



To: Executive Councillor for Community Development and Health: Councillor Mike Pitt
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Scrutiny Committee
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDING TO VOLUNTARY AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS 2013-14

Key Decision

1. Executive summary

1.1 This report details applications and recommendations relating to 2013-14 Community Development funding for voluntary and not-for-profit organisations.

2. Recommendations

The Executive Councillor is recommended:

- 2.1 To agree the recommendations for Community Development grants to voluntary and not-for-profit organisations in 2013-14 as set out in Appendix 2 of this report, subject to confirmation of the Council's 2013-14 budget in February 2013 and, in some cases, to the provision of further information from applicants.
- 2.2 To agree the Area Committee (Community and Arts & Recreation Development) Grants process from 2013-14 as set out in 3.13 of this report and as replicated in the Arts & Recreation Development grants report.
- 2.3 To reaffirm the Council's commitment to the local and national Compact and Best Value Guidance regarding statutory and voluntary sector relationships (replicated in the Arts & Recreation Development grants report).

3. Background

3.1 Community Development funding priorities contribute to the City Council's Medium Term Objectives and the Community Development Strategy. A copy is attached as Appendix 1.

3.2 Application Process – Community Development funding for 2013-14 was publicised with a closing date of 4th October. Detailed assessments on all of the applications were undertaken looking at:

- § how the priorities are met and what outcomes are expected
- § who the beneficiaries are, how many and where they are from
- § the evidence of need, partners involved in the project, and consultation undertaken
- § how projects will be measured and monitored
- § the organisation and that the funding conditions are met
- § the amount requested in relation to the total cost of the project and anticipated benefit to city residents

3.3 86 organisations have applied for funding for a total of 128 projects, services and activities. Applications and recommendations are set out in Appendix 2.

3.4 There are no commitments for the 2013-14 grants budget as all previous three-year service level agreements have now been completed.

3.5 Since 2006 Community Development Grants have been cash limited. The proposed budget for 2013-14 is £861,690, which remains the same as the current year. Not inflating Community Development grants will result in a saving of £17,400 for 2013-14.

3.6 Growth Areas – the successful budget bid 2012-13 for £10,000 to support community activities in new and adjacent communities is now in its second of three years. This will support Priority 4 in the chart below and applications will be processed in the same way as all other Community Development grants.

3.7 The figures in the following chart are subject to approval of the City Council's full 2013-14 budget in February 2013.

2013-14 Priorities and Funds		Budget %	Available £	Bids £	Offer £	Balance £
1	Community Activities					
1.1	Children. Young people.	11.02	95,000	153,445	94,032	968

	Families experiencing disadvantage					
1.2	Equality & Diversity	10.44	90,000	142,347	82,207	7,793
1.3	Active Older People	4.65	40,000	47,294	37,107	2,893
2	Social & Economic Deprivation					
2.1	Legal Advice Services	27.27	235,000	234,905	234,905	95
2.2	Economic Inclusion	16.83	145,000	160,807	133,089	11,911
3	Strengthening the Voluntary sector	16.83	145,000	147,347	140,913	4,087
4	A Growing City (3.6 + £10,000)	0.58	15,000	8,962	6,000	9,000
5	Social Enterprises	2.32	20,000	24,999	19,999	1
6	Area Committee Grants*	10.06	86,690	0	0	86,690
TOTAL		100	871,690	920,106	748,252	123,438

* Area Committee Grants will be awarded via the area committee grant process during 2013-14.

Applications and recommendations are set out in Appendix 2, along with a description of the purpose for each grant area.

3.8 This funding programme aims to support clearly defined services and activities which:

- § meet the priorities and funding conditions
- § are costed to include all relevant overheads within a full cost recovery budget
- § have measurable targets and make a clear impact on demonstrable community needs
- § are backed up by research and consultation

Groups, which are actively working towards meeting these conditions, may be considered for funding.

3.9 An organisation will not be eligible if it:

- § is set up and/or managed wholly or partly by a statutory organisation

- § provides religious instruction or worship (religious organisations may be eligible for grants to provide social, leisure, cultural or welfare activities with no proselytising)
- § operates for private gain
- § is connected with any political party or involved in party politics

3.10 Some organisations need to widen their approach to fundraising and improve the quality of funding applications. We work with the Cambridge Council for Voluntary Support and others to ensure organisations are aware of appropriate options and support available.

3.11 All funded groups will have funding agreements for their grants and structured monitoring arrangements.

3.12 Cambridgeshire Compact

The Council endorsed the Cambridgeshire Compact in 2007. Its main aim is to improve and develop the relationships between the statutory and voluntary sectors. Of particular importance to this report the Compact has the following three undertakings for statutory organisations:

- § Develop a long-term policy and strategy for support and investment in voluntary and community sector activity in Cambridgeshire including Compact compliance
- § Consultation periods are for 12 weeks wherever possible
- § Work towards a situation in which statutory contracts and service agreements are a minimum of three years duration and where a minimum of 12 weeks notice is given in respect of decisions to change or terminate a grant or contract condition (or less by mutual agreement)

3.13 Area Committee Grants

Cambridgeshire Community Foundation will no longer be managing area committee grants on behalf of the Council. This report would like to acknowledge the professional and dedicated manner in which they have undertaken this role since 2009. The Community Development Grants Team will take on this work with immediate effect. No comments were received following consultation with all members on the process for 2013-14 which was as follows:

- § one grant round per annum - one report to each of the area committees
- § chair and officer approval process consistent with the Council's process for year round grant applications
- § comprehensive marketing and publicity
- § quarterly updates to all members
- § annual report with monitoring feedback

§ application forms and requirements appropriate to the size of group and funding

3.14 Members should be aware that officers have received correspondence from a representative of the National Secular Society stating that he objects to the Council funding the scouts because he feels that they discriminate against aethiests. His objection relates to the reference to God in the promise that new scouts are asked to recite when they join which states: *On my honour, I promise that I will do my best to do my duty to God [other terms for God are accepted] and to The Queen, to help other people and to keep the Scout Law.*

In response to a national campaign by the National secular Society, the scout association says: *Scouting does not identify itself with any one religion but works with adults and young people from every culture, background and religion.*

Officers have checked with the Equality and Human Rights Commission who have confirmed that the scouts are not in breach of Equality legislation by requiring new members to say the promise.

4. Implications

(a) **Financial Implications** -These are detailed in the report and in Appendix 2

(b) **Staffing Implications** - None

(c) **Equal Opportunities Implications**

§ All grant aid policies are based on the Council's Medium Term Objective to secure a healthy and thriving community, especially through the provision of services to areas and communities that are the most disadvantaged.

§ Effective implementation of equal opportunities policy and practice by applicant groups is a condition for grant aid.

§ An Equality Impact Assessment was undertaken on the revised strategy and priorities.

(d) **Environmental Implications** - All applicants are required to have environmental policies to detail how they will contribute to reducing carbon emissions and establish good practice. Climate change rating +L

(e) **Consultation and Communication** - Consultation was undertaken on the grant priorities.

(f) **Community Safety** - some projects, services and activities funded by community development grants will have a positive impact but this is not the primary outcome for this funding.

(g) **Procurement** - None

5. Background papers

These background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

- § Grant and discretionary rate relief applications 2013-14 (not available to the public)

6. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Community Development Funding Priorities

Appendix 2 – Community Development grant and discretionary rate relief applications 2013-14.

7. Inspection of papers

To inspect the background papers or if you have a query on the report please contact:

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Community Development Funding Priorities

Priority Ref	Priority Description
	CD1 Community Activities - enabling the following groups to participate in their communities and improve their own well-being
	<p>To enable people in the priority groups listed in CD1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 below to come together to pursue community activities in all parts of the City.</p> <p>Consideration will be given to specific activities and services that enable those groups and individuals to participate in their communities and improve their own well-being. Activities must include one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> § supporting those who are disadvantaged by low income/ disability/ discrimination § proposals that enable people to participate in decisions and influence the services that affect their lives § bringing people together to identify common issues and to bring about change § investigating local needs and developing responsive projects § increasing the awareness of and celebrating the city's cultural diversity <p><i>It is not for personal care services, proselytising or worship or services which are the responsibility of other statutory agencies unless part of a formal partnership arrangement.</i></p>
CD 1.1	<p>Activities which support children and young people and families experiencing disadvantage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> § to provide children and young people with opportunities to participate in positive activities, engage in democratic processes, improve the quality of life in neighbourhoods and across the city. § to meet the needs of children and young people in the areas of growth or demographic change
CD 1.2	<p>Activities which support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> § BME groups § people with disabilities § LGBT groups § women lacking opportunities to live safe and fulfilling lives § community cohesion - activities helping people from different backgrounds to integrate into the Cambridge community and to get on well together
CD1.3	Activities which support older people to live socially and physically active lives.
	CD 2 Social and Economic Deprivation - projects, services or activities which:
CD 2.1	<p>Improve access to Legal Advice Services (legal, welfare benefits, money/debt advice) for disadvantaged residents which must have the appropriate quality mark and referral systems.</p> <p>Legal advice services are defined as advice, information or assistance involving knowledge of rights, obligations, conferred by law, and of legal procedures, whether provided by a lawyer or otherwise.</p>

CD 2.2	Promote Economic Inclusion . Supporting organisations that help individuals to overcome barriers to participation in the City's economy. Support, advice and guidance for workless people and those at the risk of worklessness to gain the confidence, motivation, skills and qualifications to engage in rewarding employment or entrepreneurial activities.
	CD 3 Voluntary Sector Infrastructure - organisations playing a supporting, coordinating or developmental role in relation to voluntary and community organisations, especially new, emerging or fragile groups and those working to achieve Community Development priorities. Priorities include:
CD 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> § Improving skills and knowledge, sharing expertise and good working practice. § Participation in the local Compact, Local Enterprise Partnership, other relevant local partnerships and civic life. § Identifying and seeking different sources of income and partnership potential. § Stimulating and supporting good volunteering practice. § Encouraging innovation and joint working where appropriate.
	CD 4 A Growing City - enabling voluntary and community activity in new communities on fringe sites to flourish and to support the integration with neighbouring parts of the city.
CD 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> § Community development activities in new developments in the City (see Community Activities CD1 above for the type of activities eligible for funding). § Building capacity in and making links with adjoining neighbourhoods where development is taking place
	CD 5 Promoting Social Enterprise - supporting the development of businesses that re-invest their profits in the business or in the community to further social and/or environmental causes.
CD 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> § Initiatives that identify and remove barriers to starting and running successful social enterprises. § Projects that provide business advice, leadership and management training, peer-support and networking opportunities to enable social enterprises to thrive. § Projects that support communities to take on ownership of community-based buildings from which to run social enterprises. § Support for voluntary and community organisations to enable them to make a transition from grant dependency to financial sustainability.
	CD 6 Area Committees – for local groups or groupings of city residents who want a grant for a community project or activity that will benefit local people living in their area – especially those whose opportunities may be limited by disadvantage such as disability, low income or discrimination.
	These grants will be awarded via the Council's Area Committees, North, South, East and West Central and are not available by application to the main grants round.