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NORTH AREA COMMITTEE

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

4a **SAFER CITY GRANT SCHEME 2013/14: APPLICATION FROM THE YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICE (Pages 3 - 8)**

The Chair will be asked to rule that under 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 the item be considered despite not being made publicly available for this Committee five clear days prior to the meeting.

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CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT OF: Safer Communities Section

TO: Area Committee - North

01/8/2013

WARDS: Arbury, King's Hedges

SAFER CITY GRANT SCHEME 2013/14: APPLICATION FROM THE YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICE

1 INTRODUCTION (or EXECUTIVE SUMMARY for long reports)

- 1.1 The Youth Support Service has lodged an application for a Safer City grant up to £2,960 to pay for a residential visit to develop the film-making and spoken word poetry work undertaken by 10 young women living in Arbury and King's Hedges (aged between 14 and 16) during a 4-month project to address risk-taking and anti-social behaviour.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the committee approves the application.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Safer City grant scheme provides small grants (up to £5,000) to community-based projects that will help combat crime, the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. The scheme was changed in 2012/13 (at the Community Services Scrutiny Committee of 12 January 2012) in order to devolve the power to approve area-specific applications to the Area Committees. Applications are welcomed for an annual bidding round at each of the four Area Committees; the bidding round for the East Area Committee is being considered at the 25 July 2013 meeting.

- 3.2 This is the first (and sole) area-specific application that is being considered by the North Area Committee.

- 3.3 Each Area Committee is assigned £10,000 at the beginning of the financial year, from the total £50,000 Safer City grant budget. Following the annual bidding round, any area-specific applications received up until the end of the financial year will be considered by the Director of Customer and Community Services. Any unassigned funds will be drawn back to the central Safer City grant budget on 1 December 2013.

CONSULTATIONS

City Council-run community centres, the police, schools and Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service were consulted as part of the application process and support the project.

OPTIONS

Safer City grant applications can either be approved or rejected.

CONCLUSIONS

None.

IMPLICATIONS

- (a) **Financial Implications:** The implication of approving this application is a reduction in the North area allocation to a minimum £7,040.
- (b) **Staffing Implications:** None.
- (c) **Equal Opportunities Implications:** None.
- (d) **Environmental Implications:** Nil.

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(e) **Procurement:** None.

(f) **Consultation and communication:** None further to 3.3 above.

(g) **Community Safety:** A reduction in anti-social behaviour in the north of the city.

BACKGROUND PAPERS: The following are the background papers that were used in the preparation of this report:

- Grant application from Youth Support Service
- Cambridge News article on cookery project

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Safer City grants scheme 2013/14: Bids

Area: North

Project Applicant Amount of Grant Date Received/Acknowledged Priority/Criteria	Purpose of Grant Supporting Documentation	Further Details	Recommendation Justification
<p> North City Girls Group Youth Support Service £2,960 19 June 2013 ASB </p>	<p> To provide for a residential visit to develop the film-making and spoken word poetry work undertaken by 10 young women living in Arbury and King's Hedges, aged between 14 and 16, during a 4-month project to address risk-taking and anti-social behaviour. </p> <p>None</p>	<p> This project is being run in two, linked Phases. Phase One is the weekly sessions, co-run by the County Council and Romsey Mill. Phase Two is the residential, for which funding is sought. The project is being funded by Romsey Mill from Children In Need funding, but there are insufficient funds to provide for Phase Two of the project. The purpose of the residential is to take the group to a city such as Birmingham or Brighton to develop the work done during Phase One. The project will end with a celebration event entailing a preview of the work undertaken by the group. </p> <p> The amount of grant sought is an "up to" amount as the final details have yet to be made, so the grant may well be less. </p>	<p> APPROVE </p> <p> The lead worker in the project (Amy Chapman) was recently involved in a similar project working with young people in the north of the city. The project involved engaging with a small group of young people to teach cookery skills and create a recipe book. The project was deemed a success and covered by Cambridge News (6 July 2013). </p> <p> The residential is seen as an important link between the work doing during Phase One of the project and what is happening in the wider world. Also, taking the young women outside of their own community is seen as giving them a different perspective on their own neighbourhoods and enable them to reflect on how their behaviour impacts upon others. </p>

Safer City grants scheme 2013/14: Priorities / Criteria / Residual

Priorities

- Alcohol-related violent crime
- Anti-social behaviour
- Responding to emerging trends of victim-based acquisitive crime

Criteria

- The application is submitted by a group with a clear structure, and not an individual
- There is an identified need for the project, which is supported by evidence
- The project involves working in partnership with the community or other organisations
- The aims of the project are clearly defined
- The project is realistically costed
- The project represents value for money when comparing the amount of grant requested with the benefits described
- The project falls within one of the current priority areas shown in the Cambridge Community Safety Plan 2011-2014 and the recurrent neighbourhood policing priorities within the area
- The ways in which the project will be monitored and evaluated have been considered
- The grant required in no more than £5,000

Residual¹: £7.040

¹ On the basis that the bid(s) is/are accepted