

**Dumbarton Common Good Fund
for consideration on 9 September 2020
(2020/21)**

Organisation	Purpose of organisation	Purpose of grant	Grant Requested and Officer Recommendation
Alternatives	Helping those with a substance dependency to return to wholeness from chaos. We assist with all aspects of their recovery, including their employability. We source and refer them internally through our Community Workers, then support them through a full recovery process	Alternatives has 2 social enterprises, one a café, which they hope to expand. The other is a 15.5 acre site they plan develop into a mixture of a safe and therapeutic work placement opportunities, in horticulture and in wildlife habitat work and a nice place to be to improve clients' health and wellbeing. The grant would fund employing a member of staff to oversee and develop all of the above, supplemented by volunteers, as well as purchase some fencing, a poly tunnel, some shipping containers for secure storage, some plants and trees and some bulk materials for the horticulture operation. They also wish to buy in a programme of activities based on discovering wildlife and engaging with nature for our clients, delivered by an external specialist.	Project cost: £108,300 Group contribution: £57,875 Grant request: £50,425 Recommended: £0
Number of members	How often does it meet		Bank Balance and Accounts Balance
Up to 100	Weekly		Balance held in latest accounts received: £686,647 as at 31/03/19 Bank balance at 10/03/20 £647,539