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Mr G Burt
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Re: Grant aid for Chichester Advice Centre 2019

Dear Mr Burt,

I am writing for your consideration of Grant Aid for our Chichester Advice Centre and would be very grateful if Cocking Parish Council would consider a contribution of £75 towards the core funding costs of the Chichester Advice Centre.

One of our key priorities in the coming year is to be able to expand our home visiting service so that we can support more vulnerable people who are not able to visit our centres.

We currently provide home visits to those in the local community who are housebound due to mobility issues or a disability. This service is invaluable to these people and we would like to be able to continue this support, however, only by receiving local town and parish grants and donations will we be able to do this.

Our home visiting adviser will assist with undertaking benefit entitlement checks, completing benefit applications, and also with more complex issues such as appeal submissions to Her Majesty Court and Tribunal Service. On average we are able to obtain an average benefit of award of around £4100 per person per annum. Over the last 5 years the service has achieved an on-going value of over £5m to the local community.

In addition to the monetary value gained, our advisor will look at other ancillary benefits such as a blue badge etc. As a result of this project many local clients, as well as receiving financial benefits, have also seen an improvement in their wellbeing and quality of life. There is evidence that suggests by improving a person's wellbeing the impact on other services such as the NHS and other public services is reduced. It is therefore vital that we continue to help these people as the benefit to the client reaches far beyond the time that we initially spend supporting them.

If you require any further details about this service or about other work that we do one of our staff would be very happy to come to one of your meetings to provide more information.

Yours sincerely

Luca Badioli
Chief Executive Officer



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