

Report by: Grants Manager, Cambridgeshire Community Foundation

To: Area Committee – South, 19th November 2009

Wards: Trumpington, Queen Edith's, Cherry Hinton

<p style="text-align: center;">Community Development Grants 2009-10</p>
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1. Introduction

This report reminds members of the process for the allocation of Community Development and Leisure grants by Area Committees, confirms the funds available, seeks approval for applications which have been assessed and lists further applications which are still under review.

The application process has been managed by Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (CCF) from April 09. CCF advertise available funds; support potential applicants; assess applications; present applications to an independent grant panel with local knowledge; present recommendations to Area Committees; advise applicants of Area Committee decisions; make grant payments and seek feedback and monitoring from the funded projects.

2. Recommendations

To consider the grant applications and agree recommendations detailed below.

Community Development current applications.				Available: £6,283	
CCF ID	Group	Project	Requested £	Recommended from Area Committee Grants £	Offer from other CCF funds £
1757	Cherry Hinton Townswomen's Guild	Christmas Party	250	170	0
2020	Trumpington Resident's Association	To replace the Trumpington village sign.	1,450	1,000	Not yet considered.
WEB 2127	Trumpington Allotment and Garden Society	To purchase and construct a polytunnel.	4,783	3,300	Not yet considered.
WEB 3092	Centre at St Pauls	Two events with activities for the under 8s.	900	620	0
WEB 3096	Hanover and Princess Court Residents Association	Christmas community event.	900	620	Not yet considered.
WEB 3102	Friends of Cherry Hinton Hall	Meetings and promotional materials.	750	520	0
Total			9,033	6,230	
Remaining			(-2,750)	53	

3. Background

The Executive Councillor has approved the following allocation of 10% of the total Community Development grants budget and 5% of the total Leisure grants budget for area committee grants. It has been calculated using population levels and is also weighted to give additional funds to areas of economic disadvantage as defined by the City Council's *Mapping poverty* research report.

2009-10						
Area	Popul- ation	Mapping Poverty score	Combined score	Community Development £	Leisure £	Total £
North	29%	40%	36.5%	18,354.00	4,263.00	22,617.00
East	29%	35%	32.8%	16,494.00	3,831.00	20,325.00
South	21%	20%	20.4%	10,258.00	2,383.00	12,641.00
West Central	21%	5%	10.3%	5,179.50	1,203.50	6,383.00
Total				50,285.50	11,680.50	61,966.00

4. South Area Committee 2009-10 Community Development applications

4.1 Community Development spend to date: £3,975

ID	Group	Project	AC Grant
1521	3 rd Trumpington Brownies	Contribution towards the cost of a weekend residential.	500
1595	Queen Edith Carpet Bowls Club	Coach hire for a day trip.	300
1620	Trumpington Elderly Action Group	Running costs of group.	575
WEB 570	Little Bunnies Mothers/Carers Playgroup	Resources, outings and other events.	600
WEB 693	Cherry Hinton Festival Society	Insurance and marquee hire.	2,000
Total			£3,975
Remaining			£6,283

4.2 Grant application background information

South Area Committee 2009-10 grants	CCF ref 1757
Applicant: Cherry Hinton Townswomen's Guild	Ward(s) : Cherry Hinton
Purpose of group: To enhance the education of women, irrespective of race, creed and party so as to enable them to make the best contribution towards the common good. To educate such women in the principles of good citizenship. To provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation for such women in the interests of social welfare and with a view improving their conditions of life.	
Project: Christmas Party to celebrate 80th Anniversary of Townswoman's Guilds Breakdown of costs: Entertainment £50; activities £150; overheads £50	
Total cost: £250.00	Requested: £250.00
Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant: To help keep up the membership of the Townswomen's Guilds. To keep members interested in all of the Townswomen's activities. Number of beneficiaries: 45	
Background information: Part of the national Townswomen's Guild and pay proportion of membership subscriptions to the national body. The club has 45 members from the Cherry Hinton area. They have one meeting each month and also one arts and crafts meeting per month, and meet at the Colville Primary School. Have a varied calendar of monthly events. CCF Comments: Funding is requested to help make this year's Christmas party extra-special to celebrate 80 years of the national Townswomen's Guild. Extras will include speakers, decorations and gifts. With funding, they will be able to make the event free for guests. Without funding, they will have to use club funds, charge members or scale-down plans. The party is good for people with limited personal transport because it is local. According to the Chairman everybody enjoys the party.	
Previous funding from this Area Committee: £370 in 07/08 for summer outing; £200 in 08/09 for 40 th anniversary dinner.	
CCF recommendation: Fund £170.	

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South Area Committee 2009-10 grants		CCF ref 2020
Applicant: Trumpington Residents' Association		Ward(s) : Trumpington
Purpose of group: The objectives of the Association are to benefit the residents of Trumpington by associating together the residents, local authorities, voluntary and other organisations to improve the quality of life in Trumpington and to engender a sense of community through the provision of community activities and facilities.		
Project: to replace the Trumpington village sign Breakdown of costs: new sign (inc. allowance for contingency, carriage and VAT at 17.5%) £1,350; new post £100		
Total cost: £2,900.00		Requested: £1,450.00
Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant: We hope that a new sign will help inspire a sense of community in both existing residents and new residents. The next 5-10 years are a key period for the Southern Fringe, as new housing is developed and the population grows rapidly. We need to take practical steps like the new sign to create a sense of community.		
Number of beneficiaries: residents of Trumpington		
Background information: The Association holds monthly meetings of its members, where issues of local concern are discussed. It makes representations to councils and planning agencies about the strategic developments affecting the Southern Fringe. It informs members and the public through direct contact and information on its web site. It has built up its membership to over 120 in recent years.		
CCF Comments: No cost involved in removing the old sign or installing the new sign, this will be done by Trumpington Farm Company who will also take responsibility for maintenance of the new sign. There is some uncertainty as to who owns the land that the sign is on, either Bidwells or Trumpington Farm Company and both have been consulted. The new sign replacing the old wooden sign will be made of durable longer lasting material. The project is widely supported in the local community. Cllr Andy Blackhurst is consulting the Highways Agency as advised by City Council Community Development.		
Previous funding from this Area Committee: £400 in 04/05 for a planning presentation		
CCF recommendation: Fund £1,000		

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South Area Committee 2009-10 grants		CCF ref WEB2127
Applicant: Trumpington Allotment and Garden Society Ltd		Ward(s) : Trumpington
Purpose of group: To manage and promote allotment gardening for the local community.		
Project: to purchase and construct a polytunnel Breakdown of costs: materials £3,348l; erection £1,635 inc. VAT at 15%		
Total cost: £5,783.00	Requested: £4,783.00	
Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant: More members of the local community will be able to participate in the activities of the society. The provision of a polytunnel will extend the growing season and allow more delicate crops to be cultivated. Revenue from the rent of the mini plots will generate a steady income stream for upkeep and day to day maintenance of the polytunnel. Number of beneficiaries: 50		
Background information: The allotments have become very popular in the last five years and there is a waiting list for plots. Allotment holders are from a variety of backgrounds - retired, young people, young married couples, academics and a mix of ethnic backgrounds.		
CCF Comments: The City Council gave the Society a polytunnel frame, but when it was erected it became apparent that several pieces were missing and it would not be easy to get it to a usable condition. Therefore the Society have decided to start from scratch and purchase a new polytunnel. They already have a water supply and power that can be extended to the new polytunnel. A supplier has been identified (will fix the price for a period of time) and the site has been identified adjacent to the allotments. Ready to start work as soon as funding is secured but the frame given by the Council has to be removed first and they need permission from the Council to dispose of it. Rental charged for small plots in the polytunnel will be set aside for maintenance and repairs.		
Previous funding from this Area Committee: New applicant.		
CCF recommendation: Fund £3,300		

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South Area Committee 2009-10 grants		CCF ref WEB3092
Applicant: Centre at St Pauls		Ward(s) : Trumpington
Purpose of group: The Centre situated on Hills Road aims to respond to the needs of the community by providing accessible facilities for groups, private individuals and commercial organisations.		
Project: two events with activities for the under 8s including staff time and an entertainer Breakdown of costs: 2 x staff £300; 2 x entertainer £50; 2 x lunch for 25 children and 25 adults £75; 2 x craft and baking materials £25		
Total cost: £900.00		Requested: £900.00
Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant: The events organised so far have been a great success and we have been asked to put on more. The aim is to run at least one event per half term. Number of beneficiaries: 50		
Background information: There is a proven need for activities for small children in Newtown, not least because the Accordia and CUP sites do not have their own community facilities. These areas have been targetted successfully when organising past Family Fun events. The families who have attended have been a mixture of residents of the new developments, families who come to our Monday toddler group and people from other parts of the city. The events are run by paid staff of Hoppett's Poppetts and the Centre Manager. The staff have extensive experience of organising activities of this kind for small children. CCF Comments: Activities for children initiated after a need was identified by the City Council.		
Previous funding from this Area Committee: £2,119 in 04/05 for chairs and a storage trolley; £600 in 06/07 for display panels and partitions; £1,500 in 08/09 for uplighters; £750 in 08/09 for a notice board.		
CCF recommendation: Fund £620		

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South Area Committee 2009-10 grants		CCF ref WEB3096
Applicant: Hanover & Princess Court Residents Association		Ward(s) : Trumpington
<p>Purpose of group: The Residents Association exists to promote the wellbeing of residents of the two blocks of flats and communication with the city council. It holds regular meetings at which issues of concern are raised and addressed. These include anti-social behaviour, traffic issues, car parking, pigeons and recycling. For the past 5 years, the Residents Association has organised a Christmas community event in conjunction with the city council (Community Development), local businesses, the Centre at St Paul's and St Paul's school.</p>		
<p>Project: Christmas community event, 6 to 7pm Breakdown of costs: Christmas tree £100; Christmas lights £150; electrician: £150; marquee £500</p>		
Total cost: £900.00		Requested: £900.00
<p>Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant: The local community benefits enormously from this seasonal celebration. It is an opportunity (like the September barbecue organised by the Residents Association) for local residents to get to know one another in an informal setting. Additionally, the event includes the local primary schools, residents of the local care home and the care in the community hostel in Russell Street. Elderly residents who are housebound can view the event from their own flats.</p>		
Number of beneficiaries: 120		
<p>Background information: The event consists of a local councillor switching on the tree lights a children's choir singing festive songs, a visit from Father Christmas with refreshments. The marquee is indispensable in view of the time of year and the weather. The fee includes flooring, chairs, lighting, tables and erection/dismantling of the marquee on the day.</p>		
<p>CCF Comments: 2009 will be the 5th Christmas community event organised by the association. The association started organising events to build community spirit in Hanover & Princess Court, where there are a diverse mix of residents living in the 126 flats. Events have been very successful and are well attended, good feedback is received. Local schools are involved and the event is supported by the Centre at St Pauls. Christmas lights purchased last year were vandalised and need to be replaced, usually lasting 3 to 4 years. Currently no Equal Opps Policy, but happy to write.</p>		
<p>Previous funding from this Area Committee: £900 in 05/06 for Christmas tree installation; £900 in 06/07 for Christmas tree and event; £176 in 07/08 for marquee hire; £850 in 07/08 for Christmas tree installation and event; £500 in 08/09 for marquee hire.</p>		
CCF recommendation: Fund £620		

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South Area Committee 2009-10 grants		CCF ref WEB3102
Applicant: The Friends of Cherry Hinton Hall		Ward(s) : Cherry Hinton
<p>Purpose of group: Friends of Cherry Hinton Hall are a group of people formed July 2009, concerned about the usage, environment, welfare and future of the park for the benefit of those who use it. The friends want to act as advocates / champions of Cherry Hinton Hall grounds for the general public and act as a communication channel between the Council and public.</p>		
<p>Project: cost of meetings and promotional materials Breakdown of costs: room hire £120; stationery £50; leaflet delivery £90; promotional flyers £400; cost of stalls at fetes, advertising £90</p>		
Total cost: £7500.00		Requested: £750.00
<p>Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant: The funding is primarily there to put the Friends on a strong footing, so we can afford to hold meetings and can communicate with all members. We also want literature to support the group's aims and recruit members. Further communication via leaflet or an advert may also be appropriate and the funding will assist this. In the long-term the Friends is interested in co-ordinating a number of activities, e.g. conducting a species audit, establishing litter-picking volunteers, and assisting with minor maintenance. We would also like to contribute by giving talks e.g. on the Hall's history, archaeology and wildlife. Finally, the Friends is clearly there to act as a partner with Cambridge City Council, communicating the public's views on Cherry Hinton Hall Park, identifying priorities for maintenance and working with the Council on the future of the propagation centre site. Number of beneficiaries: 5000</p>		
<p>Background information: Three meetings have been held to date, but have relied on being allowed to use community facilities free of charge. Going forward, the group need to be able to pay for room hire. A leaflet was produced to advertise the group's formation, free of charge thanks to volunteers. Plan to commission a promotional leaflet to use in shops, libraries, at events, etc for the next two to three years. It has also been suggested that the group have a small presence at the 2010 Cambridge Folk Festival for promotion and recruitment, good literature would help. Most of the 120 members receive communication via email. However, a small number do not have access to email and funds are needed for postage and stationary costs. CCF Comments: It is estimated that 80% of group members are from Cherry Hinton, up to 10% are from Queen Edith's and 10% are from Coleridge. Therefore the majority of members are from the South Area of Cambridge.</p>		
Previous funding from this Area Committee: New applicant		
CCF recommendation: Fund £520		

5. South Area Committee 2009-10 Leisure applications: none

5.1 Leisure 09/10 spend to date: £600

ID	Group	Project	AC Grant
WEB 689	Cherry Hinton Lions	Training courses for volunteers.	600
Total			£600
Remaining			£1,783

If the above recommendations are agreed, the following budget will be available for later applications

2009-10	Budget £	Allocated £	Remaining £
Community Development	10,258	10,205	53
Leisure	2,383	600	1,783
Total	12,641	10,805	1,836

BACKGROUND PAPERS and research used in the preparation of this report:
 Grant applications.
 Telephone interview.

To inspect these documents contact Marion Branch on 01223 410535 or marion@cambscf.org.uk

Appendix 1
Area Committee grant conditions

Community development grants enable projects which provide services or activities to benefit people living in one of the four areas of Cambridge City. Priority will be given to projects that are aimed at those people whose opportunities are restricted by disability, low income or discrimination.

1. Funds may also be used to meet any needs specific to its area as determined by the area committee.
2. Each area committee may decide to reserve part of its budget for one or more of these purposes. Grants may be awarded for capital or revenue expenditure.
3. Applications will be invited from:
 - constituted voluntary and not-for-profit organisations.
 - groupings of local residents able to meet basic accountability requirements.
 - partnerships of constituted group(s) and local residents.

Statutory agencies (such as Parish Councils and Schools) and commercial ventures are not eligible to apply.

4. There is no upper limit on application or grant award levels.
5. Members will generally be asked to consider and decide on applications twice a year.
6. Grants may be made between meetings if the applicants can demonstrate that they are unable to wait for the next scheduled grants meeting. CCF will consult with the Chair and, where relevant, ward members. The full committee will be notified at the next appropriate meeting.
7. Grants will not generally be made retrospectively.
8. Grants will be publicised, administered and monitored by CCF.