



To: **West Central Area Committee - 25th April 2013**

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Wards affected: Castle, Market, Newnham,

**Community Development and Arts & Recreation Development
AREA COMMITTEE GRANTS 2013-14**

1. Executive summary

1.1 This report details applications received to date for 2013-14 funding for projects in the West Central Area, makes recommendations for awards and provides information on the eligibility and funding criteria.

2. Recommendations

The West Central Area Committee Councillors are recommended:

- 2.1 To consider the grant applications received, officer comments and proposed awards detailed in Appendix 1
- 2.2 To agree the proposed awards detailed in Appendix 1 and summarised in the table below:

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Award
WC1	Christ's Pieces Resident's Association	2 talks on local history	£300
WC2	Friends of Histon Road Cemetery	3 newsletters, website, posters, meetings	£290
WC3	Friends of Histon Road Cemetery	Histon Road Cemetery History Day	£200
WC4	Friends of Histon Road Recreation Ground	Community summer event with an international theme (June 2013).	£1,200
WC5	St Augustine's Church, Cambridge	Programme of talks, concerts and local events (5 Friday evenings and 1 Saturday evening)	£1,000
WC6	Windsor Road Resident's Association	Contribution to the running of the group and holding an annual meeting.	£125

Budget available	£8,400
Total awards	£3,115
Budget remaining	£5,285

3. Background

3.1 Management

Funding has been devolved to Area Committees for local projects meeting the Community Development, Sports or Arts strategic priorities since 2004. For the previous four years these grants have been managed on behalf of the council by the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation which was unable to continue with this service. This responsibility has returned to the Community Development Grants Team.

3.2 Following consultation with councillors in October 2012 it was agreed to promote one grants round which was launched in January 2013, bringing applications for consideration to one meeting of each of the area committees. The grants were publicised in Cambridge Matters, via neighbourhood workers and members, in local publications and voluntary organisations newsletters, by posters and publicity leaflets and previous applicants were also invited to apply. The closing date for applications for consideration by West Central Area Committee was 8th April 2013.

3.3 Funding Available

There is a total of £84,000 available across the four area committees for 2013-14. £55,000 has been allocated from the Community Development grants budget and £29,000 from the Arts and Recreation Development (formerly known as Leisure) grants budget.

These budgets have been merged and divided between the area committees in accordance with population and poverty calculations. The amount available for each area is as follows:

Committee	%	£
North	37.8	31,752
South	20	16,800
East	32.2	27,048
West Central	10	8,400
Total		84,000

3.4 Eligibility Criteria and Funding Priorities

Applications are invited from voluntary organisations, community groups and groupings of local residents that are able to meet basic accountability requirements. Priority is given to projects that are aimed at those people whose opportunities are restricted by disability, low income or discrimination. Projects should meet the Community Development and Arts and Recreation Development priorities detailed in Appendix 2.

The maximum any organisation can apply for is £5,000 across all area committees and grants cannot be made retrospectively. Full details of the eligibility criteria are available on request.

3.5 Year Round Applications

Applications will be considered on an individual basis after this main grants round for as long as funding is available. Officers will make decisions on awards up to £2,000. Committee Chairs will be required to make decisions on awards proposed between £2,000 and £5,000. Officers will circulate updates on applications and awards twice a year. In December 2013 the area budgets will be merged and any funding

remaining will be allocated across the areas as applications are received to ensure effective use of the funds available.

3.6 2012-13 Awards

After the end of the financial year we will collect the monitoring reports for awards made during 2012-13 and circulate a summary to members.

3.7 Funding Agreements

All awards are subject to funding agreements and monitoring reports. We consider proportionate requirements dependent on the size of the organisation, project and award.

Appendix 1 – West Central Area Committee Grant Applications and Recommendations 2013-14

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Aim of activity	Beneficiaries	Budget	Bid	Award
WC1	Christ's Pieces Residents' Association	2 talks on local history at the Unitarian Church, Emmanuel Road	Engage with local residents, especially older residents. Sense of community.	All residents in Kite area: approx 650 houses, 1,200 Market residents to be invited	Full cost: £440 Income: CPRA subs	£300	£300
	Officer comment	Speaker fees £100. Recommend contribution requested.					
	Previous 2 years funding	2012/13: £500	2011/12: N/A				
WC2	Friends of Histon Road Cemetery	3 newsletters; website maintenance; posters; materials and insurance for volunteers; meetings, AGM; talks and exchanges with other similar groups.	To improve, conserve, support and protect Histon Recreation Park for the use and enjoyment of the public, and to provide an opportunity for members of the Friends to meet and socialise.	Approx 2000 - anyone who lives by, visits or passes through the cemetery. North residents = 1500; Castle 500.	Full cost: £3100 Income: £1810	£1,290	£290
	Officer comment	£1,000 has been awarded by North Area Committee. Recommend £290 balance from West Central Area Committee					
	Previous 2 years funding	2012/13 £1200, £625 Green day event	2011/12 £450, £700				

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WC3	Friends of Histon Road Cemetery	Histon Road Cemetery History Day - an open day with displays, tours and other activities in July 2013.	To promote awareness of the historical and heritage aspects of the cemetery and to increase awareness of cemetery as a space for recreation and reflection. Awareness of Friends' activities.	100 from North and 100 from Castle. All ages	Full cost: £400 Income £ none	£400	£200
	Officer comment	£200 has been awarded by North Area Committee. Recommend £200 balance from West Central Area Committee					
	Previous 2 years funding	see above					
WC4	Friends of Histon Road Recreation Ground	Community summer event with an international theme on 30th June 2013, for existing and potential park users	Promote responsible use of the park, engage all users in managing and developing the facilities	250/300 Children, families and older people in the short term. Wider community in the long term (200-225 Castle)	Full cost: £1,380 Income: £180	£1,200	£1,200
	Officer comment	Funding for publicity, workshop materials, marquee, insurance, entertainment. Recommend amount requested.					
	Previous 2 years funding	2012/13: £2,261		2011/12: £1,500			

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WC5	St Augustine's Church, Cambridge	Programme of talks, concerts and local events autumn/winter 2013-14 at St Augustine's Church Hall. Averaged 20 different events over each of the last three years.	Enable older residents to lead more socially active lives. Free activity for those on limited incomes. Encouraging the local community to come together. Improve the well being and vitality of the local community	1500 to 2000 people (1800 Castle, some from Arbury)	Full cost: £4,000 Income: £2,000 from church funds	£2,000	£1,000
	Officer comment	Supported by Richmond, Oxford and Windsor Road Residents Associations. High cost fees and travel expenses for speakers/performers £1,600, refreshments £700, publicity £800. There is no charge for the audience. Recommend reduced amount and encourage them to find supplementary sources of funding.					
	Previous 2 years funding	2012/13: £2,000	2011/12: £2,000				
WC6	Windsor Road Resident's Association	Community events and meetings	Sense of community, protection of the environment and social activity.	All residents of Windsor Road: 109 dwellings, 250-260 residents (all Castle residents)	Full cost: £425 Income: £300	£125	£125
	Officer comment	Social activities are held jointly with Oxford and Richmond Road Resident's Associations. Recommend amount requested.					
	Previous 2 years funding	2012/13: £250	2011/12: £400				

Community Development

Community Activities

1. Activities which support children and young people and families experiencing disadvantage:

- § to provide children and young people with opportunities to participate in positive activities, engage in democratic processes, and improve the quality of life in neighbourhoods
- § to meet the needs of children and young people in the areas of growth or demographic change

2. Activities which support

- § **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

3. Activities which support older people to live socially and physically active lives.

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:

- § 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

It is not for personal care services, proselytising or worship or services which are the responsibility of other statutory agencies

4. Social and Economic Deprivation

Projects, services or activities which 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.

Arts & Recreation

1. Improve access to leisure activities

A targeted approach to improving access to arts and sports for city residents who currently have restricted access, particularly including:

- § Minority Ethnic Groups
- § People with disabilities
- § People on low incomes
- § Children, young people and older people at risk of exclusion from leisure opportunities

2. Enhance the City's cultural offer

Arts and sports activities that enhance Cambridge's cultural offer by doing some or all of the following:

- § Celebrating Cambridge's cultural identity or local traditions
- § Benefiting the local economy
- § Reflecting the city's creative reputation through being new, innovative, and ambitious
- § Promoting environmental sustainability

3. Encourage and support local neighbourhood arts and sports activities that enhance current provision and are for the benefit of local residents