

Report by: Cambridgeshire Community Foundation

To: Area Committee – West/Central, 6th January 2011

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: £2,630	
CCF ID	Group	Project	Requested £	Recommended from Area Committee Grants £	Offer from other CCF funds £
WEB17747	Friends of Midsummer Common (FoMC)	To fund the group's AGM and to purchase and install a storage shed	850	850	0
Total			850	850	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: £2,090

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
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
Total			£2,090
Remaining			£2,630

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	£20,000
WEB12297	Cambridge Street Pastors	to pay a coordinator for 2 months	Grassroots Small Grants Cambridgeshire	£1,000

4.3 Grant application background information

West/Central Area Committee 2010-11 grants	CCF ref WEB17747
Date received by CCF: 07/12/2010	
Applicant: Friends of Midsummer Common (FoMC)	Ward(s) : Market
Purpose of group: Ensure good management of Midsummer Common, to protect the environment and to follow the principles of sustainable development	
Project: to cover the costs of the group's AGM and to purchase a shed. Breakdown of costs: <i>Office, overhead, premise costs:</i> Hire of the hall for the AGM £50, <i>Publicity costs:</i> leaflet printing £100, <i>Other costs:</i> purchase and installation of a storage shed £700	
Total cost: £850	Requested: £850
Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant: The FOMC has had a very successful year and we have seen big improvements in the general maintenance for MC. There is great enthusiasm for the new Orchard project and many people have given freely of their time to plant trees and deal with the general maintenance of the Orchard area. We hope that our members will keep this enthusiasm for hard work, but this is not so easy if they have to carry equipment large distances each time they come. Also, we run on a very low budget and do not waste money: we do not want to have to ask everyone involved to increase their financial support to pay for essential administrative costs if this can be avoided.	
Number of beneficiaries: 100	

Background information: This organisation has been running since 2006. They received funding in 09/10 for the Community Orchard project on the premise that they should identify a secure area for keeping equipment – so far the group has been using the public toilet block on the Common. The shed will be kept in the corner of the Orchard and the group has thoroughly researched what permissions should be obtained in order to erect it – no planning permission is required because the shed will be small and a temporary fixture. Although the site is reasonably isolated at night, it is overlooked by several houses and is positioned near to several allotments and near to a path, both of which are regularly used. The AGM will be held in the Wesley Church in March 2011 and the agenda will include a report on the progress of the Orchard's planting scheme and member participation, a report on tree planting on the Common and a discussion of public events held on the Common this year and any problems which arose as a result. It is hoped that 60 to 100 people will attend the AGM and will be comprised of both members and interested parties.

CCF Comments: The group operates a formal constitution and equal opportunities policy.

Previous funding from this Area Committee: £750 in 06/07 to cover start-up costs of resident's group, £1,853 in 09/10 to fund a long-term Community Orchard project including insurance for volunteers.

CCF recommendation: 850

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	2,940	1,780
Leisure	1,250	0	1,250
Total	5,970	2,940	3,030

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.