

Meeting	Full Council
Date	21 st July 2026
Report Title	Community Grants
Agenda Reference	14B) 1 & 2
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Officer's Recommendation:

1. To agree in principle to award £500.00 to Open Door, subject to answers to enquiries.
2. To agree a maximum of £1,570.00 to Torn Curtain, via room hire costs and material costs, subject to answers to enquiries.

Background

Following Community Development Committee on 7th July 2026, two of the applications were deferred requesting further information:

- **Open Door, £500.00** – how much of a difference will £500.00 make if they do not get the full £10,000.00 and how many of their service users live in Haydon Wick
- **Torn Curtain, £1,929.00** – how much of their grant is for room hire, could they utilise the large meeting room at Haydon Wick Council Offices and reduce the costs

We are awaiting answers from both applicants.

Budget

The remaining budget available for this round of grants is **£2,070.00**.

If the full grant amount of **£500.00** is awarded to **Open Door**, the remaining budget will be **£1,570.00**.

Subject to confirmation that room hire costs can be offset against the **Torn Curtain** grant, it may be possible to reduce the grant award accordingly.

This would allow the room hire to be funded through the provision of Council Offices facilities, with a smaller grant contributing towards materials and staff time.

There is clear evidence of a need for this project within the parish, and it also presents opportunities to develop several partnership initiatives. As such, a combination of room hire support, and a reduced financial grant could represent an effective use of the remaining grant budget.

The approximate cost of the room hire will be **£1,058.40** (on the basis it is £17.60ph x 3-hour sessions for x 12 weeks). There may be potential income for refreshments if this works better for the facilitators.

The grant award works the same way, but the grant funding will be vired directly to the room hire income pot. £511.60 could then be used for materials and resources to facilitate the sessions.