Congleton Town Council Application for Financial Assistance

Part 1: Applicant(s) and Project Details

Application Reference Number (office use only)	GR05/2324

1.1	Applicant(s):	Sarah Hampton
1.2	Representing:	Daisy's Dream Cheshire East Hub
1.3	Email Address:	
1.4	Tel No.	
1.5	Project Title:	Wellbeing - Bereavement
1.6	Project Objectives:	Supporting children and young people and their families who live in Congleton with the appropriate and tailored bereavement support or where there has been a serious illness diagnosis. Providing a professional service. Responding to referrals within a 2-week period.
1.7	Brief Project Description:	To provide tailored support to children and young people who live in Congleton. To provide support to parent/carers of children and young people who live in Congleton who have suffered a bereavement or whose family are facing a serious illness diagnosis. Supporting staff in schools to help support the child and their family or other healthcare professionals who may be involved.
1.8	Details accounts/budgets	£1,500 will pay for three families to be supported for a year by our Therapeutic Practitioners. 'This will include 1:1 support sessions, over the phone advice sessions for a parent or carer, advice, and support for staff in schools.

Part 2: Cost Details / Resources / Timescale

2.1	Total Cost of Project:	£1,500
2.2	Total contribution sought:	£750

2.3	What will the money be spent on?	The money will be spent on providing professional support to children and young people and their families who have been affected by the life-threatening illness or bereavement of someone close to them. We are currently working with 3 children or young people and their families who live in Congleton. We tailor the support to each child or young person so it would mean that we can continue to support them and any other child or young person in Congleton who may need our support.
2.4	Any ongoing costs:	Providing the service but we all work from home so no office costs.
2.5	Details of confirmed match funding include source Cash:	N/A
	In kind:	
2.6	Resources needed:	
2.7	Estimated timescale of project from start to finish:	It would start for a year so estimated time of start is June 2023 and finish June 2024.

Part 3: Potential Benefits / Outputs

3.1	What are the potential	We are currently supporting three children or young people who live in
3.1	benefits/outputs to residents of Congleton	Congleton. They have sadly either lost someone that they love or are living with critical illness of someone they love. Our support is tailored to them and is provided for free. We have two professionally qualified Therapeutic Practitioners who support children and young people in Congleton and their families and work closely with the schools. We offer telephone support and advice for parents/carers, group events, home and school visits for the child or young person, workshops in schools to upskill staff and provide online resources and information packs. The death or serious illness of someone close can have a devastating effect on a child or young person. With the right support and information however, children and young people can be helped to understand what
		has happened and learn to move forward in a positive way. We believe that no child's future should be defined by a death or a life limiting illness within the family. Given time and support, we believe that children and young people can learn to cope with the changing dynamics of their life and ultimately move forwards in a positive way. Research shows that, without the opportunity to express and explore their grief, bereaved children and young people may be at risk of future health, social and educational difficulties, and disadvantages This is in addition to the impact of the bereavement on their emotional health and wellbeing.

		We enable children and young people to adapt to their changing situation by offering them the chance to access support and information which addresses their needs and concerns.
		We want to make sure we can continue to support the three children or young people in Congleton and any more that may need our support.
3.2	Are there similar services/ projects provided in the area	No. We work with Visyon who provide bereavement workshops for families but not the next step of support which is where we come in.

Part 4: Evaluation

4.1	How will the project be evaluated and who will carry out the evaluation?	We send out surveys to our families asking for feedback on a quarterly basis. This is done by the Therapeutic Practitioner who is currently supporting them.
4.2	Describe how you will promote the Town Council in your project.	We will put it on our webpage and on our social media and when I am out at local stalls or Summer or Christmas fairs, I will let people know. We would also of course do a press release if successful.
4.3	Please acknowledge you have read our Grant Application Criteria	Please see the Policy on our Grants page on our website: Grants - Congleton Town Council (congleton-tc.gov.uk) I/we have read the policy: YES / NO

Signature: Sarah Hampton Date: 26 May 2023
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