Report by: Grants Manager, Cambridgeshire Community Foundation

**To**: Area Committee – East, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2009 **Wards**: Abbey, Petersfield, Romsey and Coleridge

#### **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, 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: £11,104					
CCF ID	Group	Project	Requested £	CCF Recommendation to the Area Committee	Offer from other CCF funds
1693	East Barnwell Community Centre	Upgrading CCTV	£2,070	£1,070	£1,000
WEB 977	28 <sup>th</sup> Cambridge Scout Group	Replace patrol tents	£4,122	£4,122	Not yet considered
WEB 2144	PACT	Events & activity costs	£900	£900	Not yet considered
WEB 2734	Riverside Area Residents' Association	Ongoing work	£1,020	£1,020	Not yet considered
WEB 2819	Barnwell Baptist Church	Christmas meal for over 60's	£250	£250	0
Total £8,3			£8,362	£7,362	£1,000
Remaining £3,742					

## 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	21%	5%	10.3%	5,179.50	1,203.50	6,383.00
Central						
			Total	50,285.50	11,680.50	61,966.00

## 4. East Area Committee 2009-10 Community Development applications

## 4.1 Community Development spend to date: £5,390

(Christ The Redeemer-£1,090,Mill Road Winter fair-£3,500,Barnwell Baptist-£500,East Barnwell Forget me not-£300)

## 4.2 Grant application background information

**CCF ref** 1693 East Area Committee 2009-10 grants

Applicant: East Barnwell Community Centre Ward(s): Abbey

Purpose of group: Community Centre previously run by the County Council but has been run by the committee since 1998. Over 400 people benefit from activities held at the centre that 2 playgroups, youth group, 2 elderly groups, bowling group, sliming group and church group.

Project: upgrade CCTV system. Breakdown of costs: CCTV system, £1,800

+ VAT

Total cost: £2,070.00 **Requested: £2,070.00** 

Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the

applicant: Safety and security of the area, and users at the Centre.

Number of beneficiaries: 400

Background information: Prior to installing CCTV, the centre was the target of local vandals in the area, with incidents recorded in a log book on an almost monthly basis. CCTV was initially installed following advice from local police in 2004. The device records 24/7 and stores data for 30 days. As well as acting as a deterrent, it has also helped to catch suspects. Since it has been installed, the number of incidents logged has fallen significantly. However, it had the effect of pushing vandalism to neighbouring buildings that have subsequently had to improve their own security. Maintenance costs are incurred yearly. Now the hard-drive no longer records and the group are requesting funding to replace the unit.

CCF Comments: The group realise that CCTV is neither the complete nor the ideal solution and have begun some outreach work to engage local vandals. Working with the police, they have identified a group of young people who cause most of the damage. The community centre recognises that these young people are not interested in joining the centre's current youth club and want to engage them in other activities, such as sport in the summer. The Community Centre were not successful in securing a Safer Cities grant and approached CCF for funding. They have been offered £1,000 from an alternative CCF managed fund on the condition further funding can be secured from another source, as CCF are trying to stretch limited funds to benefit a number of projects.

Previous funding from this Area Committee: £130 in 05/06 for a Christmas outing; £350 in 07/08 for a fridge freezer.

CCF recommendation: Fund £1.070.

East Area Committee 2009-10 grants	CCF ref WEB977
Applicant: 28th Cambridge (St John's) Scout	Ward(s): Coleridge
Group	

**Purpose of group:** To promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of the local, national and international communities.

**Project:** to replace large patrol tents. **Breakdown of costs:** 6 Icelandic canvas patrol tents at a list price of £5,333 – available at £4,522 with discount from Blacks.

Total cost: £5,022.00 Requested: £4,122.00

**Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant:** If successful we will be able to continue to offer camping opportunities to all of our members whatever their background.

Number of beneficiaries: 80

**Background information:** There are 3 sections for scouts, cubs and beavers. Each section meets at least once per week during term time. In addition, there is a very active programme of weekend and holiday activities and camps at section and group level as well as participation in District scouting events. Several of our recent scouts have now progressed to become young leaders with the Beaver, Cub and Scout sections. If unsuccessful we may have to curtail the camping programme which our members so look forward to and which is recognised by the Scout Movement as one of the core activities of Scouting.

**CCF Comments:** The majority of the children and young people involved live within a one mile radius of the Scout Hut in Coleridge. A significant number live in the Coleridge ward, with several from Romsey, some from Petersfield and Queen Edith's as well as the odd one or two from Trumpington and further afield.

**Previous funding from this Area Committee:** £4,429 in 06/07 for Scout Hut refurbishment.

CCF recommendation: Fund £4,122

East Area Committee 2009-10 grants	CCF ref WEB2144
Applicant: Petersfield Area Community Trust	Ward(s): Petersfield
(PACT)	

**Purpose of group:** To promote and protect recreational facilities in Petersfield. To actively engage with the local community to encourage well being and social inclusion across a wide age and ethnic range within the area. To monitor planning applications for suitability and to defend against inappropriate developments. To inform and advise on local issues whenever possible.

**Project:** activities and events. **Breakdown of costs:** 4x quarterly newsletters at £105 each; AGM hall and food £100; Public Liability insurance for community event £47; Cambridgeshire Celebrates Age event £250; admin £300.

Total cost: £1,117.00 Requested: £900.00

**Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant:** Greater awareness of local issues for the residents of Petersfield (and fringes of Abbey Ward). Greater social inclusion by bringing people together for social events. Assistance and guidance on planning matters to protect the local environment. **Number of beneficiaries: 6000** 

**Background information:** The organisations activities include funding a quarterly newsletter to keep people informed on key local issues; funding events that promote social inclusion, including events linked to the Cambridgeshire Celebrates Age event over the month of October; holding an AGM and other public meetings that cover topics relevant to the local community.

**CCF Comments:** Well established group, formed in 1997. Registered charity with a management committee of 5 and 20 volunteers.

**Previous funding from this Area Committee:** £2,000 in 04/05 for legal costs; £694 in 04/05 for running costs; £550 in 05/06 for running costs; £643 in 06/07 for running costs; £386 in 06/07 for a summer event; £751 in 07/08 for newsletter and event; £242 in 07/08 for a leaflet; £1,469 in 08/09 for a summer event, magazine and running costs.

**CCF** recommendation: Fund £900

East Area Committee 2009-10 grants	CCF ref WEB2734	
Applicant: Riverside Area Residents'	Ward(s): Abbey	
Association		

**Purpose of group:** Residents Association formed in July 2008, to provide a combined voice of local residents in matters which impact upon the quality of life of residents of the Riverside Area, Cambridge.

**Project:** ongoing work to inform residents of issues which affect them, and to provide cohesive input into Council and other forums. **Breakdown of costs:** £120 for public meeting venue hire; £100 for refreshments at public meetings; £100 for paper; £200 for printer toner; £200 for publicity; £600 for accounting / other professional advice.

Total cost: £1,320.00 Requested: £1,020.00

**Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant:** We will protect the quality of life of residents by providing constructive and active feedback on various issues which may threaten quality of life. We will also campaign to see improvements where possible to the Riverside area, thus improving the area for all who live there, and for the many wider Cambridge residents who travel through the area on a daily basis.

Number of beneficiaries: 1000

**Background information:** The Riverside area is undergoing a lot of development and this group aims to maintain and improve the quality of life for local residents. The applicant said the group aim to give a well thought through and evidenced point of view on local issues. Funding is requested to enable to group to continue their operations. Costs include venue hire, office costs and professional advisors to present evidence which has been valuable to support their views (e.g. technical advice on traffic flow. As well as maintaining quality of life, the group also aim to improve the quality of life, such as lobbying for money from developers to be used on modernising the Riverside area.

**CCF Comments:** The group is currently dependent on contributions from local residents and donations from group members. They anticipate that contributions from members will increase as the group continues to operate successful, but expects external funding will always be required. They have longer-term aims to engage in strategic development in the future and to encourage general social cohesion.

Previous funding from this Area Committee: New applicant.

CCF recommendation: Fund £1,020

East Area Committee 2009-10 grantsCCF ref WEB2819Applicant: Barnwell Baptist ChurchWard(s): Abbey

**Purpose of group:** The Golden Years Over 60s Club is part of the Barnwell Baptist Church which was established in 1956. The Church is run by a management committee of 3 and aims to promote the Christian Faith and to serve the local Community. The Church is involved in a number of local community projects and is an active member of Abbey Action.

**Project:** Golden Years (Over 60's) Christmas meal on Monday 7th December. **Breakdown of costs:** £5.50 subsidy for 40 members £220; provision for transport £30.

Total cost: £250.00 Requested: £250.00

Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant: Enable more of the local Over 60's to attend, and enable us also to provide transport to and from the venue if required. Number of beneficiaries: 40

**Background information:** The Golden Years Club has been meeting for over 20 years. Previously independent, the club is becoming more integrated into the Barnwell Baptist Church with Rev Stuart Good a member of the club's committee. The club includes both members of the Baptist Church and the wider community. The Club meets monthly to organise social activities for members, as well as 4 outings per year. Funding is requested to subsidise the cost of the Christmas meal for members. Members pay a subscription to the club of £10 per year which covers running costs (e.g. speakers at monthly meetings).

**CCF Comments:** Application submitted by Rev Stuart Wood (a member of the Golden Years Management Committee) in the name of Barnwell Baptist Church, rather than the Golden Years Over 60's Club.

**Previous funding from this Area Committee**: £500 in 09/10 towards a food safety course for local residents.

CCF recommendation: FUND £250

## 4.3 Applications under review

## **Cambridge Carbon Footprint**

£500 requested to run a 10 week cookery course for 9 to 10 year olds from Ridgefield Primary School in Coleridge, focusing on cooking with local, seasonal foods in order to reduce carbon emissions. (This project is not a requirement of the National Curriculum).

Awaiting further information re. the timing of the project and that the committee have adopted a Child Protection Policy.

- 5. East Area Committee 2009-10 Leisure applications: none
- 5.1 Leisure 09/10 spend to date: £0

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

2009-10	Budget £	Allocated £	Remaining £
Community Development	16,494	12,752	3,742
Leisure	3,831	-	3,831
Total	20,325	12,752	7,573

**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 <a href="marion@cambscf.org.uk">marion@cambscf.org.uk</a>

# 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.