

Report by: Grants Officer, Cambridgeshire Community Foundation

To: Area Committee – South, 27 May 2009

Wards: Trumpington, Queen Edith’s and Cherry Hinton

Community Development Grants 2009-10

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.

Since April 09 the application process has been managed by Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (CCF). CCF will advertise available funds; support potential applicants; assess applications; present applications to an independent grant panel with local knowledge which will make recommendations for awards; 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: £10,560.00	
	Group	Project	Requested £	Offer £
1521	3 rd Trumpington Brownies	Contribution towards the cost of a weekend residential.	554	500
1595	Queen Edith Carpet Bowls Club	Coach hire for a day trip.	300	300
1620	Trumpington Elderly Action Group	Running costs of group.	575	400
WEB570	Little Bunnies Mothers/Carers Playgroup	Resources, outings and other events.	500	500
WEB 693	Cherry Hinton Festival Society	Insurance and marquee hire.	2,200	2,000

Total	4,129	3,700
Remaining	6,431	6,860

Leisure current applications.			Available: £2,453.00	
	Group	Project	Requested £	Offer £
WEB 689	Cherry Hinton Lions	Training courses for volunteers.	600	600
Total			600	600
Remaining			1,853	1,853

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	28%	38%	34.7%	17,449.00	4,053.00	21,502.00
East	28%	35%	32.7%	16,443.50	3,819.50	20,263.00
South	21%	21%	21%	10,560.00	2,453.00	13,013.00
West Central	23%	6%	11.6%	5,833.00	1,355.00	7,188.00
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: None

4.2 Grant application background information

South Area Committee 2009-10 grants		CCF ref 1521
<p>Applicant: 3rd Trumpington Brownies Brownie Pack for girls aged between 7 and 11 years to take part in challenges, games and activities, and earn badges. The Pack has been running since 1956 and currently has 32 members with 6 more on a waiting list. The Pack is run by trained volunteer leaders.</p>		
<p>Ward(s) : Trumpington</p>		
<p>Bid: Funding requested to cover cost of residential £234, food £160 and crafts £160.</p>	<p>Total cost £554</p>	<p>Requested £554</p>
<p>Benefits for local community: The Brownie Pack join in community events for example they have weeded and planted bulbs in the community orchard, and spring cleaned the Church. The applicant said that taking the girls on a residential will help them learn independence skills inc. cooking. During the residential they will work on teamwork skills inc. working in different groups and with girls of other ages, not just their peers, which does not normally happen at school. After previous trips, parents noticed increased confidence and new skills. This was most apparent in girls who had not been away from home before.</p>		
<p>CCF Comments: Governed by Girlguiding UK and follow national policies. The Pack meets every Wednesday in term time at the village hall. Subscriptions are £25 a term and cover the cost of membership to Girlguiding UK, hire of the village hall and weekly activities. Extra activities including trips incur additional costs for members, which can be difficult for some to find. Funding is requested to cover the costs of a residential trip to the Jarman Centre in Newmarket planned for October. The residential will be run over 2 nights with half the girls staying each night because space is limited, and everyone taking part in the daytime activities. The last residential trip was attended by 22 of the 32 members, the costs provided in the budget allow for 18 girls per night and 36 taking part in activities.</p>		
<p>Previous funding from the Area Committee: £945 in 04/05 for holiday bursaries £860 in 05/06 towards a holiday</p>		
<p>CCF recommendation: £500. The independent grant panel that reviews applications received by CCF felt that members' parents could make a small contribution in the order of £2 each.</p>		

South Area Committee 2009-10 grants		CCF ref 1595	
Applicant: Queen Edith Carpet Bowls Carpet Bowls group established in 1992 by St James' Church and Queen Edith's School. The group meets once a week at Queen Edith's School and all 25 members are senior citizens.			
Ward(s) : Queen Edith's			
Bid: Funding requested to hire a coach £260 and cover the cost of fuel £40 for a day trip.		Total cost £300	Requested £300
Benefits for local community: The club provides an opportunity for local elderly people to socialise, support each other and enjoy participating in a sporting activity at low cost.			
CCF Comments: The club does not have a constitution or written Equal Opportunities Policy, although it is open to all and subs are 50p per session. All members are involved in decision making and there is no separate Management Committee. No accounts submitted, Mrs Kathleen Smith who submitted the application does not have transport and has advised CCF that she would find it difficult to make a copy of the accounts book. To date the clubs only income has been from subscriptions. Money is limited within the group as all members are elderly and they do not have funds available to provide a trip. They aim to provide a day trip in July so that members can enjoy each other's company away from the bowls club. This would be a major event for the club and it is hoped that new members will join as a result. Only 2 members have their own transport and hiring a coach would enable a group of local elderly people to enjoy a day trip to the seaside. If a grant is offered we would require the group, with the support of Cambridge CVS, to draft rules to set down how they are run.			
Previous funding from this Area Committee: none			
CCF recommendation: £300 subject to the group writing some simple governing rules with the help of Cambridge CVS.			

South Area Committee 2009-10 grants		CCF ref 1620
<p>Applicant: Trumpington Elderly Action Group The group formed in 1989 as an action group to improve life and conditions for the over 60's. There are currently 45 members.</p>		
<p>Ward(s): Trumpington</p>		
<p>Bid: Funding requested towards running costs of the group inc. hall hire £160; refreshments £50; secretarial expenses £60; audit £25 and towards events inc. New Year Party £180; Celebration of Age £100.</p>	<p>Total cost £1,000</p>	<p>Requested £575</p>
<p>Benefits for local community: The group provides a voice for local elderly people and works to tackle issues important to them. In the past the group have campaigned for a local medical centre, to save green space and for dropped kerbs. The group provides information relevant to members and social opportunities at meetings, reducing isolation.</p>		
<p>CCF Comments: Constituted group, have adopted an Equal Opportunities Policy. Meetings are held monthly and include talks on a variety of subjects inc. protecting the environment, Emmaus and Falls prevention. The group organises celebration events and members contribute to the costs of one outing a year. The group has also operated a lunch club for 15 years. The group were awarded a grant of £450 from Grassroots Grants through CCF in February to contribute towards the costs of a trip in July.</p>		
<p>Previous funding from this Area Committee: £750 in 04/05 for running costs £750 in 05/06 for running costs, outing and Christmas Party £680 in 06/07 for running costs, outing and Christmas Party £650 in 07/08 for running costs, outing and New Year Party £859 in 08/09 for running costs, outing and Christmas Party</p>		
<p>CCF recommendation: £400. The independent grant panel considered this to be a worthy group, however as the Area Committee contributes to running costs every year it is suggested the group should use some of its reserves.</p>		

South Area Committee 2009-10 grants		CCF ref WEB570
<p>Applicant: Little Bunnies Mothers/Carers Playgroup The playgroup runs twice a week at St Andrews Church all year round and is regularly attended by up to 15 mothers / carers and 24 toddlers. The current committee took over the running of the playgroup in early 2008.</p>		
<p>Ward(s): Cherry Hinton</p>		
<p>Bid: Funding requested for outings and speakers £400 and for rugs, toys and crafts £600.</p>	<p>Total cost £1,000</p>	<p>Requested £1,000</p>
<p>Benefits for local community: A need for the low cost (£1.50 per session for a family) playgroup has been demonstrated by the increase in numbers attending and increased regularity of attendance during 08/09. There are many different ethnic groups represented in Cherry Hinton and the playgroup aims to help reduce isolation for mothers from different backgrounds. The playgroup is open during the school holidays providing continuous support. Speakers are invited to attend sessions; subjects covered include dental hygiene and activities to help parents interact with their children.</p>		
<p>CCF Comments: Currently no constitution or policies in place, but the applicant has agreed to work with Cambridge CVS to address this. Money is held in a separate bank account operated by the Church. The committee is made up of 3 grandmothers who having attended the playgroup with their grandchildren felt they could inject some enthusiasm and run the group more efficiently. The 3 committee members take sole responsibility for running the playgroup. They have run the group successfully for a year and having secured a previous grant and increased the number of regular attendees and therefore subscriptions, the group now pays the Church £40 per month for hire of the facilities. The committee feel they should offer more than just a playgroup and provide speakers on a range of subjects, opportunity for parents / carers to socialise and individual support and advice where needed. The playgroup runs on Monday and Wednesday mornings and caters for young mums through to grandparents. Parents / carers attend with babies and toddlers during term time and children up to the age of 10y can join in during school holidays. Funding would enable them to increase and update resources to cope with growing numbers.</p>		
<p>Previous funding from this Area Committee: £1,000 in 08/09 for trips, equipment or toilet and kitchen area refurbishment</p>		
<p>CCF recommendation: £500 towards rugs, toys and crafts. The panel felt parents should contribute to trips where possible so no funding is offered for this. The award is subject to the group working with Cambridge CVS to make sure the correct policies are in place.</p>		

South Area Committee 2009-10 grants		CCF ref WEB693
<p>Applicant: Cherry Hinton Festival Society Annual event held in September comprising a wide range of free activities and entertainment. A well established event, the current committee have been running the festival for 4 years supported by 50+ volunteers.</p>		
<p>Ward(s): Cherry Hinton</p>		
<p>Bid: Funding requested for marquees £1,440, insurance £360, staging £200, PA system £200.</p>	<p>Total cost £4,000</p>	<p>Requested £2,200</p>
<p>Benefits for local community: An open air event that is open to all and was attended by 5000 people in 2008. The event is held in a central location in the village, all activities and entertainment are free and made accessible to the elderly and disabled by a concrete path and this year the addition of matting to improve wheelchair access. Local community groups / charities can have free stalls to raise awareness. The event provides an opportunity for local residents to find out about activities in their area, especially important as there is no natural place for residents to find out what is happening locally at other times. The event helps to create community cohesion, involving a diverse cross section of people and has resulted in increased membership of local groups. Workshops are run by organisations inc. COPE, the Fire Service, St John Ambulance and Community Police. Any profit made is allocated at the AGM to local groups who can express a need.</p>		
<p>CCF Comments: Constituted organisation with Equal Opportunities and Child Protection Policies in place. This year the committee seek to improve and expand the event in 2 ways. 1) The committee are working with The Way 2B Awards; awards recognising service providers that have offered an exceptional service for people with disabilities. Holding the award ceremony at the festival will make the awards known to a new audience and increase attendance at the festival. The committee are working with other orgs and learning about the particular needs of a disabled audience and aim to increase accessibility / inclusivity at the festival. 2) The festival will be extended to a week of events to allow local groups inc. the History Society to gain maximum benefit by running additional activities. The long term aim is to run monthly events to increase community spirit, build the identity of Cherry Hinton as a village and fundraise for the next festival.</p>		
<p>Previous funding from this Area Committee: £1,000 in 06/07 for licence fee, marquee, recreation ground and chair hire £150 in 06/07 for contribution to festival budget deficit £1,100 in 07/08 for insurance, marquee and chair hire £1,370 in 08/09 for insurance, chair, table and marquee hire, licence fee £350 in 08/09 for gazebo and generator</p>		
<p>CCF recommendation: £2,000</p>		

5. South Area Committee 2009-10 Leisure applications

5.1 Leisure 09/10 spend to date: None.

5.2 Leisure grant application background information

South Area Committee 2009-10 grants		CCF ref WEB689
Applicant: Cherry Hinton Lions Football Club The club was started in 1983 and offers weekly football sessions for over 180 girls and boys aged 5 to 16y. There are currently 15 teams.		
Ward(s): Cherry Hinton		
Bid: Funding requested towards training courses for new Team Managers inc. Level 1 Coaching £75 per person, Level 2 Coaching £100 per person and First Aid £60 per person.	Total cost £665	Requested £600
Benefits for local community: The Club aims to offer sport to all children and young people in the community. Membership has increased during the past season; there is now an under 7's squad and following successful girls drop-in sessions, an under 12's girls team. The Club also hopes to have a senior team playing in the 09/10 season to give juniors something to move on to as they get older. The Club takes part in community activities and will run several events at the Cherry Hinton Festival, they are a central part of the Cherry Hinton community, offering enjoyment to local people and have a large number of regular supporters. The Club also runs a tea room.		
CCF Comments: Constituted Club, achieved FA Charter Standard in September 2007 and Development Club Status in December 2007, has all appropriate policies in place. Working towards Community Club Status in the next 12 months. Club games and training take place on Cherry Hinton recreation ground and at Netherhall School. Several new teams have been set up and each team needs to be supported by 2 volunteers trained in First Aid, Child Protection and coaching. Funding would enable the club to put volunteers through training courses before the start of the new season, giving them maximum time to work with their teams. In the Club's experience volunteers stay involved for several years, making it worthwhile funding their training. Securing funding would increase capacity, enabling the Club to cater for more children and young people. There are 4 people waiting to do the First Aid Course, 3 to do Level 1 Coaching and 2 to do Level 2.		
Previous funding from this Area Committee: £425 in 08/09 for mini soccer goal, balls, training costs for coaches / first aid		
CCF recommendation: £600		

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

2009-10	Budget £	Allocated £	Remaining £
Community Development	10,560	3,700	6,860
Leisure	2,453	600	1,853
Total	13,013	4,300	8,713

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 give 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.