

Report by: Grants Manager, Cambridgeshire Community Foundation

To: Area Committee – South, 8th July 2010

Wards: Trumpington, Queen Edith's, Cherry Hinton

Community Development Grants 2010-11

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 recommendations to Area Committees; advise applicants of Area Committee decisions; make grant payments and seek feedback and monitoring from the funded projects. CCF does not therefore make decisions on the grants awarded from the Area Committee funds.

Following directions from the East Committee, all applications received by CCF from voluntary and community groups in South Area since 1 April 2010 are referred to in this report.

2. Recommendations

To consider the grant applications and agree recommendations detailed below.

Community Development current applications.			Available: £9,250		
CCF ID	Group	Project	Requested £	Recommended from Area Committee Grants £	Offer from other CCF funds £
WEB 5733	Little Bunnies Mothers / Carers Playgroup	A trip and a world map rug.	600	350	250
WEB 9511	Trumpington Residents Association	A double sided community notice board for the High street.	600	600	0
WEB 10147	2 nd Cherry Hinton Guides	Purchase of camping equipment and to fund a Centenary guiding camp week in the summer.	3,510	1,510	£2,000 (already awarded on 23 June)
WEB 11512	Hanover and Princess Court Residents Association	Community Christmas event.	900	450	450
2315	Trumpington Elderly Action Group	Running costs, celebration events and auditor's fee.	635	335	300
2401	Denis Wilson Court Social Club	For a coach trip and lunch in St Ives.	705	405	300
Total			6,950	3,650	3,300
Remaining				5,600	

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.

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Area	Popul- ation	Mapping Poverty score	Combined score	Community Development £	Leisure £	Total £
North	29%	40%	36.5%	17,200	4,570	21,770
East	29%	35%	32.8%	14,930	3,970	18,900
South	21%	20%	20.4%	9,250	2,460	11,710
West Central	21%	5%	10.3%	4,720	1,250	5,970
Total				46,100	12,250	58,350

4. North Area Committee 2010-11 Community Development applications

4.1 Community Development spend to date: £450

ID	Group	Project	AC Grant
2296	Menelik Education	Pre-festival world music and culture activities at Trumpington Pavilion on 19 th June.	£450
Total			£450
Remaining			£8,800

4.2 Grant application background information

South Area Committee 2010-11 grants		CCF ref WEB5733
Applicant: Little Bunnies Mothers / Carers Playgroup		Ward(s) : Cherry Hinton
Purpose of group: “We are 4 volunteer ladies, a mix of mums and grandmothers who run the playgroup which helps quite a number in the area. We open the group on Mondays and Wednesday mornings where the children learn to interact with other children. New parents learn they are not alone with many problems that come with being a new parent. We have fun, music, singing, healthy snacks, teas, coffees and a general get-together experience. We have many mixed races and find that we offer those without families nearby a bit of comfort and a chance to make new friends”.		
Project: towards running a trip and purchasing a new world map rug		
Breakdown of costs: transport for trip £400; world map rug £199		
Total cost: £600		Requested: £600.00
Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant: Last year has proven to be successful as our numbers have doubled with many new faces each month still coming. Some children from the poorer sector can experience one or two events in the year their parents may not afford. We see many regular children growing, learning and making new friends that their parents/carers continue away from the playgroup. We also keep the playgroup open during school holidays where they can bring their older children along too. This is our busiest period as often the weather is bad and many groups are closed during the holidays.		
Number of beneficiaries: 154		
Background information: A need for the low cost (£1.50 per session for a family) playgroup has been demonstrated by the increase in numbers attending and increased regularity of attendance. There are many different ethnic groups represented in Cherry Hinton and the playgroup aims to help reduce isolation for mothers from different backgrounds. The playgroup is open during the school holidays providing continuous support. Speakers are invited to attend sessions; subjects covered include dental hygiene and activities to help parents interact with their children. The group wish to provide a trip free of charge, so that it is accessible to all who attend. The trip will either be to the Zoo or the seaside. The group are planning to expand their babies section and improve their stock of educational toys.		
CCF Comments: Since their last application the group have recruited an additional committee member, updated the policies and procedures they operate and adopted a governing document.		
Previous funding from this Area Committee: £1,000 in 08/09 towards the costs of trips or equipment or toys or toilet and kitchen area refurbishment; £600 in 09/10 towards the costs of increasing and updating resources, paying for speakers and trips.		
CCF recommendation: Award £350 (as CCF can offer £250 from other fund)		

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South Area Committee 2010-11 grants		CCF ref WEB9511
Applicant: Trumpington Residents' Association		Ward(s) : Trumpington
<p>Purpose of group: The objectives of the Association are to benefit the residents of Trumpington by associating together the residents, local authorities, voluntary and other organisations to improve the quality of life in Trumpington and to engender a sense of community through the provision of community activities and facilities. The Association holds monthly meetings; makes representations to councils and planning agencies; informs members and the public through direct contacts and information on its web site and has built up its membership to over 120 in recent years.</p>		
<p>Project: to erect a double sided community notice board for the high street Breakdown of costs: notice board £1600; erection of sign (to be carried out by City Services, cost of materials) £100</p>		
Total cost: £1,700		Requested: £600.00
<p>Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant: Trumpington has a high turnover of residents and is about to begin a long period of rapid growth with many new homes to be constructed in the area. A new notice board will help inspire a sense of community in existing and new residents. Effective communication and publicity for local activities, events and services are vital for community development, and posters continue to play a key part, even in an age of email and internet. Increasingly it is the combination of different media that is most effective of all. Community notice-boards are a simple and effective way for people to get in touch with one another, and can make the difference between success and failure for a project or social event. They can also ensure that people without access to the Internet are not excluded. Number of beneficiaries: 3000</p>		
<p>Background information: There is no community notice-board in Trumpington: there is an existing church notice-board and other boards outside the Village Hall and the Pavilion, but these are primarily used to advertise functions at those venues. The proposed notice-board would be erected on the south eastern corner of Anstey Way Green, a location chosen because it is on a route used by cyclists and pedestrians on their way to the shops, bus stops, recreation ground and primary school. It will also be visible from the High Street where it will be seen by the highest number of passersby. It will be a double-sided construction, with one side protected behind polycarbonate and the other side with open access for use by local groups and individuals. The proposed location belongs to Cambridge City Council and is managed by City Homes South, which supports this proposal.</p> <p>CCF Comments: The Association are applying for 35% of the cost of a new notice board, with the other 65% already committed by local sources. £1,100 has already been committed by the Trumpington Residents' Association, a local group and contributions from local individuals. Residents have expressed a strong wish for a proper community notice-board for many years. The Association has recently provided feedback from a successful project to install a new village sign.</p>		
<p>Previous funding from this Area Committee: £400 in 04/05 for a planning presentation; £1,450 in 09/10 to replace the Trumpington Village Sign.</p>		
CCF recommendation: Award £600		

South Area Committee 2010-11 grants	CCF ref WEB10147
Applicant: 2nd Cherry Hinton Guides	Ward(s) : Cherry Hinton
<p>Purpose of group: The aim of 2nd Cherry Hinton Guides is to help young women develop emotionally, mentally and physically so they can make a positive contribution to their community. The organisation is open to all young women aged over 10 years old. The group meet weekly on a Thursday night. The organisation enables young people to fulfil their potential to take an active and responsible role in society through its distinctive, stimulating and enjoyable programme of activities delivered by volunteers.</p>	
<p>Project: to buy camping equipment and to fund a Centenary guiding camp week in the summer</p>	
<p>Breakdown of costs: Site fees 6x50=£300; Food - 1 week 6 x £31.50=£189; Petrol - 500miles@40p per mile £200; Return coach travel for Guides to camp £500; Return equipment transport to camp £400; Camp site fees & activities: 20x£125=£2,500; Food - 1 week 20x £31.50=£630; Vision 2010 (centenary final)=£500 Stamps £10; Stationary £20; Hall rent for parents evening £20; Equipment- Tents - 2@£70=£140; Gas stoves - 2@£75=£150; Camping fridge - 1@£150=£150</p>	
Total cost: £5,710	Requested: £3,510.00
<p>Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant: Girl Guiding encourages girls to take the lead in making choices and taking on responsibilities to ensure things happen. Building self confidence and self esteem. Through this camp and by participating in new and challenging activities the Girls will develop skills including, arts, agility camping and cooking. This is an opportunity to develop in a female only environment away from school and parents, and will encourage them to live and work together as a team. Progress and development will be measured by successfully completing badges and individual challenges. Number of beneficiaries: 26</p>	
<p>Background information: The week-long camp in August 2010 which the Guides are planning to organise and which they are asking for a grant for will have a group of 20 young females (aged 10-16) as its participants. The Guides will have the opportunity to undertake activities such as, crafts, community projects, caving and water activities. The goal is for them to gain new skills, confidence, independence and make new friends. £2,200 raised so far in the form of a participation fee paid by participants' parents and fundraising. The equipment purchased can be re-used for many camps in the future and lent to other community groups.</p> <p>CCF Comments: The 20 participants in the camp may come from low-income families, who would not be able to afford such a trip if the fees families had to pay needed to match the cost of the camp. The project has quite a high cost per participant. The bulk of the money will be spent on non-reusable items such as transport and camp site fees. While equipment purchased can be reused, this only makes up a relatively small portion (440 pounds) of the money requested.</p>	
<p>Previous funding from this Area Committee: New applicant</p>	
<p>CCF recommendation: Award up to £1,510 (£2,000 has been awarded by CCF and £2,200 raised from other sources)</p>	

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South Area Committee 2010-11 grants		CCF ref WEB11512
Applicant: Hanover & Princess Court Residents Association		Ward(s) : Trumpington
<p>Purpose of group: “We are a Residents Association that covers two blocks of flats, 126 in number. Our aims are to liase between residents and the council mostly through our Housing Officers and other officers as necessary. We hold Resident Meetings every 2 months and have an Agenda to discuss residents concerns and problems and also share news and any changes with the residents. Our other aim is to promote the community spirit and to get people together and talking and sharing their experiances. We hold a BBQ and a Christmas Event every year which are very successful and also aim to reach the wider community.”</p>		
<p>Project: to fund the Community Christmas Event. Breakdown of costs: Hire of Marquee £500; 30' Christmas Tree £150; Outdoor Christmas Lights £150; Electrician to fit lights £100</p>		
Total cost: £900		Requested: £900.00
<p>Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant: This Community event brings the residents together and allows them to meet each other and socialise, it also includes the wider community as we have a Care Home next to us and two primary schools close by. The children have a wonderful time! The tree and lights are a lovely feature that the residents and local community enjoy for the whole of the Christmas season. Number of beneficiaries: 150</p>		
<p>Background information: 2010 will be the 6th Christmas community event organised by the association. The association started organising events to build community spirit in Hanover & Princess Court, where there is a diverse mix of residents living in the 126 flats. Events have been very successful and are well attended, good feedback is received. Local schools are involved and the event is supported by the Centre at St Pauls.</p> <p>CCF Comments: The Association received £900 towards their 2009 Christmas event from Grassroots Grants through CCF. £300 of this grant was not spent and returned to CCF as the Association was able to use funds it had raised elsewhere. The Association have provided feedback from a successful event in 2009, which was well attended including many local children and Care in the Community Residents. The Association was left little time to finalise arrangements for their 2009 event following an application considered by a panel in November. Therefore they have decided to make plans and apply for funding earlier in the year. Since their previous application the Association have adopted an Equal Opportunities Policy.</p>		
<p>Previous funding from this Area Committee: £900 in 05/06 for Christmas tree installation; £900 in 06/07 towards Christmas tree and event; £176 in 07/08 for marquee hire; £850 in 07/08 for Christmas tree installation and event; £500 in 08/09 for marquee hire for a Christmas event.</p>		
<p>CCF recommendation: Award £450 (as CCF is able to offer £450 from other funds)</p>		

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South Area Committee 2010-11 grants		CCF ref 2315
Applicant: Trumpington Elderly Action Group		Ward(s) : Trumpington
<p>Purpose of group: The group formed in 1989 as an action group to improve life and conditions for the over 60's. There are currently 45 members. It provides a forum for the elderly to make sure the voice of the elderly is heard in local issues. It holds regular meetings of interest to its members and encourages social integration throughout the community.</p>		
<p>Project: running costs, celebration events and auditor's fee.</p>		
Breakdown of costs:		
Total cost: £635	Requested: £635.00	
<p>Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant: Tackling local issues (concentrating this year on antisocial behaviour), sharing of information, enjoying each other's company and reducing isolation. Those who benefit will be all members and hopefully the wider community. Number of beneficiaries: 45</p>		
<p>Background information: The group provides a voice for local elderly people and works to tackle issues important to them. In the past the group have campaigned for a local medical centre, to save green space and for dropped kerbs. The group provides information relevant to members and social opportunities at meetings, reducing isolation. Constituted group, have adopted an Equal Opportunities Policy. Meetings are held monthly and include talks on a variety of subjects inc. protecting the environment, Emmaus and Falls prevention. The group organises celebration events and members contribute to the costs of one outing a year. The group has also operated a lunch club for 15 years.</p> <p>CCF Comments: The group were awarded a grant of £400 from Grassroots Grants through CCF in April to contribute towards the costs of a trip a coach trip around the Fens with Mike Petty.</p>		
<p>Previous funding from this Area Committee:</p> <p>£750 in 04/05 for running costs £750 in 05/06 for running costs, outing and Christmas Party £680 in 06/07 for running costs, outing and Christmas Party £650 in 07/08 for running costs, outing and New Year Party £859 in 08/09 for running costs, outing and Christmas Party £575 in 09/10 for running costs</p>		
<p>CCF recommendation: Award £335 (as CCF is able to offer £300 from other funds)</p>		

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South Area Committee 2010-11 grants		CCF ref 2401
Applicant: Denis Wilson Court Social Club		Ward(s) : Trumpington
Purpose of group: To organise social events such as Bingo, lunches, teas and outings to places of interest by coach, including lunch, visits to Garden Centres etc. Easter and Christmas and New Year are also celebrated with seasonal food and entertainment.		
Project: for a coach trip and lunch in St Ives		
Breakdown of costs: Coach (Richmonds) £225; Lunch (£12 per head) £480		
Total cost: £705	Requested: £705.00	
Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant: Many elderly who live at Denis Wilson Court Sheltered Housing no longer drive and do not go far on their own. Some are veterans of WW11 and mostly now disabled. Those beneficiaries will be the retired, elderly, disabled residents. Some have no family or no family living in England. Number of beneficiaries: 40		
Background information: A very active group providing outings and other social events. They have also been running a computer club for 9 years. CCF Comments: The Social Club received a grant of £575 from Grassroots Grants through CCF in May to organise a 'celebration of age' party for residents and guests at Denis Wilson Court. Following this application, the Committee were put in contact with Cambridge CVS for support in writing and adopting Equal Opportunities and Protection of Vulnerable Adults Policies.		
Previous funding from this Area Committee: £757 in 04/05 for computer equipment and software; £200 in 06/07 party to celebrate international day of older people; £328 in 06/07 broadband connection for residents association; £216 in 08/09 for broadband costs; £185 in 09/10 for broadband costs.		
CCF recommendation: Award £405 (as CCF is able to offer £300 from other funds)		

5. North Area Committee 2010-11 Leisure applications: none

5.1 Leisure 2010-11 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	9,250	3,900	5,350
Leisure	2,460	0	2,460
Total	11,710	3,900	8,270

6. All other applications received by CCF from South City Groups since 1st April 2010

CCF ID	Group	Project	Requested £	Status
2293	Denis Wilson Court Social Club	To cover the costs of a 'Celebration of Age' party.	575	Received £575 from CCF.

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 from Area Committee will not generally be made retrospectively.
8. Grants will be publicised, administered and monitored by CCF.

Funds directly managed by CCF