



To: **West /Central Area Committee - 23rd April 2015**
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AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS 2015-16

1. Executive summary

1.1 This report details applications received to date for 2015-16 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, in line with the Area Committee Community Grants criteria detailed in paragraph 3.3.3.
- 2.2 to agree the proposed awards detailed in Appendix 1 and summarised in the table below:

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Award £
WC1	CAMS Music Trust	Bursaries for music activities	0
WC2	Christ's Pieces Residents' Association	Talks for local residents	140
WC3	Friends of Midsummer Common	Community Orchard projects and maintenance	405
WC4	St Augustine's Church with Richmond, Oxford and Windsor Road Residents' Associations	2 all day social events ;12 Friday night talks and 6 Saturday evening concerts	1,500
WC5	St Augustine's Church	Weekend events programme celebrating new community facilities	500
WC6	St Giles' Church	Annual Christmas tree festival	367
WC7	Sustrans	Recruit and train volunteer walk	1,000

		leaders to run regular free social walks in the area	
WC8	Under-fives Roundabout	2 wildlife and outdoor discovery trips	300

Budget available	£11,000
Total awards	£4,212
Budget remaining	£6,788

3. Background

3.1 Management

3.1.1 Funding has been devolved to Area Committees for local projects meeting the Community Development, Sports or Arts strategic priorities since 2004. This process is managed by the Grants Team in Communities, Arts and Recreation who promote the funding and bring applications for consideration to one meeting of each of the area committees annually.

3.1.2 The 2015-16 grants were publicised, via neighbourhood workers, in local publications and voluntary organisations newsletters, by posters and publicity leaflets and previous applicants were also invited to apply. Over 30 organisations attended briefings held to explain the application process and revised eligibility criteria and priorities. (See 3.3.3)

3.2 Funding Available

3.2.1 There is a total of £80,000 available across the four area committees for 2015-16 made up as follows:

- £60,000 Community Grants
- £20,000 Safer City

3.2.2 The budgets have been divided between the area committees in accordance with population and poverty calculations. The Safer City allocation has provided £5,000 for each area committee. The amount available for each area is as follows:

Committee	Community Grants %	Community Grants £	Safer City £	Total available £
North	37.8	22,680	5,000	27,680
East	32.2	19,320	5,000	24,320
South	20	12,000	5,000	17,000
West Central	10	6,000	5,000	11,000
Total	100	60,000	20,000	80,000

3.3 Eligibility Criteria and Funding Priorities

- 3.3.1 In July 2014 the Community Services Scrutiny Committee considered new priorities and outcomes for community, arts and recreation development funding which was agreed by the Executive Councillor for Community, Arts and Recreation. This new funding programme is named 'Community Grants'.
- 3.3.2 In addition to the Community Grants priorities the Area Committee Grants also have priorities reflecting the financial contribution made from the Safer City budget.
- 3.3.3 Projects and activities should have a targeted approach and make a difference to people in one of the areas (North, South, East or West Central) by either:
- reducing social or economic inequality or
 - tackling crime, the fear of crime or anti-social behaviour
- and they must meet one of our funding priorities below:
- sporting activities
 - arts and cultural activities
 - community development activities
 - legal and/or financial advice (*Organisations applying to give legal advice and support must have The Advice Quality Standard (AQS) or equivalent*)
 - employment support
 - capacity building of the voluntary sector to achieve the above
 - community projects aiming to tackle crime, the fear of crime or anti-social behaviour
- 3.3.4 Applications are invited from voluntary organisations, community groups and groupings of local residents that are able to meet basic accountability requirements.
- 3.3.5 The maximum any one organisation can apply for is £5,000 per area committee and grants cannot be made retrospectively. Full details of the eligibility criteria are available on request.
- 3.3.6 All awards are subject to funding agreements and monitoring reports. We consider proportionate requirements dependent on the size of the organisation, project and award.

3.4 Year Round Applications

- 3.4.1 Applications made after the main grants round will be considered on an individual basis until all the funding is spent. Officers will make decisions

on awards up to £5,000 as approved by the Community Services Scrutiny in January 2014.

3.4.2 In December 2015 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.

3.5 **2014-15 Awards**

3.5.1 After the end of the financial year we will collect the monitoring reports for awards made during 2014-15 and circulate a summary to members. A list of awards to date for 2014-15 is attached as Appendix 2.

Appendix 1 – West/Central Area Committee Grant Applications and Recommendations 2015-16

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Aim & disadvantage outcome	Beneficiaries	Budget	Bid £	Award £		
WC1	CAMS Music Trust	Up to 46 means related bursaries for children and families to enable them to take part in 4 out of school extra-curricular activities – 10 Sundays of Community Orchestra, Youth Choir, Music Club, Jazz Group	Proactively encourage no-barrier participation in extended musical activities. Bring communities of people together - particularly through the family aspect to improve mental and physical wellbeing. Improve access to music activities regardless of age, ability, ethnic group, disability and income level.	22 children (are parents extra?)	Full cost: £26,245 - project across the city. Income: £14,470 (plus AC South £4,605, AC East £4,995).	2,175	0		
								Officer comment	Recommend no award. The project is to enable children to take part in 'existing' extra-curricular music activities (+ one new activity) held at St Matthews Primary School and Centre at St Pauls. City-wide activity. East & South – no award approved
								Previous 2 years funding:	None
WC2	Christ's Pieces Residents Association	One talk for local residents in Unitarian Church	Increase the sense of community and help local people to know more about it. Reduce loneliness as some residents live alone and also increase resident's knowledge and understanding of the area	40-50 all ages	Full cost: £265 Income: £45	220	140		
								Officer comment	Recommend £140 contribution to cover hall hire and speaker fee
								Previous 2 years funding:	14-15: £300 13-14: £300

WC3	Friends of Midsummer Common	Community orchard activities and maintenance. (insurance, bat and bird boxes, mower costs, wildflower meadow establishment)	Improve the wellbeing of local people. Many live in flats or small houses without access to gardens. Many disadvantaged /lonely people use the space and join in the free activities. The working parties are inclusive and help to reduce social isolation and promote community spirit and well-being.	100 members plus unknown large number of visitors	Full cost: £860 Income: £455	405	405
	Officer comment	Recommend full amount					
	Previous 2 years funding: 14-15: £1458 13-14: £390						

WC4	St Augustine's Church with Richmond, Oxford and Windsor Roads' Residents' Associations	2 all day social events, 12 Friday night talks and 6 Saturday evening concerts.	Social and educational activities available to as many residents as possible. Reduce isolation amongst elderly people, plus those from overseas working locally and develop cohesion between different communities living locally. Provide affordable and accessible activities to those unable to travel into the city due to reduced mobility or income	1000 all ages 300 W/Central	Full cost: £4,100 Income: £2,600	1,500	1,500
	Officer comment	Recommend full amount					
	Previous 2 years funding: 14-15: £1,500 13-14: £1,750						

WC5	St Augustine's Church	Weekend programme of events "Open Door" to showcase the new community facilities at St Augustine's (March 2016)	Encourage participation in the range of activities at the venue and identify new needs and solutions. Reach out to those who may be unaware of the possibilities for them to participate in a range of activities at a cost tailored to their needs. Identity new activities that will contribute to tackling inequalities and other social issues.	300 all ages. 50 Arbury.	Full cost: £2,250 Income: £1,750	500	500
	Officer comment	Recommend full amount Building work partly funded by Section 106					
	Previous 2 years funding: 14-15: £1,500 13-14: £1,750						

WC6	St Giles' Church	Annual Christmas tree festival – 9 days. Up to 30 groups decorate a tree	To give pleasure to all who create the decorations for the trees, and who come in and visit the festival, at a time of year when many people feel especially isolated. The festival aims to make visitors feel part of a wider community.	325 North. 175 West Central	Full cost: £1,767 Income: £600 North approved £700	1,167	367
	Officer comment	Recommend £367. North approved £700.					
	Previous 2 years funding: 14-15: £1,145 13-14: £1,099						

WC7	Sustrans	Recruit and train volunteer walk leaders to run a regular free social walk.	Provide regular opportunity for people to take part in a social activity, help elderly, less able or socially isolated residents to be more physically active, recruit and train volunteers to make a difference locally. Promote walking as an accessible (free and local) form of physical exercise for older people and those with mobility and health issues.	70 all ages but most likely older	Full cost: £2,140 Income: £1,140 (from reserves)	1,000	1,000	
	Officer comment	Recommend full amount						
	Previous 2 years funding: none							

WC8	Under-fives Roundabout	2 wildlife and outdoor discovery trips	Pre-school children experience the diversity of local wildlife and take part in new and challenging outdoor activities to broaden their experience of the world around them. Some would not normally access due to lack of transport and low income. 30-40% children live in social housing, have housing benefits or parents are in full time education,	24 children from Castle ward	Full cost: £855 Income: £0	855	300	
	Officer comment	Recommend £300. High reserves and North Area Committee approved £100 contribution.						
	Previous 2 years funding: 14-15: £345 from WC							

Appendix 2 – 2014-15 Awards

Group	Purpose	Award £
Christ's Pieces Residents Association	Two talks	300
Friends of Midsummer Common	Community orchard equipment and events	1,133
Little Monkeys parent and toddler playgroup	Repair existing soft play equipment . <i>Plus contribution from NAC</i>	190
St Augustine's Church	A programme of 20 talks, concerts and events	1,500
St Giles Church	Sixth annual Christmas Tree Festival	1,145
Under Fives Roundabout	Two x 2hr wildlife and discovery sessions <i>Plus contribution from NAC</i>	345
Windsor Road Residents Association	Meetings, activities and events	200