

Report by: Cambridgeshire Community Foundation

To: Area Committee – West/Central, 28th October 2010

Wards: Castle, Newnham and Market

<p>Community Development Grants 2010-11</p>
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1. Introduction

This report sets out 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 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: £4130	
CCF ID	Group	Project	Requested £	Recommended from Area Committee Grants £	Offer from other CCF funds £
WEB16458	St Augustine's Church	to pay for various events in the autumn and spring, to be held at the church, covering the cost of musicians and publicity	1,500	1,500	0
Total			1,500	1,500	0

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.

2010-11						
Area	Population	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. West/Central Area Committee 2010-11 Community Development applications

4.1 Community Development spend to date: £590

ID	Group	Project	AC Grant
WEB11703	Oxford Road Residents Association (ORRA)	to go towards the Summer Fayre; costs of flyers, paper cups/plates, hire of the church hall, materials for decorations etc.	£340
WEB2636	Windsor Road Residents' Association	to pay the group's running costs.	£250
Total			£590
Remaining			£4,130

4.2 Status of other applications from groups in West/Central area received since 1 April 2010

				Sums awarded
2463	The PCC of St Mary the Less, Cambridge	to reconstruct and extend the existing parish room	Donarbon Community Fund	Under review
WEB12297	Cambridge Street Pastors	to pay a coordinator for 2 months	Grassroots Small Grants Cambridgeshire	£1,000
WEB16123	Cambridge Street Pastors	£900 for uniforms for street pastors		Under review

4.3 Grant application background information

West/Central Area Committee 2010-11 grants	CCF ref WEB16458
Date received by CCF: 07/10/2010	
Applicant: St Augustine's Church	Ward(s) : Castle
Purpose of group: Provides a programme of events including talks and concerts at the church hall. The church also offers a venue for about 20 local groups meeting regularly throughout the week.	
Project: series of events in the autumn 2010 and spring 2011	
Breakdown of costs:	
<i>Operational/activity costs:</i> Fees for speakers and musicians: £1,200	
<i>Office, overhead, premise costs:</i> Including heating, lighting and other running costs normally included in hall hire charges but met by church for this programme: £400	
<i>Publicity costs:</i> Cost of programme preparation and distribution plus posters and flyers for each individual event. These supplement publicity on web sites, the use of e-mail lists and publicity in church newsletters for which no charges are made: £400,	
<i>Other costs:</i> Refreshment costs offset by silver collections at most event: £500	
Total cost: £2,500	Requested: £1,500 (£1,200 for fees, £300 for publicity)
Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant: We aim to strengthen the local community by bringing together a diverse range of people on a regular basis to share events of a high standard.	
Number of beneficiaries: 500	

Background information: This Church has been running for over 120 years and is a staple in the community of the Castle area. Many of the attendees at these events are elderly or socially isolated, and it provides an opportunity for learning and enjoyment at no cost. These projects have been running for many years and are totally dependent on grant funding. They form part of the Church's wider aims to develop themselves as a community centre, working with residents' associations to strengthen local community ties.

CCF Comments: Autumn programme of 5 talks and 4 concerts before Christmas, 6 talks and 3 concerts in the Spring and are finalising their programme for the summer. Around a third of the costs for events will be covered by donations. The group do not have a Vulnerable Adults policy, but are willing to consider if invited to put one in place.

Previous funding from this Area Committee: St Augustine's Church received a total of £1,110 (£200 for talks, £500 for holiday clubs and £410 for concerts) in 08/09. In 2009/10 they were awarded £750 towards a New Year Gala Concert.

CCF recommendation:

The project fits the criteria advertised, namely "a project which provides services or activities to benefit people living in one of the four areas of Cambridge City."

The project will benefit a large number of local people and, given the successful track record of delivering the programme of events, a grant of £1,500 is recommended.

However, if there is concern about providing ongoing support to ongoing activities, the group could be offered a grant now but advised they need to start to charge for events (a modest sum, with option for those that can pay more to do so) to enable a small reserve to be created this year. This reserve and other minor fundraising activities in year might enable cost for next year to be covered without the need for a city grant.

5. West/Central Area Committee 2010-11 Leisure applications

5.1 Leisure 2010-11 spend to date: £0

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

2010-2011	Budget £	Allocated £	Remaining £
Community Development	4,720	2,090	2,630
Leisure	1,250	0	1,250
Total	5,970	2,090	3,880

BACKGROUND PAPERS and research used in the preparation of this report:

Grant applications.

Telephone interview.

To inspect these documents contact Marion Branch on 01223 410535 or

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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.