

**Report by:** Grants Manager (Community Development and Leisure)

**To:** Area committee – West Central

25 October 2007

**Wards:** Castle, Market, Newnham

**Community Development and Leisure grants 2007-08**

**1. Introduction**

This report

- reminds members of the process for the allocation of grants
- confirms the funds available
- seeks approval for applications

**2. Recommendation**

To consider grant applications in sections 4 and 5 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.

2007-08						
Area	Population	Mapping poverty score	Combined score	Community development £	Leisure £	Total £
North	28%	38%	34.7%	25,350	5660	31,010
East	28%	35%	32.7%	23,900	5330	29,230
South	21%	21%	21%	15,340	3440	18,780
<b>West Central</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>11.6%</b>	<b>8470</b>	<b>1890</b>	<b>10,360</b>
Total				73,060	16,320	89,380

#### 4. 2007-08 applications to West Central area committee

Community development spend to date			£ 8470 available	
	Group	Project	Awarded	Offer £
CD 1	Directions Plus	Home visit service	15 March 2007	715
CD2	Christ's Pieces' Residents Association	Administration		700
CD 3	Jesus Green Association	Running costs		300
			<b>total</b>	1715

Community development current applications			£ 6755 available	
	Group	Project	Bid £	Offer £
CD 4	Newnham Youth Club	Costs of youth club	2738	2738
			<b>total</b>	2738

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<b>Applicant</b> Newnham Youth Club Thursday evening club for 40 young people aged 11 - 16 held at St Mark's Church Hall. Average weekly attendance of 15 for charge of £1 per session.				
<b>Ward(s)</b> Newnham				
<b>Bid</b>	Youth worker (£2110)	Outings and activities (£1330)	<b>Total cost</b> £ 4698	<b>Requested</b> £ 2738
<b>Benefits for local community</b> Provides volunteering opportunities for four young people. Users, including children with disabilities, actively involved in running the club – code of conduct and welcome pack in preparation. Year 6 taster day planned. Six local parents are involved.				
<b>Comments</b> Hope to increase regular attendance to 25 per week (from 15). Strong links with City Council's children and young people's team. Advertising campaign planned for summer 2007 to widen membership. Young people from five schools and a wide range of backgrounds attend. Church meets annual hall hire of £858.				
<b>Previous area committee funding</b> 2004-05: £4258 2005-06: £3138				
<b>Recommendation</b> £ 2738				

Leisure, sport and arts current applications			£ 1890 available	
	Group	Project	Bid £	Offer £
L1	Cambridge Lawn Tennis Club	Mini tennis courses for children	1350	1350
			<b>total</b>	1350

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<b>Applicant</b> Cambridge Lawn Tennis Club Club based at Wilberforce Road with approx 650 members (200 juniors) and 17 courts. Lawn Tennis Association accredited mini tennis centre and Sport England Clubmark accreditation				
<b>Ward(s)</b> All				
<b>Bid</b>	45 places on a 6 week mini tennis coaching course (offered to 4-7, 8-9, 9-10 year old non members) and 6 hours of mini tennis half term holiday activities (for 4-7 and 8-11 year old members)		<b>Total cost</b> £ 1350	<b>Requested</b> £ 1350
<b>Benefits for local community</b> Aims to encourage local families to take up healthy exercise and develop skills in tennis through promotion in local magazine, schools and advertisement boards. 23 club members aged 4-11 year olds already come from the West Central area.				
<b>Comments</b> The normal fee for a 6-week course is £30 for members and £33 for non-members, covering coach fees, coach training, court hire, indoor facility hire, admin and marketing.				
<b>Recommendation</b> £ 1350				

If these recommendations are agreed, the committee's funds will be spent as follows

<b>2007-08</b>	<b>Budget £</b>	<b>Allocated £</b>	<b>Remaining £</b>
Community Development	8470	4453	4017
Leisure	1890	1350	540
<b>totals</b>	<b>10,360</b>	<b>5803</b>	<b>4557</b>

## 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.

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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.