS (Ongoing Women's Local Support)	£1,000.00
Nomad Construction Training CIC	Online counselling support for veterans.	£1,000.00
Offerton and Great Moor Covid-19 community group	Mutual aid group providing online support In Offerton and Heaton.	£1,000.00
Our Boards CIC	Online Classes for Families SEND	£985.00
Pie Radio	Pie Radio	£1,000.00
PIE: Pursuing Individual Excellence	Home learning support packs for young people.	£1,000.00
Providing Care for Care Staff and Those Effected by Covid19	Providing Care for Care Staff and Those Effected by Covid19	£500.00
Pure Innovations	Preparing emergency food packs.	£1,000.00
Re-lay for Life	Stockport Purple People	£250.00
Romiley Life Centre	Proving emergency food parcels in Romiley/Cheadle.	£1,000.00
SEA	Phone calls to Isolated	£500.00
SEND Code CIC	SEND Code remote 1:1 digital pathway	£1,000.00
Signpost Stockport for Carers	Helpline providing emotional support.	£1,000.00
Starting Point Community Learning Partnership	Mutual aid group requiring PPE equipment in Woodley.	£305.00
Step Ahead community group	Delivering Children activity packs.	£750.00
Stockport and District Mind	Helpline providing emotional support to those isolated.	£1,000.00
Stockport College	Food bank for students and their families.	£1,000.00

Stockport Community Cooking Programme	The Veterans Food Co CIC	£1,000.00
Stockport Loaves and Fishes	Emergency food packs.	£1,000.00
Stockport SEND Families	Virtual activities for families.	£1,000.00
Stockport User Friendly Fellowship Mental Health Charity	Helpline providing support including shopping, food parcels and medication.	£1,000.00
The Cherry Tree Project	Online cooking sessions for families.	£500.00
The Cherry Tree Project	Fit and Fed	£500.00
Walthew House	Helpline providing support including shopping, food parcels and medication.	£1,000.00
Yoga for Pain and Fatigue Support	The Wellbeing Initiative	£300.00
Young Caritas	Delivering care packages to older isolated people.	£1,000.00
	Total Amount	£49,635

2. Round 2

Project	Details	Amount
Anchor Trust	Digital Access	£1,000.00
Autisk	Digital Fun Time	£500.00
Cherry Tree	Fit and fed	£1,000.00
Community Music Coop	Dementia Support	£1,000.00
Community Active Stockport	Virtual Village Tour	£1,000.00
County Foundation	Support to schools	£800.00
Drawing Room productions	Newspaper Covid	£1,000.00
Friends of Heaton Norris Park	Gardening Project	£802.00
Gatley Foodbank	Food Bank	£1,000.00

Gatley Self Help Group	Covid Support	£1,000.00
Helping Hands Bramhall	Mutual Aid Support	£1,000.00
Headway Stockport & SM	Taxi Service	£1,000.00
Independent Options	Movie night for children with disabilities and their families	£232.00
It's her Story	Mothers wellness drop-in	£1,000.00
Jak Arts	Singing	£400.00
Keelies Disco	Cheer Up Packs-Disability	£1,000.00
Life Skills Bredbury	Life Skills Training	£850.00
Love Heaton Norris	Green Space development	£950.00
Marple Dementia	Dementia Support	£1,000.00
Marple Sports Club	Well-Being	£1,000.00
Oromo Community	Supporting New Settlers	£950.00
Refugee Support Group	Digital Access	£800.00
SAZ Media	Youth Project Media	£1,000.00
STUFF	Mental Health Support	£1,000.00
Tranquil Way	Art Project	£500.00
Your FM	Home Broadcasting	£944.00
	Total Amount	£22,728

Figure 3

The table below highlights the charitable or social purpose of the applicant applying, although projects may vary the applicant will always look to achieve outcomes against their charitable or social purpose.

Phase 2 Applications by type of core charitable or social purpose.

Organisation	Charitable/ Social Purpose	Application Type
Brinnington Events Team (B.E.T)	Community Events	Community Cohesion Event

Cafe Unity	Older Social Support	Older people support group
Cale Green WI	Women's Organisation	Women's learning and Mental Well-Being
CERA Cycloan	Skills and Training Youth	Bike project working with NEET young people
Ebony and Ivory community organisation	BAME Organisation	Supporting BAME communities new to the UK
Heatons' Men in Sheds	Reducing isolation Men	Men's Mental Well-Being
Individual Emerging BAME Women's Project	BAME Women	Indian Women Support Group
Made by Mortals (Pure Innovations)	Learning Disability	Theatre production and stage play
Nomad Construction Training CIC Project RECCE	Supporting Veterans into Employment	Employment
Positive Arts Stockport	Arts	Learning and Mental Well-Being
Project T20 (Mode Rehabilitation-Rising Stars and Project Inc)	Youth Mental Health and Youth Music	Collaborative bid working with NEET young people
Rising Stars NW CIC	Skills and Training Youth Music	Youth music project for young people.
SAZ MEDIA	Arts Youth	Photography project for young people
Stockport & District Mind	Mental Health	Increased capacity to develop volunteering programme
Stockport Music in Sheds	Reducing isolation in Men	Learning and Mental Well-Being
Stockport Music Project	Skills and Training Music	Learning and Mental Well-Being
Stockport Neighbourhood Watch Association	Neighbourhood Watch	Development of Neighbourhood watch scheme
Stockport Sands Football Club	Supporting Men with Bereavement of Child	Men's Mental Well-Being
Stockport Total Advocacy Trust ltd	Learning Disability	Increased capacity to generate income from rental space

Appendix 4 – Sector 3 and Infrastructure Impact and Investment

4.1 - Impact to date

Voluntary Community Faith and Social Enterprise Sector Networks (VCFSE)
The VCFSE Forum established to respond to covid and co-chaired by Sector3 with SMBC has consolidated its role as a place for VCFSE collaboration and is working to ensure it is fully representative of the sector and communities. Other networks have been mapped to identify gaps and ensure connectivity between these networks and the forum to help mobilise, respond, and incorporate the perspectives of a broad spectrum of individuals, organisations, and groups.

Equality Network

The Equality Network is delivered by Sector 3 committed to equality, they will develop a strong network of locally based organisations to champion inclusion and equitable outcomes for all communities. They will support organisations to develop awareness and understanding to tackle discrimination and promote social inclusion.

The Funding Alliance

A funding alliance connecting key grant giving stakeholders has expanded its core partners from SMBC, Sector 3, Stockport Homes and Life Leisure to also include Great Places and Onward Housing. The aim is to coordinate in house funding programmes and lever in external grants. The Alliance have provided workshops with external funders, training, grant searches, bid writing and actively promoted funding opportunities. In the last six months over 800k in external funding has been brought into Stockport.

The Volunteer Hub

A HealthWatch lead pilot Volunteer Hub ran through 20/21 in June the Volunteer Hub was formally launched in partnership with SEctor3 providing a one stop shop to make volunteering easier for those that want to get involved and to support the voluntary sector in finding volunteers. The Volunteer Hub will match prospective volunteers to volunteer involving organisations across Stockport and work to improve the number of opportunities available locally for people. They will be a voice for volunteers and celebrate their contribution to Stockport.

One Stockport

One Stockport is a campaign consolidates the message that community connections are a fundamental part of thriving communities and a thriving third sector. Sector3 have supported organisations to engage in the campaign and make it real at the grass roots in a way that makes it tangibly beneficial for all parties. Examples include the coordinated delivery and community call to action around Christmas giving.

4.2 - Planned Investment

Investment	Purpose	amount	Timeframe (years)
Infrastructure Support	Sector3 core running costs to ensure organisational stability and	190	3

	delivery of thematic projects and priorities		
Volunteer Hub	To develop a volunteer matching offer that can support covid response and organisational recovery	120	2
Food Network	Ensure sustainable food systems and food security for those on the lowest income, developing sustainable models of deliver for organisations providing food support to communities	20	2
Equalities Network	To sustain the equalities officer role and build networks and capacity within diverse communities and those disproportionately impacted by covid	80	2

Appendix 5 - Community Champions Investments

This programme development is funded non-recurrently from the Ministry of Housing, Communities, and Local Government (MHCLG) Community Champions: Local Authority Fund which aims to 'support a range of interventions to build upon, increase or improve existing activities to work with residents who are most at risk of Covid-19'.

Over £23 million funding was allocated to 60 councils and voluntary groups across England to expand work to support those most at risk from COVID-19 and boost vaccine take up. Stockport Council, as the accountable body, was awarded £650,000 in January 2021 to deliver a Community Champion programme in Stockport.

Micro Grants (Up to £1K)

Organisation/Network Name	Total Funding Awarded
Stockport Together	£500
Autisk	£500
Drywave Recovery	£1,000
Hazel Grove Mutual Aid	£1,000
Arty Kind	£975
Bosden Farm Community Group (Mutual Aid)	£500
Step Ahead Community Group	£930
Cheadle and Gatley Junior Football Club	£500
The Heatons Post Hub	£1,000
Independent Options Children and Family Centre	£1,000
Women's Coffee Morning	£800
St Catherine's Church	£500
Sands United Stockport FC	£800
Stockport Community Cycling Club	£920
EDUCATE – The Early Dementia Users Co-operative Aiming to Educate	£980
The Garden House Marple	£1,000
Forward (Stockport LGBT+ Centre CIC)	£1,000
Stockport Oromo Community	£1,000
Pretty Tough Things (PIE: Pursuing Individual Excellence)	£500
Socially Yours	£578
Aspiring Boldly Associates	£500
APNA Women's Group	£990
Keira's Kingdom	£990
ST4ND	£1,000
Hazel Grove Cricket Club	£1,000
The Wellbeing Initiative	£675
	£21,138

Medium Grants - CC SLF

Up to £5K Single Organisations

Organisation/Network	Project Title	Total Funding
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Name		Awarded
Walthew House	Community Sensory Champions	£5,000
Healthwatch Stockport	Pen Pal Scheme	£2,000
Olive Sanctuary Community Project	Olive Branch/Reconnect	£3,600
Starting Point Community Learning Partnership	Summer of Sport – Bouncing Back From Lockdown	£5,000
Renew Stockport	Stockport Iranian Sewing Group	£4,000
Friendly Fridays	Spring Back Project	£3,000
St Matthew's Church	Connected Communities	£3,000
		£25,600

Up to £20K Partnerships

Organisation/Network Name	Project Title	Total Funding Awarded
We Care NW Ltd/TPA	BOOST x TPA: Wellbeing Champions	£19,700
ACE & ST4ND	ACE Talking Cafe	£20,000
Make a Difference/Heaton Norris Pavilion	Make a Difference – COVID Support	£14,300
		£54,000

Strategic Partner investments

Organisation Name	Total Funding Awarded
Pure Innovations	£20,674
Age Uk Stockport	£40,935
Signpost for Carers	£32,77
Stockport Race Equality Partnership	£40,900
Seashell Trust/Disability Stockport	£30,000
Pie Radio/Rising Stars	£47,100
Starting Point/Stockport College	£32,770
<i>Partnership investment (mental health and wellbeing)</i>	TBA
	249,139

