

Grants awarded 2015-2016

It is 20 years since Essex Community Foundation distributed its first grants. In that first year we awarded grants totalling £69,150 to 24 voluntary organisations. This year 359 voluntary organisations and individuals received grants totalling £2.6 million.

This significant achievement is thanks to the foresight of our founders and the generosity of everyone who has supported the Foundation since 1996.

Our grantmaking remains at the heart of our work and we continue to be able to help the many organisations that are contributing to their communities across our wonderful county of Essex.

We have the ability to award grants of all sizes, such as **£828** to the Canvey Island Swimming Club to teach disadvantaged children to swim, **£4,000** for SAFE to help adults with Asperger's learn to communicate effectively, and a grant totalling **£84,000** over three years to Home-Start Chelmsford for their work with vulnerable families who are under stress.

We continue to support a wide range of small, grassroots organisations that work tirelessly to make a difference. As well as project costs, our grants can be used to support an organisation's everyday running costs, staff salaries, volunteer expenses and one-off costs.

Our ability to tailor our grantmaking to reflect the individual wishes of our fundholders, matched with the diverse needs of the voluntary and community sector in Essex, is a distinguishing feature of ECF. Our grantmaking may have grown since our inception in 1996, but our average grant remains at around **£4,000** with **78%** of applications received this year requesting a grant of **£5,000** or less. And so, this has been another busy year for the grants team with an 8% increase in grant applications.

As a community foundation we cannot, and must not work in isolation of our communities, and ECF places great value on community engagement. There is still so much written about the continuing strain placed on charities as they struggle to secure the funds they need, so working with them to understand how things are changing enables us to respond effectively and gives transparency and accountability to our work.

Each year we engage with an increasing number of volunteers and advisers who support our grantmaking. This includes company employees, such as those at Saffron Building Society, who make decisions about where to invest their funds, and local residents in St Osyth and Bradwell-on-Sea who participate in our wind farm panels. Their involvement ensures that our funds are directed where they will have the greatest impact and enables us to use the knowledge and understanding of local people to complement our own skills and experience.

Our research initiative, Vital Signs, underpins our work and helps us understand how issues in communities are being addressed and how Essex is performing relative to national statistics. We are also able to engage local people and encourage them to contribute and share their views of life in Essex through an annual community survey.

As we look forward to the next 20 years, all this learning and knowledge will help us to further shape our grantmaking to meet the needs of local people and keep our vision clearly in focus.

A strong generous community – an Essex where people work together to enhance the quality of local life.

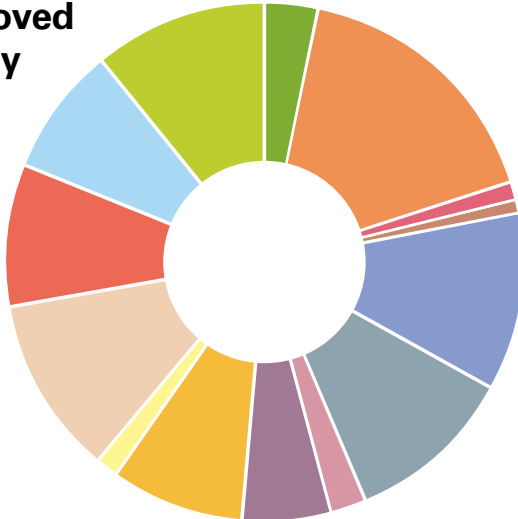
Caroline Taylor
Chief Executive



**£2.6
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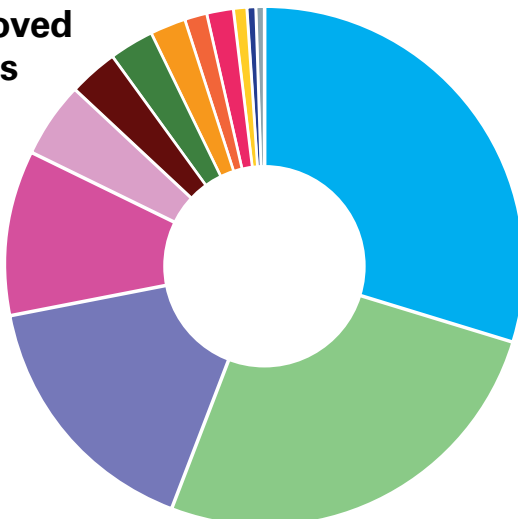
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Grants approved by geography



Basildon	£56,665	Harlow	£92,547
Braintree	£275,349	Maldon	£137,059
Brentwood	£17,317	Rochford	£21,740
Castle Point	£14,407	Southend-on-Sea	£182,696
Chelmsford	£183,097	Tendring	£146,087
Colchester	£177,242	Thurrock	£133,373
Epping Forest	£36,213	Uttlesford	£177,404

Grants approved by Vital Signs theme



Healthy Living	£636,145	Work	£43,525
Strong Communities	£560,939	Environment	£34,520
Learning	£340,125	Houses and Homelessness	£32,490
Fairness	£219,734	Rural	£20,948
Sport and Recreation	£106,181	Transport	£14,987
Safety	£65,206	Local Economy	£6,404
Arts, Culture and Heritage	£59,945		

1st Bradwell-juxta-mare Guides £1,690
To help take the Unit to the Essex International Jamboree.

1st Silver End Scout Group £600
Purchase of new benches for use at weekly meetings and at camp.

1st Witham Guides £2,480
To attend the 2016 Essex International Scout and Guide Jamboree.

2nd Witham Boys' Brigade £17,067
To run community based healthy living activities and cycling project for young people and their families in Witham.

4 Youth Brightlingsea £7,500
Towards the cost of running the youth club.

4th Rochford Scout Group £5,000
To upgrade and improve facilities at the scout hall.

5th Clacton Scout Group £300
For a group of cubs and beavers to attend an "Experience Day" at the Essex International Jamboree.

A

Abacus Counselling and Support £5,000
Supporting the cost of a volunteer counselling service in Shoeburyness.

Achievement Through Football £8,500
Providing football coaching sessions and arts projects for disadvantaged young people around Milton Ward, Southend.

Action for Blind People £1,000
Providing support to people who are blind or partially sighted, helping them to live as independently as possible.

Action for Family Carers £500
To support carers and the cared for in Harlow during the winter months.

Action on Elder Abuse £5,000
For a new buddying project in Essex to support elderly victims of abuse and aid their recovery.

Active Christian Trust £500
To help run two youth clubs in Rayleigh.

Active for Life (Point Clear) £500
To subsidise a fitness class for over 50's in St. Osyth.

ADAS £1,000
To help run support groups in Harlow for those at high risk due to excessive levels of alcohol consumption.

Adventures Offshore £9,000
For disadvantaged young Essex carers to experience offshore sailing opportunities.

Age Concern Chelmsford £1,000
Providing support for older people in Chelmsford during the winter months.

Action for Family Carers



Action for Family Carers, based in Maldon, has been providing support and information to unpaid carers in Essex for 25 years. They offer a wide range of services for carers of all ages, including home visits, advocacy and group activities. Drop-in groups provide emotional support, information and an opportunity to talk and share experiences.

Age UK Colchester To pay for an outreach benefits advice worker to support elderly people.	£7,995	Autism and Nature To produce a practical guide to nature sites in Essex, which are suitable for visits by children with Autism.	£6,532
Age UK Essex To help expand a home visit and community based toenail trimming service within mid-Essex.	£4,976	Avenue Child Contact Centre To support staff salaries and volunteer training at a child contact centre in Westcliff.	£7,331
Al Falah Braintree Islamic Centre To run a fun day to help build community cohesion.	£1,500	B	
All Ability Sports & Leisure Helping disabled people in Harlow to take part in sport.	£2,500	Barrow Farm Riding for the Disabled For training, care and upkeep costs of a pony used by the youngest of the children who attend the specially equipped riding centre.	£2,414
All Saints' Church Stock Supporting the church and for repairs to the roof.	£2,000	Barrow Farm Riding for the Disabled Improvements to the car park and entrance to aid access to the centre.	£3,400
Andersons/Acres Area Community Celebration Events Providing an entertainer at a community event in Thurrock.	£200	Basildon MIND To support a youth counselling service for young people with mental stress.	£7,500
Anglia Ruskin University Bursaries for two Essex students on a 'Certificate of Higher Education Charity and Social Enterprise Management' course.	£4,500	BATIAS Independent Advocacy Service Providing workshops for people with learning difficulties at a Southend self-advocacy group.	£2,015
Anglia Ruskin University To establish a Community Think Tank, which will help improve the practice and process of meeting social needs in Essex.	£39,240	BATIAS Independent Advocacy Service To employ a volunteer manager for a Thurrock based organisation providing advocacy for adults with a learning disability.	£10,000
Ark Family Resource Centre Providing help and support to vulnerable parents and children in Harwich.	£10,000		
Assisting Adult Recovery from Childhood Abuse Running workshops for adult survivors of childhood abuse in the Colchester area.	£1,000		

Named funds

Acorn Fund

Alston Family Charitable Fund

Nicki Alvey Bazlinton Trust

Arthur J. Gallagher Community Fund

Bailey Family Fund

Bartella Charitable Fund

Beresford Foundation

Birketts Charitable Fund

Blanc Family Fund

Jerome Booth Charitable Fund

Bradwell Wind Farm Community Fund

Braintree District and Greenfields Community Fund

Britvic Community Fund

Brooks Family Fund

Butler Family Fund

Alan and Fay Cherry Fund

Clark Family Charitable Fund

Colchester Fund

Colne Community Builders Fund

Comic Relief Local Communities

Community Resilience Fund

Coode-Adams Firstsite Charitable Fund

CoombeWood Amenity Fund

Marion Ruth Courtauld Educational Fund

William Julien Courtauld Medical Fund

Crix Charitable Fund

Malcom and Beryl Crook Fund

Jean and Peter Davey Charitable Fund

Grant facts!

33% of applicants applied to ECF for the first time

BCCS Towards the cost of providing support, counselling and mentoring for children and families across Essex, and to install a new database system to aid fundraising.	£8,750	Bradwell-on-Sea Community Shop Association Purchase of new shelving and fittings as part of an overall refit at the community shop.	£9,000	Braintree District Voluntary Support Agency To support the voluntary sector in Braintree District.	£10,000
Beacon House Ministries Providing extra support for homeless people in Colchester during the winter months.	£1,663	Bradwell-on-Sea Flower Show and Dog Show To buy a marquee for use at the annual flower show and other local events.	£2,700	Braintree East Pride in Our Patch Community Group Equipment to record instances of anti-social behaviour.	£870
Beacon House Ministries To help vulnerable and homeless people in Colchester.	£11,500	Braintree and Bocking Community Association To help with the running costs of a community centre serving Braintree and Bocking.	£3,000	Braintree East Pride in Our Patch Community Group To equip a new community cinema for use by local residents.	£4,050
BENS (Hope House Essex) To help purchase a property in Braintree for use as a hostel for homeless people.	£10,000	Braintree Basketball Club Providing training courses for young basketball coaches.	£1,156	Braintree Pensioners Action Group To subsidise group outings for elderly people, to help combat isolation.	£800
Berecroft Residents Association Supporting the work of community wardens and helping to run football sessions for young people on an estate in Harlow.	£4,840	Braintree District Mencap Society To buy staging, tables and chairs for the hall, which is used by a variety of community organisations.	£5,000	Braintree Rethink Carers Support Group Providing an outing and regular support for people with mental health problems.	£4,000
Bishops Stortford College To fund bursaries for students.	£750	Braintree District Mencap Society To run an Activ8 adults awards scheme to improve the health and well being of adults with learning difficulties.	£5,000	CAB – Maldon Expansion of an outreach and home visiting service to Tillingham and Bradwell.	£5,500
Blackmore End Village Hall Improving disabled access and replacing toilet facilities for community use.	£12,000	Braintree District Mencap Society Providing a play and activity respite scheme during school holidays for children aged 5-19 years who require specialist support.	£8,792	CAB – Rochford and Rayleigh Managing volunteers for a co-ordinated approach to giving advice by telephone, email and webchat.	£4,000
Blackwater Barracudas Support of swimming sessions for disabled people in Maldon District to help improve health and well-being.	£2,300	Braintree District Mencap Society Towards the salary of the general manager at an organisation supporting people with a learning disability.	£10,000	CAB – Southend-on-Sea Salary and training costs of a specialist immigration adviser.	£10,000
BOSP (Brighter Opportunities Through Supported Play) Providing play and respite for children and young people with learning and physical disabilities in Basildon.	£19,585			CAB – Tendring Support for a new project recycling mobility and assistive aids.	£5,000
				CAB – Uttlesford To employ a specialist adviser to help people living with disabilities to access benefit.	£10,000
				Canal Boat Project Replacement of the lift in a Harlow based disability adapted canal boat.	£7,050

Essex Youthbuild



Essex Youthbuild works with vulnerable young people, who are NEET (not in education, employment or training), with few or no formal qualifications, are looked after, have a history of offending or cannot access or sustain a College place. They offer accredited vocational training in construction skills, complemented by one to one sessions in numeracy, literacy and IT. A grant of £9,675 jointly awarded from the Spence Family Fund, the Alastair and Patricia Stewart Charitable Fund and the Minter Family Fund is helping young people to gain a qualification and improve their employability.

Canine Partners for Independence Towards a training course for an Essex resident receiving a trained canine partner.	£1,000	Colchester Mercury Theatre To offer a year-round drama programme for young people with autism.	£4,000
Cantare To fund a women's choir in Southend.	£1,000	Colchester Mercury Theatre To run a creative digital summer school for young people.	£6,000
Canvey Island Senior Citizens Association Providing support for older people during the winter months.	£1,000	Colne Engaine Primary School Enabling three children to take part in an educational residential trip to Norfolk.	£560
Canvey Island Swimming Club To provide free swimming lessons to children from disadvantaged backgrounds.	£828	Copford Baby and Toddler Group Helping to provide play sessions for pre-school children and babies in a small village near Colchester.	£500
Canvey Island Youth Project To support young people experiencing emotional or behavioural difficulties and provide educational work on the effects of alcohol and substance misuse.	£1,750	Crimestoppers Trust Printing of a pocket card to help initiate intelligence gathering for Essex Police.	£1,000
CARA (Centre for Action on Rape and Abuse) Supporting young people who have experienced sexual violence.	£10,000	Crossing Boundaries Running a support group for vulnerable elderly people and their carers in Southend.	£2,500
Carers Choices Towards the salary of a supervisor for a new dementia day care centre in Basildon.	£9,844	Crossroads Care Braintree District and Chelmsford Providing help and support to carers living in rural areas.	£5,000
Catch22 Project To run an accessible sports project for young people.	£1,000	Crossroads Care Brentwood, Basildon and Districts Providing help and support to carers.	£1,800
Chafford Hundred Community Church – The 180 Project Supporting disadvantaged children and their families in Thurrock.	£10,000	Crossroads Care Tendring and Colchester Towards the cost of running a young carers group in Tendring.	£7,500
CHARMS – The Essex Therapy Centre Towards the running costs of a Chelmsford based therapy and support centre for those with neurological or other long-term conditions.	£6,204	Crucial Crew – Epping Forest To help pay for an educational workbook for the 2016 Crime Prevention and Personal Safety Education programme for 10-11 year old children in Epping Forest and Brentwood Districts.	£1,000
Chelmsford CHESS Providing specialist trauma intervention for homeless people.	£9,800	Crucial Crew – Tendring To support the children's personal safety programme for 2016 and provide an educational project for older people.	£1,600
Children's Society To help children and young people to have a better chance in life.	£1,000		
Cirdan Sailing Trust Support for the Duet sailing vessel that provides sail training opportunities for disadvantaged young people.	£54,000		
Coggeshall Prentice Youth Work Trust To run a youth project in Coggeshall and the surrounding area, helping young people to boost their skills and confidence.	£5,600		
Colchester CAP Debt Centre To employ a new debt coach.	£4,200		
Colchester Community Voluntary Services Enabling relocation of the Shopmobility facility to the centre of Colchester.	£5,000		
Colchester Counselling and Psychotherapy Centre To cover the cost of counselling supervision.	£545		
Colchester Foodbank To employ a part-time manager and help establish two new satellite foodbanks.	£11,000		
Colchester Furniture Project Providing recycled furniture to disadvantaged individuals and families.	£8,000		
Colchester Gateway Clubs Supporting adults with learning disabilities through events and activities.	£7,874		
Colchester Hospital University NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund Support for a new cancer centre at Colchester General Hospital.	£5,000		

D

Daws Hall Trust Supporting the development of an educational nature reserve in Lamarsh, Essex.	£5,000
Deafblind UK To help improve the health and wellbeing of deafblind people through Essex support groups.	£3,500
Debden Parochial Church Council Refurbishment works at St Mary the Virgin and All Saints Church, Debden.	£13,500
Debden Village Hall Towards the cost of a new village hall.	£23,800
Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Project To help plant small orchards within the Stour Valley in Essex and Suffolk.	£1,218
Dengie Project Trust Continuing support of elderly and vulnerable residents.	£750
Different Strokes Colchester To provide support for stroke survivors.	£1,000
DNA Networks Providing English language courses to assist community integration in the Colchester area.	£6,000
Dynamite Drama Company To support a young people's drama group on Mersea Island.	£500

Named funds

Duet Fund

e2v Foundation

Earls Hall Farm Community Benefit Fund

ECF Team Fund

Essex and Southend Sports Charitable Fund

Essex & Suffolk Water Community Fund

Essex County Council Chairman's Fund

Essex County Fire & Rescue Service Charitable Fund

Essex Education Fund

Essex Life Charitable Fund

Essex Millennium Fund

Essex Rural Fund

Essex Young Musicians Trust

Essex Youth Philanthropy Fund

EWAG Charitable Fund

Firebird Fund

FW Charitable Fund

Thomas and Evelyn Gepp Charitable Fund

Golbourn Family Fund

Harlow Education Trust

Harlow Recreation Trust

Harwich Peninsula Education Support Trust

Healthwatch Essex Fund

Roger and Jean Heath Charitable Fund

High Sheriffs' Fund

Hills Family Charitable Fund

Elsbeth Hodgkinson Fund

Barrow Farm Riding for the Disabled



Barrow Farm makes riding accessible for people with disabilities. The movement of the horse gives an all-round physical activity session that can help to improve balance and joint mobility. A grant of £2,414 from Saffron Building Society Community Fund will help with the training, care and upkeep costs of a new pony to be used by the youngest children.

E

Earls Hall Baptist Church £5,000
To help run the Crossing Boundaries project in Southend to strengthen community resilience.

East Anglia's Children's Hospices £500
Supporting families and providing care for children and young people with life-threatening conditions.

Eden-Rose Coppice Trust £4,000
Supervising young people who are unemployed and/or have learning difficulties on an educational environmental project in Colchester.

Epping Forest Reserve £10,000
To support the local furniture recycling service.

Essex Blind Charity £4,800
Providing information and support to people who have recently been diagnosed with sight conditions in Broomfield Hospital.

Essex Boys' and Girls' Clubs £9,311
To help deliver the Respect personal development project for vulnerable young pupils of secondary schools in Essex.

Essex Coalition of Disabled People £2,995
To help run a wellbeing project for people in mid-Essex with a disability, long term health condition or mental health issues.

Essex Firebreak £10,000
Helping young people to build confidence by attending Firebreak schemes in Harlow, Harwich and Thurrock.

Essex Keep Safe Network £964
To buy Keep Safe packs which are used across the county to help vulnerable people with their personal security.

Essex Outward Bound Association £3,000
To help send young students who need to build their confidence, on a Skills for Life course.

Essex Outward Bound Association £4,570
Sending young carers from Southend-on-Sea on an Outward Bound Course in Wales.

Essex Youthbuild

Supporting trainees at a project helping young offenders and other vulnerable young people to increase their skills and employability.

£9,675

Fresh Start – New Beginnings

To help young children who have been victims of sexual abuse come to terms with their experience.

£1,000

Fresh Start – New Beginnings

To develop a specialised therapeutic service in North Essex for child victims of sexual abuse.

£20,000

Friends and Places Together

Meeting the costs of a friendship development project for young disabled people in Southend.

£4,000

Friends of Columbus School and College

Providing a new play frame and swing for children at a school for special educational needs in Chelmsford.

£8,446

Friends of Harlow Sculptures and Gibberd Gallery

Creating a digital archive and resources to enable sculpture talks in the community.

£2,500

Fun and Fitness Club

To establish fitness and gymnastics classes for disadvantaged young people and those with additional needs in Harlow.

£5,000

F

Families InFocus (Essex)

Supporting families and providing activities for children with additional needs in Essex.

£1,360

Families InFocus (Essex)

To expand and develop a project for families whose child has a disability or special need.

£3,000

Families4recovery

Counselling and volunteer travel expenses of people caring for family members affected by drugs and alcohol.

£2,000

Farleigh Hospice

Providing care for people with cancer and other life limiting illnesses.

£1,000

Ferriers Barn

To create an accessible garden at a day centre in Braintree District for physically disabled people.

£17,463

First Stop Centre

For equipment to support the delivery of confidence courses for vulnerable individuals in Braintree.

£1,000

Firstsite

Installation of a hearing loop and provision of free family Saturday workshops at the art gallery in Colchester.

£7,000

Firstsite

To help provide a bursary scheme to employ a new assistant curator at the art gallery in Colchester.

£8,000

Fledglings Family Services

To support families with disabled children in Essex.

£5,000

Foundation 66

To run activities which support people recovering from alcohol or substance misuse in the county.

£5,000

G

Gateway Community Media CIC

Helping children in Basildon produce community radio advertisements to tackle issues of road safety and fire safety in the home.

£500

Girlguiding UK Essex North East

To provide learning and development opportunities for girls and young women living in North East Essex.

£1,000

Golden-Oldies

Enabling children and older people in Braintree, Chelmsford and Harlow to integrate and share singing and activity sessions.

£4,000

Gosfield Parish Council

To upgrade facilities at Gosfield nature reserve.

£3,000

Grandparents Plus To run a workshop in Chelmsford for grandparents who are caring for their grandchildren.	£700	High Roding and Gt Canfield WI For renovation works at the village hall.	£5,000
Grays Convent High School Bursaries for final year students who served their community.	£1,500	Hockley and Hawkwell Old People's Welfare Committee To transport elderly people to a day centre.	£5,000
Great Bardfield Town Hall To replace and insulate the roof of the Town Hall.	£12,000	Holdfast Credit Union Limited Running School Savers Scheme in Essex to help children save regularly and to understand the value of money.	£9,712
Great Yeldham Youth Club Enabling members of a rural youth club to take part in a range of activities.	£4,655	Home Farm Trust Improving disabled access at a centre in Ugley which provides support to people with learning difficulties.	£2,300
Greenpath Ventures Providing therapeutic outdoor activities for people with mental health issues from the Colchester and Tendring Districts.	£955	Homeless Action Resource Project Helping homeless people with mental health difficulties in Southend to access employment.	£6,500
		Homeless Action Resource Project Supporting homeless people in Southend by providing emergency housing and assistance.	£10,327
		Home-Start Chelmsford To support Essex Home-Starts to develop and adopt an improved way of working in order to deliver a countywide service.	£7,500
		Home-Start Chelmsford For a home visiting service to parents with at least one child under five, who are struggling to cope.	£10,000
		Home-Start Harlow Continuing a weekly family support group to help and advise vulnerable and disadvantaged families.	£5,500
		Home-Start Maldon For a home visiting service to parents, with at least one child under five, who are struggling to cope.	£10,000
		Home-Start Uttlesford For a home visiting service to parents, with at least one child under five, who are struggling to cope.	£5,000
		Home-Start Witham, Braintree and Halstead For a home visiting service to parents, with at least one child under five, who are struggling to cope.	£10,000
		Hope and Encouragement for Lone Parents Activities and workshops for children and adults from lone parent families in Maldon.	£7,000
		Hungarian Community of Southend Promoting the heritage and culture of Hungary.	£950
		Huntington's Disease Association To help reduce the burden on families affected by Huntington's disease by providing education, support and guidance.	£7,500
		InterAct Chelmsford Continuing support for young people with additional needs in order to improve their independence, health and well-being.	£750

Named funds

Hoggarth Horizon Fund

Christopher Holmes Charitable Fund

Honalee Fund

Humphrey Pennington Fund

Hutton Charity

Koinonia Charitable Fund

John Laing Charitable Fund

Little Braxted Community and Educational Fund

Annabel and Gerald Malton Charitable Fund

Margaretting Fund

Ian and Angela Marks Charitable Fund

John and Wenna Marks Charitable Fund

Maypole House Charitable Fund

Mersea Homes Charitable Fund

MI Community

Middlewick Farm Community Benefit Fund

Milsom Charitable Fund

Minter Family Fund

Police Property Act Fund

Poter Family Fund

Michael Pratley Charitable Fund

Provide Foundation

Rickard Luckin Community Fund

River City Fund

RSM Community Fund

Saffron Building Society Community Fund

Salter McKinlay Charitable Fund

Searle Trust

Grant facts!

21% of applications were funded by more than one of ECF's funds

J

- Jaywick Community Resources Centre Association** £650
Supporting a Knit and Natter group for elderly residents and helping to cover the cost of an annual pantomime for local families.
- Jaywick Community Resources Centre Association** £1,000
Support for older people in Jaywick during the winter months.
- J's Hospice** £5,000
Enabling group support sessions for young adults with complex life threatening conditions.
- Just Ride Southend** £7,500
To buy two wheelchair adapted bikes for an inclusive cycling project.

K

- Kids Inspire** £6,585
Developing the Kids Who Lunch Club project in Chelmsford for disadvantaged children.
- Kids Inspire** £5,000
To run a project combining physical activity and art psychotherapy for children and young people in mid-Essex who have suffered sexual abuse and violence.

L

- Langham Village Hall** £7,500
Upgrading facilities at a well-used community centre in a rural village.
- Laughter Specialists** £8,700
Providing therapeutic interactive play to sick children and those with special needs in hospitals and schools.
- Lee Chapel North Helping Hands** £1,000
Running basic English courses for those who need to develop their ability and understanding of the language.
- Little Braxted Parish Council** £780
Developing a weekly litter-picking service in a small rural village.

- Little Heroes ASD Support Group** £610
First aid training and a medical kit for a group supporting families who have children with Autism.
- Little Yeldham Village Hall** £4,800
To replace the village hall floor.
- Livewire Trust** £10,000
Running theatre projects for young people in Harlow.
- London Bus Theatre Company** £850
Teaching alcohol awareness to Year 6 pupils in Brentwood.
- Look Essex** £737
Enabling visually impaired children in Colchester and Braintree to take part in sporting activities.
- Loughton Youth Project** £6,000
Providing activities and support for young people.

M

- Mad About Theatre Company** £6,000
Delivering drama and arts activities for young people in the Clacton area.
- Maldon & District CVS** £68,499
Three year funding to develop the Essex Sheds Network, a scheme seeking to alleviate isolation and improve the overall health of men through the sharing of skills and activities.
- Marie Curie Cancer Care** £1,000
Support for the cost of employing a Marie Curie nurse working in Essex.
- Maru Karate Kai** £500
To run self-defence courses for women in Basildon.
- Melbourne Project** £2,500
Continuing community work on the Melbourne and Boarded Barns Estates in Chelmsford.
- Melbourne Project** £4,000
To offer adult and children cookery sessions on the Melbourne Estate in Chelmsford.
- Men's Shed at Rayleigh Weir** £979
To provide tools and equipment for a men's project aiming to reduce isolation.
- Michael Roberts Charitable Trust** £8,854
To help expand a fresh food recycling project for disadvantaged families in Harlow and surrounding areas.

- Mill Race Furniture Restoration Co-operative** £6,250
Helping people with mental health problems through training and rehabilitation.
- Mind in West Essex** £5,000
Bursaries for counselling to people in need of emotional support in Harlow and Epping Forest.
- Motability** £3,987
To provide mobility aids and adaptations for disabled people in Colchester, Basildon and Rayleigh.

N

- Neighbourhood Watch – Uttlesford** £1,000
To facilitate the growth of new schemes across Uttlesford District.
- Ninefields Residents Panel** £500
Helping residents address anti-social behaviour on an estate in Waltham Abbey.

O

- Olive Tree Centre** £2,000
To provide supervision of volunteer counsellors helping people in need.
- One Community Development Trust** £9,988
Enabling vulnerable people in Thurrock to access a programme of support.
- Open Door – Colchester** £5,000
Offering practical support for marginalised people in Colchester.
- Open Road** £1,000
To train volunteers to support young people and vulnerable adults detained in police stations across the county.
- Open Road** £5,000
To support people with drug and alcohol related problems in Essex.
- Ormiston Families** £12,696
Supporting the emotional needs of children in Essex who have a parent in prison.

P

- PARC** £9,500
Providing a retail training facility for young and disabled adults who are not in education, employment or training.
- PARC** £3,948
To provide pre-school speech and language therapy for children from Braintree and Chelmsford with disabilities.
- Parkeston Residents and Welfare Park Association** £5,000
To help create a nature park for local residents.
- Parkinson's UK** £5,000
Providing support and information to people with Parkinson's Disease, their families and carers.
- Pebbles Carer and Toddler Group** £3,000
To provide new equipment and play area for a carer and toddler group in Southminster.
- Pebmarsh Village Hall** £2,500
Towards replacement of the village hall flooring.



Mencap enables people in Essex who have a learning disability to develop skills, self-confidence and social networks.

Power2Inspire To run adapted and inclusive sports for primary school children in Essex.	£3,500	Ridgewell Village Hall Management Committee To buy a multi-use games area for use by the local community.	£12,000
Prince's Trust To provide awards for young women in Essex to access education, training or employment.	£500	RNIB Offering information, support and advice to people with a sight impairment.	£2,000
Prince's Trust Delivering a course in construction for disadvantaged young people from Thurrock to help them move into sustainable employment.	£10,000	Rochford District Schools Partnership Trust To help address mental health problems in teenage girls who are experiencing anxiety and depression.	£3,240
Prisoners' Advice Service Providing advice on legal rights for prisoners from Essex in Chelmsford and Thameside Prisons.	£5,000	Roman River Music Society To fund the post of general manager and help deliver the calendar of events, including a two-week music festival.	£10,000
Prittlewell Parochial Church Council Replacing the floor in a church hall used by the local community.	£5,000	Royal Association for Deaf People To help run a mentoring/befriending service for deaf young people across Essex	£6,000
Prostate Cancer UK To provide information and support to people with prostate cancer and their families.	£250	Royal National Lifeboat Institution Supporting the work of the RNLI along the Essex coast.	£1,000
Public Service Broadcasting Trust Limited (Fixers UK) Helping young people in Jaywick to address a range of personal issues and, as a result, strengthen their community.	£5,000	Royal Star and Garter Homes Providing care for military families in specially adapted homes.	£1,000
		Runnymede Swimming Club Repair works at an amateur swimming club based in Benfleet.	£4,250

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Rainbow Trust Children's Charity Helping children with a life threatening or terminal illness, their families and siblings in Essex.	£1,000	SAFE (Supporting Asperger Families in Essex) Providing a range of activities for children and young people with Asperger's.	£1,000
Rayleigh Age Concern Support for older people in Rayleigh and the surrounding area during the winter months.	£1,000	SAFE (Supporting Asperger Families in Essex) To help adults in Essex with Asperger's learn how to communicate effectively.	£4,000
Rayne Village Hall and Playing Field Committee Installing outdoor exercise equipment in the playing fields, that can be used by residents free of charge.	£7,351	Safer Places To support women in west Essex who are victims of domestic abuse.	£10,000
REACH Community Project To provide services and activities for disadvantaged people in Haverhill and surrounding areas.	£500	Saffron Walden Community Cinema To buy additional projection equipment.	£2,293
Red Balloon Learner Centre – Braintree Supporting the recovery of young people who have experienced severe bullying and trauma.	£6,000	Sailship CIC Kitchen craft training for people with learning difficulties in Tendring.	£10,000
Redbridge Carers Support Service, (RCSS) To support older carers in the Redbridge area.	£3,500	Salvation Army To help support people in the Hatfield Peverel area through community based activities.	£1,000
Rehabilitation, Education and Assessment Centre for Hippotherapy To support equine therapy at a Brentwood based centre to relieve the needs of people suffering from a range of disabilities.	£7,342	Salvation Army – Grays To provide a range of activities and services for residents in Grays.	£1,500
REMAP Developing the work in Essex of a charity whose volunteers design and make bespoke equipment for disabled people.	£5,000	Samaritans – Basildon and Thurrock To promote services to people who are going through an emotional crisis, have suicidal thoughts or need someone to talk to.	£5,086
REVI (Real and Enthusiastic Voice of Integration) Supporting migrants to help them become active citizens in their communities across mid-Essex.	£5,000	Samaritans – Colchester, Tendring and Suffolk Borders To buy and refurbish a van to provide a mobile Samaritans centre.	£5,000
Ridgewell Village Hall Management Committee Towards the cost of modernising the village hall.	£4,000	Sea-Change Projects To enable disabled or disadvantaged young people to take part in a residential sailing programme in Maldon.	£7,525
		Shakespeare Schools Festival Helping young people develop their knowledge, literacy and educational engagement by learning and performing Shakespeare plays across Essex.	£5,500

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Named funds

Sebright Fund
Dennis and Kathleen Smith Fund
The Henry Smith Charity
Sound Financial Planning Charitable Fund
Southend Community Fund
Spence Family Fund
Sport Relief Community Cash
W G Stacey Family Fund
Belinda Starling Memorial Fund
Alastair and Patricia Stewart Charitable Fund
Stour Valley Environment Fund
Gary Sullivan Charitable Fund
Surviving Winter Appeal
Taylor Family Fund
Thriving Third Sector Fund
Thurrock Fund
Diana Tinson Fund
Ryan Tolley Leukaemia Trust Fund
Turncole Wind Farm Community Fund
Hew Watt Family Charitable Fund
White House Farm Charitable Fund
Wilkinson Family Fund
Link-ed Mike Williamson Memorial Fund
Daphne Woodward Home-Start Fund
Yellow Car Charitable Fund
Young Sport Fund

Signals Media Arts To facilitate an 'Essex Girls – Junior' historical film-making project with two primary schools in Colchester	£4,400	Southend Association of Voluntary Services To help continue a home visiting safety scheme for vulnerable older people in Southend-on-Sea.	£777	Special Needs Activity Club Providing out of school activities for disabled children and young people in Thurrock	£1,000
Signpost To help continue the homework club for children and young people on the Greenstead Estate in Colchester.	£8,424	Southend Association of Voluntary Services Running a supported volunteering project for people with mental health issues.	£8,193	St Andrews Parish Church For improvements at a community facility in Earls Colne.	£5,000
Signpost Helping disadvantaged individuals gain employability skills and find a pathway out of poverty.	£10,025	Southend Band Support for running the Civic Brass Band in Southend.	£1,500	St Clare Hospice Providing palliative at home care to people living in Harlow, Epping Forest and Uttlesford.	£1,000
Silver Tots Baby and Toddler group To replace a storage shed and buy new toys and equipment for the group based in Silver End.	£2,500	Southend Blind Welfare Organisation Providing support to volunteers of a charity that helps visually impaired people in Southend.	£600	St John Ambulance Essex To buy two defibrillators for use by cadet units in Witham and Braintree.	£1,912
SNAP Supporting Essex families whose children have special needs and disabilities.	£7,510	Southend Blind Welfare Organisation To run activities for people with sight loss in Southend.	£9,500	St John Ambulance Essex Subsidising the cost of child first aid courses for parents and carers in West Essex.	£2,767
SOS Domestic Abuse Projects To support a programme for victims of 'child to parent' domestic abuse in Southend-on-Sea.	£1,821	Southend Carers' Forum Support and guidance for young adult carers.	£9,090	St Mary's Church Pre-school Enabling specialist leadership training for staff at a pre-school in Saffron Walden.	£3,311
SOS Domestic Abuse Projects Giving help, through counselling, to people experiencing mental ill-health as a result of domestic abuse.	£2,869	Southend Sea Cadets Roof replacement works at the Cadet unit's headquarters.	£2,250	St Osyth Parish Council To buy signage for a local community Speedwatch scheme.	£444
SOS Rape Crisis Providing emotional and clinical supervision for client-facing staff in Southend-on-Sea.	£3,240	Southend YMCA To deliver a personal and social development programme to help vulnerable young people in Southend.	£8,318	St Osyth Playing Field To upgrade fire safety standards at the community pavilion.	£2,628
South East and Central Essex Mind To manage volunteers at a centre providing support to individuals with mental health issues.	£5,000	Southend Young Singers Supporting a choir for boys and girls.	£1,500	St Osyth Village Hall For replacement kitchen fittings and appliances.	£2,685
South East Essex Advocacy for Older People (SEEAPOP) Providing advocacy and help to elderly victims of financial abuse.	£5,295	Southend-on-Sea Street Pastors Keeping people safe on the streets of Southend.	£500	St Stephen's Community Trust To deliver a community event for local people in Purfleet.	£500
South East Essex Advocacy for Older People (SEEAPOP) Offering staff training in independent advocacy to support elderly clients.	£10,000	Southminster Doorstep Club Partnership To run a youth club providing diversionary activities in an isolated rural area.	£3,500	St Thomas Church, Bradwell To improve community access to the Church at Bradwell-on-Sea.	£5,500
		Spark (branch of Worth Unlimited) Giving support to young people in the Loughton area who are at risk of engaging in anti-social behaviour.	£1,000	Stansted Mountfitchet Day and Community Centre To purchase replacement tableware at the Centre in Uttlesford.	£1,600

Men's Shed at Rayleigh Weir



During the year ECF has been pleased to support the growing network of Men's Sheds in Essex. Men without work often become isolated and find it difficult to start social conversations, so Men's Shed aims to improve their overall health and wellbeing by creating an environment where they can socialise with other males.

The Shed network encourages "shedders" to run workshops where they can share skills such as carpentry, engineering, electronics or furniture restoration, with social banter in a supportive environment. A grant of £979 from the Essex & Suffolk Water Community Fund enabled them to buy tools and equipment.



It was very helpful to have a professional organisation like ECF to turn to, as our committee are all volunteers, engaging in a project which is new to us all.



Manuden Village Hall
and Sports Trust

Grant facts! V

Our average grant is **£4,270**

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Stroke Club Mid Essex £10,000
Continuation and development of a specialised after-stroke service.

Suffolk Artlink £1,000
For use of improvised play and puppetry to bring comfort to children in Colchester Hospital.

Support 4 Sight £1,000
Providing additional support during the winter months for vulnerable people with sight loss.

Swan Foundation £3,700
To run a community art project for young people on the Craylands Estate in Basildon.

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Tabor Centre £3,200
Installation of a new ceiling hoist to assist older people with physical disabilities at a day centre in Braintree.

Teen Talk (Harwich) £500
To develop a campaign on hate crime and other activities to improve community safety.

Tendring Education Trust £6,000
To enable the Harwich Community Consortium to raise awareness of issues impacting on the mental health and wellbeing of young people.

Tendring Reuse and Employment Enterprise £9,500
To facilitate the recycling of white goods across sites in Chelmsford and Braintree.

The Country Trust £4,250
To help run an educational food discovery programme for young children in Harwich and Clacton.

The Diamond Club £1,000
For new equipment and to subsidise hot meals during the winter at a community club for people over 50 years living in the Lee Chapel North area of Basildon.

The Funky Academy Limited £1,920
To establish a Community Radio station in Southend.

The Mersea Harbour Protection Trust £5,000
Supporting an environmental project in West Mersea to protect the harbour.

The Sturmer Fayre Group £530
Support for the village fayre and creation of a community website.

Theatre of Lemmings £4,200
Dance and musical workshops for young people taking part in the 2016 Harwich Children's Carnival.

Thurrock Centre for Independent Living £10,000
Providing an advice, information and assisted form filling service for disabled people in Thurrock.

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Thurrock Mencap Society £5,500
Social activities and a respite break for adults and children with learning disabilities and their carers.

Thurrock Mind £1,000
To help people who have suffered mental health problems return to employment or training.

Tillingham and District Flower Show Society £2,000
To buy a replacement marquee for use at local community events.

Tillingham Cricket Club £10,000
External repairs to the pavilion.

Tips Cross Remembrance Hall £1,500
Refurbishment works in the community hall.

Torchlight £1,000
For a dance project at a youth club in Braintree.

Trinity Family Centre £1,000
Supporting older people in Southend during the winter months.

Trust Links £15,510
Using horticulture and associated projects to support people with mental health issues and, through accredited training, help them back into employment.

Tye Green Cricket Club £4,100
To lay a new cricket square at the club in Harlow.

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Upwards with Downs £7,500
Enabling children and young adults with Down Syndrome to take part in swimming lessons and activities.

Uttlesford Buffy Bus Association £14,000
Continuing support for the mobile pre-school bus which operates across a wide rural area.

Uttlesford Community Travel £1,000
To provide additional transport services for disabled and elderly residents during the winter months.

Voluntary Action Epping Forest £730
Equipment for a garden maintenance project contributing to the safety of vulnerable, elderly and disabled people.

Voluntary Action Epping Forest £6,840
Continuing an outreach benefits advice service for local people in need.

Voluntary Sector Training £5,750
To establish a bursary scheme to help small voluntary organisations access training courses.

Voluntary Sector Training £65,000
Funding over two years to develop a new business model and strengthen governance to ensure future sustainability.

Volunteer Centre Uttlesford £5,000
Ensuring a co-ordinated approach to support volunteers in the community.

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Waltham Abbey Youth 2000 £6,000
To expand a confidential counselling service and to run a healthy eating cookery club for young people.

We are Music £4,000
Supporting young people to organise and run a festival in Brentwood.

Westcliff High School for Boys £3,000
To deliver the Combined Cadet Force programme, which promotes the values of the Armed Forces.

Wickham Bishops Over 60's £500
Providing support and activities for local elderly people.

Wilderness Foundation UK £8,000
Providing an outdoor based programme of activities and support for vulnerable and disadvantaged people to help them make positive changes to their lives.

William Palmer College Educational Trust £1,500
To fund six bursaries for final year students at the college who served their community.

Witham Town Luncheon Club £4,750
Supporting the luncheon club for pensioners, with additional services in the winter, to ensure their wellbeing and combat isolation.

Wyvern Community Transport £11,000
Towards the cost of a replacement vehicle and to increase service during the winter months, for residents in Rochford and Castle Point.



Based in Southminster, the Dengie Project Trust provides a range of community services and other activities to enrich and enhance the well-being and lives of elderly residents. A grant of £750 from the Provide Foundation will help them to create a directory of healthcare providers to support the "home from hospital" service.

Henry Smith Charity

ECF has been working with Henry Smith since 2008. Since then we have channelled £3 million of its grant funding to voluntary and community organisations in Essex.

Henry Smith uses ECF's knowledge to help make decisions and distribute grant funding in Essex. ECF administers and monitors the grants, giving Henry Smith confidence that its money is being spent wisely for the benefit of local people.

During the year under review, **four** Essex organisations were successful in their applications to Henry Smith and they will receive a total of **£262,300** in grant funding over the next three years.

ADAS **£60,000**
Continuation funding for the Child and Family Support Service in Harlow and west Essex, which provides help and counselling to individuals and families who have issues surrounding drugs and alcohol.

Extra Support for Families **£61,800**
Continuation of support, training and community services for families living in deprived areas of the Tendring district.

Home-Start Chelmsford **£84,000**
Supporting a volunteer home visiting service for families with children under five years old in Chelmsford who are experiencing difficult circumstances.

Open Door Thurrock **£56,500**
Continuation funding for a project which provides advocacy and support to young people in care in Thurrock to help build their confidence and reduce their feelings of isolation and rejection.



Home-Start Chelmsford

Helping young people and adults achieve their full potential

In the year under review ECF approved grants totalling **£73,483** from its charitable funds that support individuals.

Most of these Funds provide grants that contribute towards educational and sporting opportunities for children and adults where finance is the barrier to them achieving their full potential. The others give support to people who need help in building their confidence and skills, such as those with mental health problems.

Essex and Southend Sports Charitable Fund provided **£11,000** to match fund 12 grants awarded to individuals to develop sporting potential.

Essex Education Fund is made up of a number of dormant trusts transferred to ECF's management. Seven young people received grants totalling **£11,000** to aid their learning and education.

The **Belinda Starling Memorial Fund** awarded 13 grants to young people totalling **£14,919** to support their literary, drama and music ambitions.

The **Annabel and Gerald Malton Charitable Fund** helped 19 young people to fulfil their educational, performing and sporting potential with grants totalling **£18,694**.

Marion Ruth Courtauld Educational Fund awarded **£6,200** enabling six young people to experience a range of educational and cultural opportunities.

Firebird Fund awarded grants totalling **£2,095** to help two people with mental health problems increase their confidence and skills.

Essex Young Musicians Trust provided grants of **£2,325** enabling four young people who are members of the Essex Youth Orchestra to take part in a summer tour.

Link-ed Mike Williamson Memorial Fund awarded **£3,000** to two young people to help them advance their education.

Little Braxted Community and Educational Fund awarded **£2,800** to a student, as part of a degree course, to illustrate a book teaching four to six year olds where food comes from.

Young Sport Fund awarded grants totalling **£1,450** which will enable two young people to follow their sporting dreams.