

## **COVID-19- Funding Support for the Community Interim Report, 2December 2020**

This fund has been specifically created by The Friends of Fairford and Lechlade Communities (FFLC) to provide urgent financial support to the voluntary sector agencies and individuals requiring assistance during the Covid-19 crisis. This scheme has been funded by a very generous contribution from The Lakes ByYoo and the FFLC.

Since the start of the fund distribution on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020, the Community Support Action Group (CSAG) have met up to 3 times per week to discuss new applications and review progress of on-going requests. We are still meeting the designated targets for review and payment and to date we have received 57 applications from 49 individuals and organisations. We continue to see repeat applications from a few parties as the effects of Covid-19 continue to cause hardship and disruption in our community. Further to the last report, we continue to consider the best ways to market the fund, in order to ensure that those in the community are well- placed to receive this vital lifeline.

The current status of applications is:

- 37 of the applications have been approved for payment, or paid, totalling **£55,424**, all of which has been confirmed as received by applicants
- 6 applications are awaiting review or further information
- 13 applications have been rejected - 2 are out of area, 1 is an umbrella request for 4 organisations (who have been asked to re-submit separately), 5 applicants requested funding for expenditure not related to Covid-19, 2 asked to replace lost income, 1 was asking to set up a business, 1 was for costs that should be covered by the Govt and 1 organisation has been asked to re-apply when a grant from the Govt has been exhausted
- 1 application has been withdrawn
- At the moment the total amounts for those funds approved and those still under discussion amount to just under 50% of the applications total

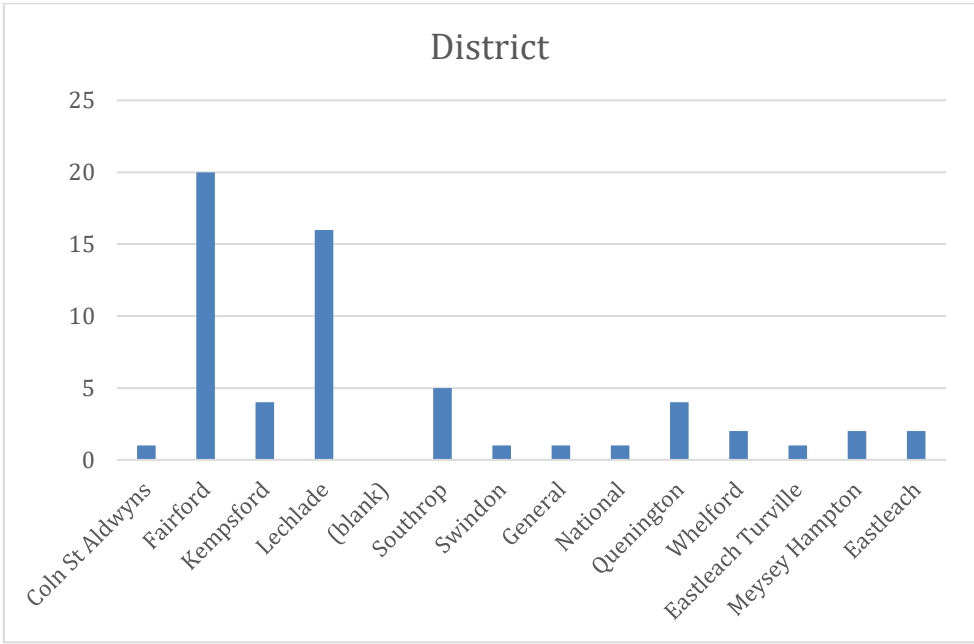
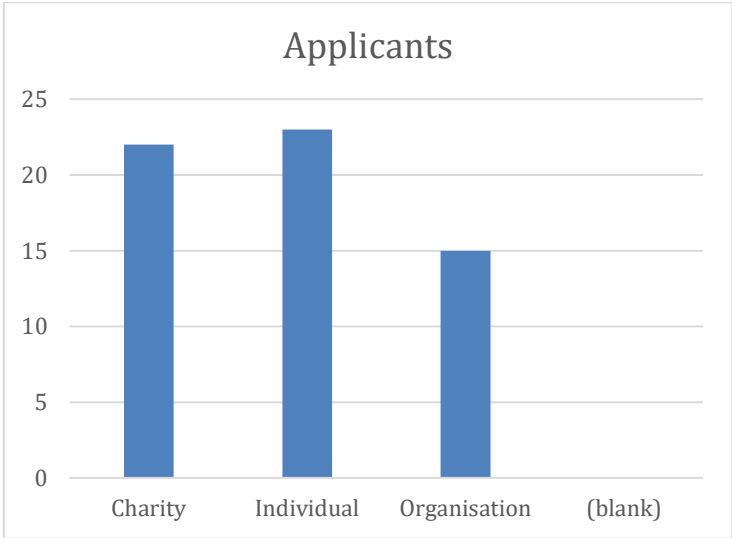
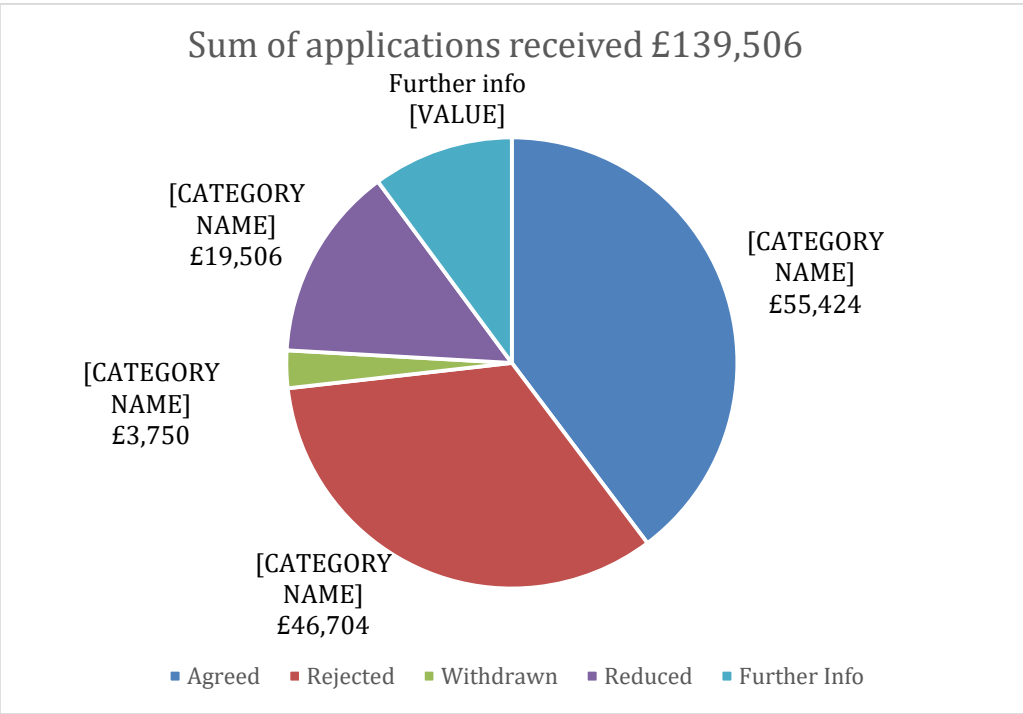
The spread of applications, by district, is still split fairly evenly between Fairford (20), Lechlade (16) and the surrounding villages (21). In addition to supporting the community covering costs including clothing and utilities, food and transport, we are seeing more applications to cover counselling and other healthcare costs that would normally be covered by the NHS.

The CSAG have reviewed each application, together with supporting documentation, and in making their decision have taken into consideration individual personal circumstances, the accounts of organisations and other information available in the public domain about the organisation.

Following on from our last report, and in parallel, Jeff has worked on the process and form for applications for our Family Funding Support Service; these are now on the FFLC website.

Further interim reports will be produced, until the end of the grant period.

**On behalf of the Community Support Action Group**



**Please note:** Data relating to the applications, including the log of applications, application forms and supporting documentation, is password-protected and held on the FFLC Google Drive; it is for reference purposes only. At the end of the grant period, all personalised data will be deleted and the remaining data on the log will be anonymised (internal reference id, district, amount paid and description of approval process)



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