

Report by: Grants Officer, Cambridgeshire Community Foundation

To: Area Committee – West and Central, 18 June 2009

Wards: Castle, Newnham and Market

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; 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: £5,833.00		
	Group	Project	Requested £	Recommended from Area Committee Grants £	Offer from other CCF funds
WEB681	Jesus Green Association	Running costs.	210	0	210
WEB737	The Harambee Centre	Workshops for young people tackling diversity, equality and global issues.	5,000	0	0
WEB746	Windsor Road Residents Association	Running costs.	355	0	355
WEB842	Richmond Road Residents Association	Setting up the association and social events to get the project underway.	250	250	0
WEB887	Under Fives Roundabout	Groundwork and landscaping for a playhouse and a trip.	674	300	0
Total			£6,599	£550	£565
Remaining				£5,283	

NB All requests have been considered against other funds that CCF hold. The Jesus Green Association and Windsor Road Residents Association applications will be offered a grant from an alternative CCF managed funds.

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

West and Central Area Committee 2009-10 grants		CCF ref WEB681
<p>Applicant: Jesus Green Association (JGA) The JGA, established in 2004 strongly supports the conservation, preservation and regular effective maintenance of Jesus Green and tries to work with the City Council to achieve these aims. Six committee members include representatives from local residents associations, a parent from Park Street Primary, a Fellow of Jesus College (also a Governor of Park Street Primary) and a tennis player.</p>		
Ward(s) : Market		
Bid: Hire of hall at Wesley Church, 2@ £45 total £90.00; publicity materials, 2 @ £15 total £30.00; public liability insurance, total £40.00; domain name for JGA, £30.00; misc expenses £20.00.	Total cost £210	Requested £210
<p>Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant: Jesus Green Association represents various 'stakeholders' - the many who enjoy using the Green, Park Street Primary School (which uses the Green for PE activities etc), swimming pool, and tennis players. A measure of how much concern there is for the Green can be seen by looking at the number of letters to the Planning Dept about EDF's application to put a works depot on the Green (thankfully refused). People look to JGA to alert them to threats to the Green, to keep them informed about the City Council's plans for the Green and to press the Council to maintain it properly.</p>		
Number of beneficiaries: 5000		
<p>CCF Comments: A constituted organisation, JGA has a database of 140 members; they held a well attended AGM last November with approx 100 people present including several Councillors. Members make some financial contributions, but do not pay subscriptions. The JGA Committee meets from 4 to 6 times a year. JGA's main source of income has been City Council funding. The currently have £150 in the bank. Rather than organising events JGA want to maintain and protect the Green for future generations, talking constructively to the Council re. future plans. They believe improvements to facilities are needed inc. play equipment, paths, signage, rubbish bins and public conveniences. JGA contributed to the Great Cam Clean-UP, with a team of 20 people cleaning the green and the ditch.</p>		
<p>Previous funding from this Area Committee: £360 for administration and publicity in 04/05 £300 for running costs in 07/08 £40 for EGM room hire in 08/09</p>		
<p>CCF recommendation: to offer £210 from another fund held by CCF. Group have been informed about the new Litter Pick Fund held by CCF.</p>		

West and Central Area Committee 2009-10 grants		CCF ref WEB737
<p>Applicant: The Harambee Centre Harambee provides resources, training, advice, information and a range of innovative educational projects involving children and young people, on issues of diversity, aiming to create better understanding between their own lives and those of people throughout the world. The Harambee Centre was set up in 1987 and is a registered charity managed by a committee of 5, with one full time and 3 part time members of staff, and 10 volunteers.</p>		
Ward(s) : Castle, Newnham and Market		
Bid: Staff costs £3,000; volunteer costs £1,000; operational/activity costs £1,000 for provision of workshops for children and young people in schools and other informal settings in Castle, Newnham and Market.	Total cost £70,000 (cost of running this project across Cambridgeshire)	Requested £5,000
<p>Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant: The project will aim to improve the lives of communities by challenging stereotypes and negative perceptions of marginalised communities. The project will also reflect community cohesion strategies based on valuing diversity. Young people residing in Castle, Newnham and Market will be engaged in projects run by the Harambee Centre and promote positive aspects of diversity and the environment.</p>		
Number of beneficiaries: 50		
<p>CCF Comments: Constituted organisation with all appropriate policies in place. Harambee runs off the shelf or tailor made workshops around subjects including perceptions of Africa, Asylum Seekers and conservation. Formal sessions run in schools and informal sessions in other settings including work with the Travelling Community, addressing issues such as their links with the wider community. Previous work in the West and Central wards include a project entitled 'Dig for Sustainability', which included teaching young people to live within their means. They have also run a girls group which was attended by 25 girls. Harambee has good links with schools around the City and plans to be proactive in identifying and building relationships with those they do not already work with. The applicant indicated that demand for the services offered is high.</p>		
<p>Previous funding from this Area Committee: New applicant.</p>		
<p>CCF recommendation: It is not recommended that a grant is offered from the Area Committee as the request was felt to be lacking in sufficient detail (eg number of workshops to be held) and as significant running costs of the organisation are still to be secured (at time of application less than 1/3 of total project costs of £70,000 had been secured) the proposed projects in West and Central Cambridge may not be viable. The global youth work aspect of the project does not fit well with Cambridge City priorities.</p> <p>CCF will seek further information regarding detail and sustainability with a view to considering for a contribution from alternative funds with a focus on educational opportunities.</p>		

West and Central Area Committee 2009-10 grants		CCF ref WEB746
<p>Applicant: Windsor Road Residents Association Residents Association established in March 2008 with 84 member households. The Association arranges social gatherings and a helping hand service; addresses environmental and security issues; represents resident's interests to other organisations; provides a forum for residents to raise issues of interest or concern. The Association is run by a committee of 5, with 10 regular volunteers.</p>		
Ward(s): Castle		
Bid: Mobile phone expenses for Helping Hands £45; social gatherings £225; newsletters £60; admin £25.	Total cost £355	Requested £355
<p>Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant: In the member households there are between 160 and 180 people of all ages. This is the normal contact made, however where there is an important issue affecting the whole of the road it is intended that a notification is circulated to every one of the 109 households in the road. The intention also is to offer a welcome to all households to the social activities, which are expected to encourage membership. Planned are 4 "Social" type activities to give residents the opportunity of introducing themselves to each other and promote the sense of community. This will also allow open discussion of any issues members wish to raise. Other gatherings/meetings will be arranged where there is an important issue impacting on the area to allow views to be shared.</p>		
Number of beneficiaries: 180		
<p>CCF Comments: Historically residents have arranged street parties and bring and buy sales. Several years ago plans for a major new development between Huntingdon Road and Histon Road caused concern and the group decided to formalise. The Association held its first AGM in March 2009, which was attended by 18 member households. The organisation is well supported and runs a number of social events - 4 formal events a year inc. summer party, autumn coffee morning. Other ad hoc events in between. During their first year of operation, the association has contributed to 4 public consultations, established a 'Helping Hands' service, gained new committee members and is actively working on a number of other issues. This is one of several residents associations in neighbouring roads that plan to work together to achieve their aims. The first year's income has come from members subscriptions. The association produces 2 newsletters, one for members and one with general information for all residents of the street. Residents are diverse inc. the elderly and language school students.</p>		
Previous funding from this Area Committee: New applicant.		
CCF recommendation: to offer £355 from another fund held by CCF.		

West and Central Area Committee 2009-10 grants		CCF ref WEB842
Applicant: Richmond Road Residents' Association New residents association to be launched at Inaugural General Meeting on June 10 th 2009. Committee of 5 volunteers have been working to set up the organisation.		
Ward(s) : Castle		
Bid: Funding requested towards the costs of setting up the association, putting on 1 or 2 social events to get the project underway and a community action day later in the year.	Total cost £250	Requested £250
Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant: Community spirit and an involved and active community addressing local housing conditions, environmental issues and relations between all members of the community.		
Number of beneficiaries: 300		
CCF Comments: Residents Association based on a similar organisation in neighbouring Oxford Road. Cllr John Hipkin, a resident of Oxford Road has supported the group to get started. The Association aims to address issues concerning security and the environment amongst others. They hope their draft constitution will be approved and adopted at the Inaugural General Meeting (IGM), at which officers of the committee will be elected. Between 25 and 30 people attended the first planning meeting and 50 people have voiced their support for setting up the Association. There have been 20 acceptances for the IGM to date. There are approx 120 households in Richmond Road, with a high proportion of rented properties. Residents are diverse, from several different ethnic groups and include children through to senior citizens. The Association aims to provide a forum for ideas, and to forge links with Community Police and local community groups. They plan to set up a website as a means of disseminating information, with hard copies available for residents who do not have easy internet access. Plans for the proposed social events will be discussed at the IGM, which will be held in the hall of the Richmond Road Church.		
Previous funding from this Area Committee: New applicant.		
CCF recommendation: recommendation for an Area Committee Grant of £250 . The project/group does not fit criteria for other funds held by CCF.		

West and Central Area Committee 2009-10 grants		CCF ref WEB887	
<p>Applicant: Under Fives Roundabout An independent not-for-profit pre-school in Warwick Road run by a committee of 11 parents. Established in 1980, the organisation offers a pre-school, playgroup and toddler groups (Mon, Tue, Thu and Fri) and employs 10 part-time staff. All parents are encouraged to volunteer.</p>			
Ward(s): Castle			
<p>Bid: £300 towards ground work and landscaping for playhouse; £290 towards two coaches (morning and afternoon) to the Botanical Gardens; £84 to pay for two extra staff members.</p>		<p>Total cost £1,284</p>	<p>Requested £674</p>
<p>Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant: The playhouse will be enjoyed by up to 70 families a week, many of whom do not have gardens of their own. Funding to cover coach costs would be beneficial because many parents cannot afford to pay £10 per child. As well as personal financial difficulties, this year Nursery Education Funding only covered 37 weeks rather than 38 so parents had to pay or take extra holiday. Funding would enable everyone to take part in the trip.</p>			
Number of beneficiaries: 112			
<p>CCF Comments: Organisation follows a model Pre-School Learning Alliance constitution and has all appropriate policies in place. In 2008 funds were raised for the pre-school to buy its own premises. Funding has been secured from the Cooperative Community Fund to buy a playhouse. The project has been delayed by the high cost of initial ground work. Due to restrictions re. location the playhouse will be built into a slope and the surrounding area needs landscaping to create a safe and pleasant space. £800 needed for ground work; £500 raised through a jumble sale, cake sales and an Easter raffle. Securing the remaining £300 would enable the project to start immediately. The pre-school had planned to walk children to Histon Road Recreation Ground as their summer outing, but the play equipment has been vandalised and the risks involved in using it are too high. As an alternative they would like to visit the Botanical Gardens, enabling the children to explore nature and make use of a beautiful local resource. This requires hire of 2 coaches, one for children who attend in the morning and one for the afternoon.</p>			
<p>Previous funding from this Area Committee: £929 for toys and equipment in 04/05 £253 for toys and equipment in 05/06 £1,181 for toys, outdoor equipment and a trip 06/07 £615 for toys, outdoor equipment and a trip 06/07 £120 for a trip in 07/08 £165 for a summer trip in 08/09; £619 toys and music equipment in 08/09</p>			
<p>CCF recommendation: As the organisation has significant unrestricted reserves at Aug 08 of £24,000; recommendation for the Area Committee to offer a reduced sum of £300. The project/group does not fit criteria for other funds held by CCF.</p>			

5. **South Area Committee 2009-10 Leisure applications:** None.

5.1 **Leisure 09/10 spend to date:** None.

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

2009-10	Budget £	Allocated £	Remaining £
Community Development	5,833	550	5,283
Leisure	1,355	0	1,355
Total	7,188	550	6,638

BACKGROUND PAPERS and research used in the preparation of this report:
Grant applications.
Telephone interview.

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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 given 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.