Grants awarded
2014-2015

When ECF started in 1996 our purpose was to “promote and support local charitable and community activity through a grants programme.”

Nineteen years on, our purpose remains as strong as ever and with the growth of our endowment thanks to the support of local people, we are able to award an increasing value of grants annually.

In the year under review, ECF awarded 409 grants and approved applications totalling £2.9 million – the largest amount in grants approved in a single year since we began. This is testament to the support that we continue to receive from our donors and supporters including the Henry Smith Charity who channelled £879,000 through ECF this year.

A number of our endowed Funds – The Thriving Third Sector Fund, Community Resilience Fund and Greenfields CHIP Fund – allow us to award larger, multi-year grants which are helping organisations to be more strategic and expand their services. But our focus has always been, and will remain, on supporting the smaller, grassroots voluntary organisations in Essex which play a vital role in nurturing and helping vulnerable and disadvantaged people in local communities.

Vital Signs, our annual research initiative, continues to inform and support our work. It gives us a 360 degree perspective of life in Essex by bringing together existing data and community opinion. We use it to help guide our grantmaking and inform our discussions with our supporters about the issues and opportunities within the county.

ECF has always strived to be a fair, professional, effective and efficient funder. So we were thrilled when a recent survey of our grant recipients confirmed that this is just how we are perceived by applicants. When asked to describe ECF in one word, the top four used were – helpful, supportive, excellent and approachable.

We are proud of our relationship with the voluntary sector in Essex and are committed to continuing the funding we offer to organisations which are providing vital support to people in local communities.

A grant of £2,246 to Steeple Bumpstead Pre-School enabled the continued employment of their two young apprentices.

A grant to the Island Trust enabled disadvantaged and disabled young people from Southend to experience the challenge of sail training to aid their personal development.
ECF currently manages 120 charitable funds. The ability to pool resources from these funds is a great way to support larger projects and to have more impact.

This is particularly useful when companies or individuals have chosen to grow their endowed fund over time and the income for expenditure in the early years is relatively small.

Of the grants awarded this year, 17% came from the pooling of grant monies from two or more of our funds.

Due to the high number of grants awarded from pooled funds this year, we have listed them alphabetically by organisation name instead of fund name as in previous years.

For further information about our grantmaking and grants awarded from specific funds, please visit www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk

Thank you so much for the grant. We all did a ‘high-five dance’ in the office when we opened your letter!

Lambourne End Outdoor Centre
Tendring Eldercare provides support and care to older people living in Tendring District. They run a rural lunch club in Little Clacton and their day centre in West Clacton helps to reduce isolation and alleviate the pressure on families and carers. A grant of £1,000 from the Surviving Winter Appeal enabled them to provide food and clothing packs to elderly people in need.

1st Bradwell-juxta-mare Guides
Purchase of a camping storage container and other guiding equipment.
£2,000

1st Broomfield Scout Group
To help buy the freehold of the scout headquarters in Chelmsford.
£2,000

1st Kingsmoor Scout Group
Storage containers for a scout group in Harlow.
£5,364

1st Tillingham St Nicholas Sea Scout Group
To run weekend camps for sea scouts.
£980

2nd Runwell Guides
For replacement camping equipment.
£1,000

2nd Witham Boys’ Brigade
To develop a ‘Drop in Football’ project as a diversionary activity for young people.
£971

2nd Witham Boys’ Brigade
Educational and training activities for young people at a nature reserve.
£3,600

3rd Chalkwell Bay Scouts
To provide a wide range of activities and training for an established Sea Scout group.
£3,000

4 Youth Brightlingsea
Providing youth centre based activities for young people in a coastal town.
£1,000

4th Braintree Scout Group
To run a community fun day in a deprived area of Braintree.
£334

5th Bocking Guides
Hire costs of the hall where the guides meet.
£416

Accuro (Care Services)
Running parenting support projects in West Essex and providing respite breaks for families whose children have a disability.
£12,400

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

Action for Family Carers
Provision of a respite service for carers in Tollesbury.
£5,000

Air Training Corps 2187 (Canvey) Squadron
Towards the cost of eight new bugles.
£500

Albert Edward Hall
Furnishing and equipment for a new community centre near Clacton.
£2,500

alcoHELP
To deliver “2Brite2Binge” Alcohol Awareness Roadshows in Tendring.
£1,000

All Saints’ Church Stock
Supporting the Church and for repairs to the roof.
£2,000

Anglia Ruskin University
Bursaries for two students on a ‘Certificate of Higher Education Charity and Social Enterprise Management’ course.
£4,500
Arts Centre (Dunmow)
Provision of additional equipment for use in a new rehearsal room.
£2,290

Asynergy Addiction Treatment Ltd
Provision of counselling for people and their families to address problems caused by alcohol addictions.
£9,689

Bar ‘N’ Bus Trust
Running costs of a mobile youth club service for young people in South East Essex.
£1,490

Barrow Farm Riding for the Disabled
To operate an emergency night shelter for homeless people.
£14,766

Basildon MIND
Towards the cost of transporting people to the Pitsea drop-in centre.
£5,000

Basildon Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group
Help with volunteers expenses at a visually impaired support group.
£500

BATICAS Independent Advocacy Service
Funding a Citizen Advocacy Volunteer Manager to help people with a learning disability.
£10,000

Beacon House Ministries
Supporting homeless people in Colchester with help and access to services throughout the year.
£11,000

BENS Braintree
To help set up a day and night-time safety information service for the local community.
£400

Berecroft Residents Association
Supporting the work of community wardens on the Berecroft Estate in Harlow.
£500

Billeracy Street Pastors
To help set up a day and night-time safety information service for the local community.
£1,000

Birchanger Wood Trust
Improved facilities for use by volunteers maintaining the charitably owned wood.

Bishops Stortford College
To fund bursaries for students.
£750

Blackwater Barracudas
Supported swimming sessions for disabled people in Maldon District to help improve health and well-being.
£2,300

Bradwell Juxta Coggeshall Village Hall
Improvement works at the village hall.
£5,000

Bradwell-on-Sea Village Hall
Management Committee
To renovate the village hall floor.
£2,000

Braintree and Bocking Public Gardens Trust
Construction of a new viewing hide and storage shed.
£7,500

Braintree Area Foodbank
Supporting additional demand during the winter months and printing recipe booklets to encourage healthy eating.
£1,800

Braintree District Mencap Society
To buy equipment and provide a programme of sport and life skills activities for people with a learning disability.
£8,745

Braintree District Mencap Society
Towards the salary of the new position of General Manager at an organisation supporting people with a learning disability.
£10,000

Braintree Parkinsons Group
Delivering dance and singing classes for sufferers of Parkinson’s Disease.
£4,392

Braintree Rethink Carers Support Group
To run a weekly art group for people with mental health difficulties and also a carers event.
£2,500

Brainwave Centre Ltd
Towards the cost of providing physiotherapy at the centre in Witham and for specialist home therapy equipment for families with a disabled child.
£3,000

Brentwood Community Print CIC
Support for a peer mentoring scheme helping people with mental health issues.
£13,248

Brentwood Community Transport
To extend the service operating hours for local people.
£9,250

Grant facts!
17% of applications were supported by more than one of ECF’s Funds

Tendring and Colchester Minority Ethnic Partnership (TACMEP)

TACMEP provides a range of information, advice and support for black and minority ethnic people living in Colchester and Tendring. They run English classes, provide practical help on a range of issues including health, housing and education as well as holding a weekly social group for older people. They received grants totalling £7,990 during the year.
Brentwood Neighbourhood Watch
Purchase of door chains, mirrors and magnifiers to fit in the homes of older vulnerable residents.
£400

Bright Lives Social Enterprise CIC
Replacement musical instruments to support activities for adults with learning difficulties in Colchester.
£410

Brighter Opportunities Through Supported Play
To support Saturday and holiday play sessions for children and young people with a disability in Basildon and surrounding areas.
£2,500

Chelmsford Council for Voluntary Services
To raise awareness of additional care and support provided by voluntary groups within Broomfield hospital and the community.
£4,202

Chelmsford Engineering Society
Support for events to encourage young people into the world of science at school and beyond.
£2,000

Chelmsford YMCA
Enabling young carers to attend a Young Carers Festival.
£2,049

Chesterfords Community Centre
Refurbishments at a well used community centre near Saffron Walden.
£4,012

Children’s Society
To help children and young people to have a better chance in life.
£1,000

Christian Growth Centre Chelmsford
Running a self-esteem programme for teenage girls.
£3,000

Churches Together in Maldon
To support additional demand on Maldon Food Pantry during winter months.
£1,000

Cirdan Sailing Trust
Support for the annual operating and degradation costs of the Duet sailing vessel providing sail training opportunities to disadvantaged young people.
£66,311

City of Chelmsford Mencap
Purchase of a replacement hoist.
£500

Clavering and Arkesden Pre-school
Purchase of a replacement hoist.
£1,862

Colchester and Tendring Youth Enquiry Service
Anger management counselling sessions for young people aged 11-19 years.
£1,000

Colchester and Tendring Youth Enquiry Service
For a ‘Money Talks’ project supporting young parents or parents-to-be with finance and accommodation issues.
£9,888

Colchester Chinese Culture Society
To run a series of Chinese Dragon Dance workshops with children and young people.
£3,500

Colchester Counselling and Psychotherapy Centre
To cover the cost of counselling supervision.
£1,000

Colchester Emergency Nightshelter
To undertake a strategic review of the nightshelter’s work.
£3,750

Colchester Chinese Culture Society
Towards the cost of a training course for an Essex resident receiving a trained canine partner.
£9,186

Colchester Counselling and Psychotherapy Centre
Supervision.
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Catholic Church Braintree Our Lady Queen Of Peace
Replacement energy efficient windows in the Jubilee Hall.
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Changing Faces
To fund two skin camouflage clinics in Chelmsford.
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CHARMS – The Essex Therapy Centre
Running costs of a therapy and support centre in Chelmsford for those with a neurological or other long-term condition.
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Chelmsford Community Transport
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Home-Start Witham, Braintree and Halstead

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Providing client specific advice and support to vulnerable adults and children.
£20,000

CAB – Harlow
To implement and develop a free legal advice service in Harlow.
£9,186

CAB – Maldon
For an outreach service in Burnham and Southminster.
£8,000

CAB – Uttlesford
To support a home visit disability project.
£15,000

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Coggeshall Prentice Youth Work Trust
For an ‘Inspire’ project in Coggeshall and surrounding areas to engage with young people and boost their skills and confidence.
£7,980

Colchester and Tendring Women’s Refuge
Providing activities and toys for children who have experienced domestic abuse.
£2,000

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Enabling children to have supervised contact with estranged parents.
£8,240

Friends of Southminster Community Open Spaces
For equipment and volunteer training to maintain a community orchard.
£2,000

Friends of St George’s Church
Refurbishment works in a community building in Heybridge Basin, Maldon.
£2,500

Friends of the Flitchway and Associated Woodlands
To support volunteer conservation work along the Flitch Way and surrounding areas.
£3,500

Froshy School PTA
Running an after-school cookery club for children at a primary school in Jaywick.
£600

Gateway Community Media CIC
Helping children in Basildon produce community radio advertisements to tackle issues of road safety and fire safety in the home.
£750

Gosfield Foundation CIC
Equipment for a new village community shop.
£6,000

Grays Convent High School
To fund three bursaries for final year students who served the community or showed kindness to others.
£1,500

Great Braxted Pavilion Management Committee
Extension of the Great Braxted Pavilion to increase capacity for use by local residents.
£35,000

Great Yeldham Reading Room
To replace doors at a community facility to improve access and security.
£3,968

Halstead Day Centre
Three year funding to support the running of the day centre for older people living in Braintree District.
£30,000

Halstead Day Centre
Providing social care for the elderly in the Braintree District.
£5,000

Hamelin Trust
Providing a “quiet” activity room at a respite centre in Billericay for children with disabilities.
£4,600

Harlow District Scout Council
Supporting the cost of providing scouting activities across Harlow District.
£6,250

Harlow Neighbourhood Watch
To buy Neighbourhood Watch area street signs.
Harwich Festival of the Arts Trust
Support for the Harwich Arts Festival.
£500
£3,500

Haven House Children’s Hospice
Short term respite care for children and young people suffering from life threatening or life limiting conditions.
£4,000

Havens Hospice
To provide care and support to people who have a chronic, life limiting or terminal condition and their families.
£4,000

Headway Essex
To provide education and IT skills sessions for people from Essex with acquired brain injury.
£9,900

Headway Essex
Providing support and advice to people living with acquired brain injury and their families.
£7,000

Hearing Help Essex
Enabling Hearing Help Uttlesford and Hearing Help Essex to merge services.
£7,000

Helping Hands Essex
Supporting a rehabilitation service for people recovering from alcohol addiction in the Chelmsford area.
£6,500

Holdfast Credit Union Limited
Running School Savers Schemes in Essex to help children save regularly and understand the value of money.
£5,000

Homeless Action Resource Project
Supporting homeless people in Southend by providing a drop-in centre, hot food, supplies and emergency housing.
£13,000

Home-Start Uttlesford
Helping families, with at least one child under five, who are struggling to cope.
£1,500

Home-Start Colchester
To deliver a specialist Fun-Start project for young children experiencing play deprivation in Colchester.
£9,850

Home-Start Maldon
To undertake an external strategic review of the three Mid-Essex Home-Starts to identify ways of working collaboratively as a consortium.
£11,127

Humphrey Pennington Fund
Provide Foundation
Red Nose Day Community Cash
River City Fund
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Grant facts!
30% of grant applicants during the year were new to ECF
Pioneer Sailing Trust

The Pioneer Sailing Trust aims to help young people develop life skills through challenge, new experiences and education. A grant of £1,500 from the Jerome Booth Charitable Fund will support the cost of employing apprentices at their training facility in Brightlingsea where they teach boat building and marine engineering.

IJ

Inclusion Ventures
- £1,850
Helping a West Clacton Youth Panel to engage with more local young people.
Integration Support Services
- £5,000
For a support service assisting migrants, refugees and ethnic minority groups in Basildon.

J

Jaywick Leisure Club
- £648
To replace a worn carpet at the club.
J’s Hospice
- £5,000
Group support sessions for young adults with complex life threatening conditions.

K

Kelvedon Institute Hall
- £25,000
Extending the existing village hall to increase capacity.

L

Kids Inspire
- To employ a new operations manager for a Chelmsford based organisation working with vulnerable children, over two years.
- £80,000
Kids Inspire
- Developing the The Kids Who Lunch Club project to improve nutrition and fitness for primary school pupils.
- £10,000

Lambourne End Centre for Outdoor Learning
- To refurbish the kitchen and dining area in a new camping building.
- £9,190

Laughter Specialists
- For laughter specialists to visit children with learning difficulties to provide play and fun.
- £2,000

Lighthouse Furniture Project
- Towards the purchase of a van for a furniture re-use project serving Epping Forest and Harlow districts.
- £3,500

Lionmede Bowls Club
- To help replenish items destroyed by an arson attack at a Chelmsford based bowls club.
- £2,000

Livewire Trust
- Training young leaders to run interactive theatre workshops for young people in Harlow.
- £6,430

London Bus Theatre Company
- To run alcohol awareness workshops for young people in Castle Point.
- £900

Look Essex
- To provide sporting activities and encourage healthy living for visually impaired children and their families.
- £5,800


M

Mad About Theatre Company
- Hire of studio premises for a drama group based in Clacton.
- £1,000

Maldon and District Sea Cadet Corps
- £250
For games and educational resources for junior cadets in Maldon.

Maldon Art Trail
- To support children’s workshop costs at the 2015 Maldon Arts Trail.
- £900

Maldon Pioneers Association
- £5,000
Providing activities and a holiday programme for adults with learning disabilities.

Manningtree and Mistley Welcome Home and Memorial Fund
- £3,000
To replace a slide and provide a bench at a children’s play area.

Marie Curie Cancer Care
- £6,000
Support for the cost of employing a Marie Curie Nurse working in Essex.

Mark Hall and Netteswell Community Association
- £7,225
Renovations to the kitchen at Moot House for community use.

Maru Karate Kai
- £500
New karate suits and venue hire for a Basildon based Karate club providing diversionary activities for young people.

Maze Cars
- Monthly coffee mornings for parents and carers of children with additional needs in Colchester.
- £935

Melbourne Project
- £1,000
Continuing community work on the Melbourne and Boarded Barns Estates in Chelmsford.

Michael Roberts Charitable Trust
- To further develop the Harlow Foodbank to meet increasing demand.
- £9,335

Ministry of Parenting CIC
- Design and production of a STOP Plus One handbook for practitioners working with families with teenage challenges.
- £5,000

Mistley Kids Club
- To support core running costs and replace special needs equipment for an after school and holiday club.
- £7,500

Mousetrap Theatre Projects
- Running theatre education projects for young people in Harlow who are not in mainstream education.
- £2,500

N

National Coastwatch Institution
- £1,000
Holehaven Branch
Towards preservation of life and safety at sea along the Thames at Holehaven and its environs.

Newport Village Hall
- £1,150
Installation of a hearing loop system in a rural village hall.

North Avenue Youth Centre
- £8,600
Providing youth club activities for young people in Chelmsford.

North East Essex Lymphoedema Support Group
- £1,000
To give support and advice for those suffering from Lymphoedema.

NYAS
- £1,050
Activities for young people in care in Southend.

O

Oasis Church Chelmsford
- £1,000
Supporting additional demand on the Foodbank during the winter months.

Older Persons Crucial Crew
- £1,983
For home and personal safety events in Colchester and Tendring.

One Community Development Trust
- £42,020
To run a Step to Success programme to support unemployed people in Thurrock over two years.

Open Road
- £6,000
For an outreach service and support for people with drug and alcohol related problems in Essex.

P

PARC
- £5,000
To help run the charity shop in Braintree which raises funds to support families who have children with a disability.
PARC
Provision of yoga sessions for children with a disability. £3,640

Parkeston Residents and Welfare Park Association
To buy football equipment for use by young people attending a local club. £1,000

Parkinson’s UK
Providing support and information to people with Parkinson’s Disease, their families and carers. £3,000

Parkinson’s UK – Bishops Stortford
Providing support and information to local people with Parkinson’s Disease. £825

Pioneer Sailing Trust
To support the cost of employing apprentices at the boatbuilding yard in Brightlingsea. £1,500

Prostate Cancer UK
To provide information and support to people with prostate cancer and their families. £250

Pumphouse Community Brewery Limited
Establishing a community owned micro-brewery in the isolated rural village of Toppesfield. £3,000

Queen Elizabeth Hall Charity
Providing children’s activities at the Layer de la Haye village fete in June 2015. £500

Queens Hall Charity
For repairs to the village hall in North Weald. £1,852

Rainbow Services
Purchase of tools and machinery to use in a workshop project for offenders undertaking community service in Harlow. £999

Rainbow Services
School holiday recreational activity sessions for children and young people within Harlow via the Rainbow Young Bus. £7,576

Rayleigh Age Concern
To upgrade electrical wiring at the Todman Community Centre which provides lunches to older people. £6,000

Rayleigh Age Concern
Helping the local Age Concern Lunch Club to provide additional hot meals to elderly people during the winter months. £1,000

Razed Roof
To develop a range of arts and drama activities for young adults from Harlow with severe learning difficulties. £7,500

Re-cycle
To support an “On the Tracks” work placement scheme for young people in Colchester. £9,750

Red Balloon Learner Centre – Braintree
Supporting the recovery of young people experiencing severe bullying and trauma in mid-Essex. £6,000

Roman River Music Society
Educational music workshops for children as part of the annual Roman River music festival in North Essex. £8,450

Royal Lifesaving Society – Essex Branch
A residential course to teach young people water safety. £4,000

Royal National Lifeboat Institution
Supporting the work of the RNLI along the Essex coast. £1,000

Royal Star and Garter Homes
Providing care for military families in specially adapted homes. £1,000

Rural Community Council of Essex
Enabling Village Council of Essex
To provide crisis support to older and vulnerable people struggling to cope during winter months. £1,000

SAFE (Supporting Asperger Families in Essex)
Towards the costs of SAFE STUFF which provides a range of activities for children and young people with Asperger syndrome. £1,000

Safer Harlow Partnership
Part funding for the Harlow Crucial Crew safety event in 2015 for year 6 children. £1,000

Safer Places
Support for vulnerable women and their children in mid-Essex during the winter months. £1,000

Saffron Walden Baptist Church
To provide a school mentoring programme for young people at risk of being excluded from school. £1,000

Saffron Walden Explorer Scouts
Purchase of replacement kayaks and a new canoe for use in multi-day expeditions. £2,388

Salcott-cum-Virley Village Hall
To upgrade the village hall kitchen. £1,730

Salvation Army
Helping support people in the Hatfield Peverel area through community based activities. £1,000

Salvation Army – Grays
To provide a range of activities and services for local people. £1,500

Sampfords Village Hall
Improvements at the Village Hall. £3,850

Sea-Change Projects
Enabling disabled or disadvantaged young people to take part in a residential sailing programme in Maldon. £5,000

Shakespeare Schools Festival
Helping young people develop their knowledge, literacy and educational engagement by learning and performing Shakespeare plays across Essex. £4,500

Signpost Limited
To help improve volunteers’ skills, experience and qualifications at a Basildon project supporting local unemployed people. £3,200

Signpost Limited
Delivery of an employability project supporting individuals into work or education in Colchester, Jaywick and Basildon. £10,000

What a wonderful surprise! You have made a very wet day in Braintree seem so much sunnier. Braintree District
Mancap Society
SNAP
Supporting Essex families whose children have special needs and disabilities.

SOS Domestic Abuse Projects
Providing supervised contact services for families who have been affected by domestic abuse in Southend.

SOS Rape Crisis
Supporting women and girls in the Southend, Rochford and Castle Point areas who have experienced sexual violence.

South East Essex Advocacy for Older People
To continue and expand an advocate service to elderly people who are victims of financial abuse.

South Green and District War Memorial Fund
Replacement of two entrance doors at the village hall near Billericay.

Southend Band
Support for running the Civic Brass Band in Southend.

Southend Boys’ and Girls’ Choir Trust
Towards running costs of the choir.

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School learning packs for a music project which will result in a major new choral work.

Southend Carers’ Forum
To provide additional counselling to carers of people with mental health conditions.

Southend Christian Fellowship
Repairs to the multi-use community premises in Southend.

Southend on Sea Arts Council
For an open day where amateur organisations can promote the arts in Southend.

Southend on Sea Bus Project
To replenish first aid supplies on the bus that provides a night time safe haven for vulnerable people.

Southend Vineyard
To employ a Community Organiser for the Queensway Estate in Southend for three years to improve community cohesion, resilience and safety.

Southend Vineyard
To provide counselling and mentoring for vulnerable people with mental health issues and give additional support during the winter months.

Southend YMCA
To help refurbish move-on housing for homeless young people.

Southend Young Singers
Supporting a choir for boys and girls aged 8 to 21.

Southend Youth Arts
To set up and run a weekly Creative Arts Club for children and young people in Southend.

Special Needs Activity Club
Out of school activities for disabled children and young adults living in Thurrock.

St Osyth Pre-School CIC
Redecoration and refurbishment of the after school room for use by older children.

St Osyth Village Hall
To replace chairs at the village hall.

St Stephen’s Community Trust
Supporting disadvantaged families and young people in Purfleet.

St Thomas Church, Bradwell
For urgent repairs to the church to support community activities.

St Clare Hospice
Supporting carers groups run in the Hospice Day Therapy Centre.

St Helena Hospice
Towards the costs of a mobile rehabilitation service.

St Osyth Parish Council
To buy a speed gun for a Community Speed Watch initiative.

Stambridge Community Centre
Restoration of a community hall in a rural village.

Steeple Bumpstead Pre-School
Supporting the continued employment of two apprentices.

Streets2Homes
To develop an art project with homeless people in Harlow.

Stroke Club Mid Essex
Providing a specialised after-stroke service to the stroke community in mid-Essex.

Sudbury Market Town Partnership
Helping run an environmental, community and sustainable living project in Sudbury, Suffolk.

Suffolk Artlink
Training in the use of recording equipment for music sessions involving disadvantaged young people.

Support 4 Sight
Provision of improved support countywide for visually impaired and deafblind people in Essex over two years.

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Developing an information and advice service for young visually impaired people and their families in Braintree and Chelmsford.

Supporting Carers and Families Together
Delivering services for young and adult carers in Rochford.

Teen Talk (Harwich)
To update equipment for weekly cookery workshops for young people.

Tendring and Colchester Minority Ethnic Partnership
To help run a support network and language classes for black and minority ethnic people.

The Todman Centre, Rayleigh

The Todman Centre in Rayleigh gives elderly people a chance to mix with others, have a hot meal and stay connected with their local community. A grant of £6,000 awarded jointly from the Crix Charitable Fund and Essex Millennium Fund for renovation work, is enabling the Centre to thrive.
Grant facts!

27% increase in the amount of money applied for

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Emily, who visits the Todman Centre in Rayleigh
Henry Smith Charity

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