

Report by: Grants Manager (Community Development and Leisure)

To: Area committee – West Central

15th May 2008

Wards: Castle, Market, Newnham

Community Development and Leisure grants 2008-09

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; and seeks approval for applications

2. Recommendation

To consider grant applications in section 4 and agree recommendations.

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 | Population | Mapping Poverty score | Combined score | Community Development £ | Leisure £ | Total £ |
| North | 28% | 38% | 34.7% | 24,840 | 5640 | 30,480 |
| East | 28% | 35% | 32.7% | 23,400 | 5320 | 28,720 |
| South | 21% | 21% | 21% | 15,030 | 3420 | 18,450 |
| West Central | 23% | 6% | 11.6% | 8,300 | 1890 | 10,190 |
| Total | | | | 71,570 | 16,270 | 87,840 |

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

| Community Development current applications available | | | | £8300 |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| | Group | Project | Bid £ | Offer £ |
| CD1 | Oxford Road Residents' Association | Running costs, social events | 425 | 345 |
| Total | | | 425 | 345 |

| West Central Area Committee 2008-09 grants | | | WCAC/CD1 |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Applicant Oxford Road Residents' Association Inaugurated June 2007. 4 meetings at St Augustine's Church to promote communal spirit and address resident's concerns; newsletter; social events (eg Christmas and summer parties); educational events with speakers | | | |
| Ward(s) Castle | | | |
| Bid Room hire (£120); website (£47); Neighbourhood Watch Scheme signage (£80); summer party (£135); Christmas party (£95), stationary & admin (£50) | Total cost £527 | Requested £425 | |
| Benefits for local community 140 properties in Oxford Road with a mix of students, families and older people. Meets with other local resident's associations and will invite their members to meetings to develop cohesiveness in Castle ward. | | | |
| Comments 60 attendees at inaugural meeting. Each meeting ends with a social element. Website to be developed with past minutes, letters on matters of community interest and a skills, resources and information bank to increase mutual help, promote friendly contact between residents, offer advice on DIY issues, and promote the spread of information and local knowledge. Will be establishing a neighbourhood watch scheme. Need to apply to Safer Cities for £80 bid for signage. Membership income of £75. | | | |
| Previous funding from this committee None | | | |
| Recommendation £345 | | | |

5. West Central Area Committee 2008-09 Leisure applications

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| Leisure, sport and arts current applications available | £1890 |
| No bids | |

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

| 2008-09 | Budget £ | Allocated £ | Remaining £ |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Community Development | 8300 | 345 | 7955 |
| Leisure | 1890 | 0 | 1890 |
| totals | 10,190 | 345 | 9845 |

5. 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.

To inspect these documents contact Elaine Shortt on 457968 or elaine.shortt@cambridge.gov.uk who is also the author and contact officer for queries.

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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