

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.

2008-09						
Area	Popul- ation	Mapping Poverty score	Combined score	Community Development £	Leisure £	Total £
North	28%	38%	34.7%	24,840	5,640	30,480
East	28%	35%	32.7%	23,400	5,320	28,720
South	21%	21%	21%	15,030	3,420	18,450
West Central	23%	6%	11.6%	8,300	1,890	10,190
Total				71,570	16,270	87,840

4. West Central Area Committee 2008-09 Community Development applications

4.1 Community Development spend to date

Available : £8,300				
	Group	Project		Award £
CD1	Oxford Road Residents' Association	Running costs, social events	29 th May meeting	345
CD2	St Augustine's Church	Holiday Club	Chair's Action	500
CD3	Under Five's roundabout	Toys and music equipment	Chair's Action	619
Total				1,464
Remaining				6,836

4.2 Grant application background information

West Central Area Committee 2008-09 grants		WCAC/CD4	
Applicant: King Street Pre School Based at the Wesley Church, King Street on weekday mornings. For 22 children aged 2 months to 4.			
Ward(s) Market			
Bid: Folding climbing frame £423; safety mats £370		Total cost £793	Requested £793
Benefits for local community: Equipment is designed specifically for pre-school children. Children gain confidence and improve co-ordination, control, manipulation and movement.			
Comments: There is currently no climbing equipment. Have active fundraising activities to pay for equipment, books and computers.			
Previous funding from this committee: None			
Recommendation: £793			

West Central Area Committee 2008-09 grants		WCAC/CD5	
Applicant: Little Monkeys Parent and baby/toddler group meets Tuesday mornings at St Augustine's Hall, Richmond Road. Attended by up to 30 under 3s and 20 carers. Activities include story telling			
Ward(s) Castle			
Bid: Toys £220; mats £145		Total cost £365	Requested £365
Benefits for local community: Local parents and carers can meet each other for social interaction. Toys cover themes such as music and imaginative play + construction. The equipment will enable a stimulating environment which will engage the children. Mats will enable crawling babies to play on a clean and safe floor.			
Comments: Current equipment is worn and tatty.			
Previous funding from this committee: 2006-07 Music workshops and publicity £150			
Recommendation: £365			

West Central Area Committee 2008-09 grants		WCAC/CD6	
Applicant: Newnham Youth Club Established in 2004. Thursday evening club for approx. 40 year 7-11 young people at St Marks Church Hall. Average attendance of 15; charge of £1 per session.			
Ward(s) Newnham			
Bid: Youth worker hours (£1,250)		Total cost £1,250	Requested £1,250
Benefits for local community: Provides volunteering opportunities for 2 young people. Fun and challenging activities for young people. 6 local parents are involved. Users actively involved in running the club.			
Comments: Club is well advertised. Church donates the use of the hall. Good links with ChYpPS team who second a youth worker to the club. Raise funds via membership fees and sale of snacks. Young people from a range of schools and backgrounds attend.			
Previous funding from this committee: 05-06 running costs £3,138 07-08 costs of youth club £2,738			
Recommendation: £1,250			

West Central Area Committee 2008-09 grants		WCAC/CD7	
Applicant: St Augustine's Church			
Ward(s) Castle			
Bid: Expenses and hospitality costs of Friday night monthly talks (£200).		Total cost £200	Requested £200
Benefits for local community: Talks bring the expertise of local residents to the notice of the wider local community. Attendance anticipated at 20-25			
Comments: Talks deal with wide ranging subjects of cultural and ethical interest. Events are organised by the Parish of Ascension Social Committee which represents St Augustine's, St Giles and the Castle Street Methodist Church.			
Previous funding from this committee: 08-09 for children's summer holiday club £500			
Recommendation: £200			

West Central Area Committee 2008-09 grants		WCAC/CD8
Applicant: St Luke's Primary School Parent Teacher Association		
Ward(s) Castle		
Bid: Scramble net (£1,139); safer grass tiles (£1,302); delivery and installation (£273).	Total cost £2,714	Requested £2,714
Benefits for local community: This well used playground is accessible evenings, weekends and holidays to the local community except during school hours when the gates are locked.		
Comments: Local beat officers confirm high out of school hours usage. Young people ride bicycles and skateboards, often accompanied by parents. A group of parents, councillors, police officers, governors and the diocese members have been involved in this project to raise funds for new equipment. They have fundraised for other equipment suitable for younger children. Parental consultation highlighted equipment to prioritise next – which is for older children. Local people volunteered one weekend to landscape the area. Other funding bids are being planned for more equipment. The PTA are holding the money.		
Previous funding from this committee: None		
Recommendation: £1,357 – 50% of bid. The remaining 50% of this bid was awarded at North Area Committee on 9 th October 2008.		

5. West Central Area Committee 2008-09 Leisure applications

5.1 Leisure spend to date

Available			£ 1,890
	Group	Project	Offer £
L1	Cambridge Lawn Tennis Club	Summer holiday junior tennis courses	1,480
Budget remaining			410

5.2 Leisure grant application background information

West Central Area Committee 2008-09 grants		WCAC/L2	
Applicant: St Augustine's Church			
Ward(s) Castle			
Bid: Chamber Concert Series (£700); New Year Gala Concert (£350)		Total cost £1,700	Requested £1,050
Benefits for local community: The five Chamber Concerts are popular with older and disabled residents who can't get to the city centre and will be for 40-60 local residents. The New Year concert will involve the Mayfield Primary School and Chesterton Community College school choirs and have an audience of 150 – 175. Events are organised by the Parish of Ascension Social Committee which represents St Augustine's, St Giles and the Castle Street Methodist Church.			
Comments: St Augustine's Hall has good acoustics for music so can house concerts of different natures appealing to different tastes. New Year Concert is a programme of music from Vienna (works by the Strauss family and Franz Lehar).			
Previous funding from this committee: 08-09 for children's summer holiday club £500			
Recommendation: £410 towards costs of concerts			

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

2008-09	Budget £	Allocated £	Remaining £
Community Development	8,300	5,429	2,871
Leisure	1,890	1,890	0
totals	10,190	7,319	2,871

6. IMPLICATIONS

- (a) **Financial** As above
- (b) **Staffing.** None
- (c) **Equal Opportunities** Grant expenditure is targeted at disadvantaged groups. Applicants are required to adopt appropriate policies and practice.
- (d) **Environmental** Applicants are required to adopt appropriate policies and practice.
- (e) **Community Safety** Grants which improve people's incomes and their involvement in their communities can reduce crime and the fear of crime.

BACKGROUND PAPERS used in the preparation of this report:
Grant applications.

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Appendix 1

Area Committee grant conditions

1. Community development grants are for services and activities for residents of all or part of the wards covered by each committee to:
 - Support children and young people; Black and minority ethnic communities; families living in disadvantaged areas; people with disabilities and active older people to participate in their communities and improve their own health and well-being
 - Improve community access to legal advice services.
 - Increase awareness of, celebrate and challenge intolerance of the city's cultural diversity.
 - Strengthen the voluntary sector
 - Meet any needs specific to its area as determined by the area committee.
2. Leisure grants are intended to increase access to cultural, arts and sporting activities, which improve health, well-being, confidence and skills, for residents of all or part of the wards covered by each committee - especially young people and those whose lives are restricted by discrimination, disability and/or disadvantage.
3. Funds may also be used to meet any needs specific to its area as determined by the area committee.
4. 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.
5. Applications will be invited from:
 - constituted voluntary and not-for-profit organisations which meet existing Community Development and Leisure grant-aid conditions.
 - groupings of local residents able to meet basic accountability requirements.
 - partnerships of constituted group(s) and local residents.

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

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