

Report by: Cambridgeshire Community Foundation

To: Area Committee – North, 27th January 2011

Wards: Arbury, Kings Hedges, West Chesterton, East Chesterton

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 North 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: £8,366		
CCF ID	Group	Project	Requested £	Recommended from 2010/11 Area Committee Grants £	Offer from other CCF funds £
2820	King's Hedges Brownies	To buy materials for arts and crafts and for a trip to Woburn Safari in March 2011.	700	700	0
WEB 18001	St Andrew's Hall, Chesterton	To refurbish the meeting room.	2,522	2,522	0
WEB 18402	Kings Hedges Family Support Project	To buy toys for children with special needs.	653	653	0
WEB1 8290	Meadows Children and Family Wing	To pay for 9 hours of family support.	816	0	0
WEB 18601	Chesterton Festival Committee	Costs of Chesterton Festival 2011.	3,402	£268 from the 10/11 budget (and £3,134 from the 11/12 budget)	0
Total			7,693	£4,143	0
Remaining				£4,223	

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	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: £8,834

ID	Group	Project	AC Grant
WEB 2954	Friends of Histon Road Cemetery	Running costs	£1,041 (Chair's Action)
WEB13132	Friends of Histon Road Recreation Ground	Running costs	£1,165 (Chair's Action)
WEB13269	Chesterton Community Association	To pay for used for operational running costs, but not the administrative support worker, which the grant does not cover	£1,952 (Chair's Action)
2296	Menelik Education	To fund World music and culture activities at the Arbury Carnival and Chesterton Festival	£900
WEB10576	Chesterton Community Association	To publicise and run a competition to design and create a village sign	£900
WEB10770	4 th Cambridge Guides	To purchase new tents and cooking equipment	£900
2553	The Royal British Legion, Arbury Manor Branch	To take a coach trip to a place of interest	£460

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2650	St George's Lunch Club	To provide funding for a cook at the monthly lunch club meeting	£350
WEB16355	St Andrew's Hall, Chesterton	To fund a community carol event	£266
2764	Grovebury Ladies Club	To fund a Christmas lunch outing (including travel)	£900
Total			£8,834
Remaining			£8,366

4.2 Status of other applications from groups in North area received by CCF since 1 April 2010

CCF ID	Group	Project	Status
WEB9615	Chesterton Parent Forum	To fund the running of two music groups per week until 31 December	Awarded £2,200
WEB10724	SIN Cru	To contribute to the cost of running a summer event involving a range of young people at the Junction, using hip-hop, dance and art	Awarded £900
WEB11748	18th Cambridge Cub Scouts	To purchase camping equipment	Awarded £1,000
WEB12428	Talking In Tune	To contribute to the costs of running Street Voices	Awarded £2,000
WEB12193	Romsey Mill Trust	To contribute to staff costs in running a weekly drop-in for young people identified as being at risk of falling out of the education system	Awarded £850
WEB12903	Kings Hedges Guides	To contribute to the costs of sending the girls on a Centenary Camp	Awarded £432
WEB11907	Chesterton Villa F.C.	To purchase a laptop computer and printer	Rejected
WEB12753	Arbury Carnival Committee	To contribute to the Arbury Carnival 2011	Rejected
WEB15399	ArC Parents Forum	To ensure continuation of a facilitated music group for preschool children	Rejected

4.3 Grant application background information

North Area Committee 2010-11 grants	CCF ref: 2820
Applicant: Kings Hedges Brownies	Ward(s): Kings Hedges
Purpose of group: To help young girls to grow and develop emotionally, mentally and physically, providing much needed out of school activities for a low income area.	
Project: To buy materials for arts and crafts, and for a trip to Woburn Safari in March 2011 - on a Saturday, and for contribution towards unexpected increase in rent	
Breakdown of costs: Arts and Craft Materials £50, Coach £280, Entrance costs £296 (24 x £10 child + 4 x £14 adult), Contribution towards rental £75	
Total cost: £700	Requested: £700.00
Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant: "To provide better activity on a weekly basis, to build confidence and take the children away from the estate for a day."	
Number of beneficiaries: 24	
Background information: This group was set up in 2002. Twenty four girls aged 7 to 10 regularly attend weekly meetings for 1 hour and 30 minutes taking part in interesting and educational activities, including cooking and dance. Each pay £8 per 1/2 term (but those who cannot afford subs are not turned away). The group follows the national Girl Guiding UK constitution, equal opportunities and welfare policies.	
Only two girls from pack had a summer holiday last year (one was day at Hunstanton) so pack leaders would like to take girls on trip to Woburn. Seeking help towards coach and entry fees - girls will bring own lunch.	
Group have recently had to move to Arbury Community centre as new caretaker at school no longer able to do overtime - the move has led to unexpected increase in rental to £15 per week (previously £10) - pack trying to raise money through pantomime in Feb to help costs and contribution to rental is sought – the finances are very tight. Girls enjoy the opportunity to make things - eg crafts, posters, table decorations, masks - sometimes as part of badges and sometimes just for pleasure. Pack would appreciate contribution towards buying arts and crafts materials	
Previous funding from this Area Committee: £1,060 in 05/06 to pay for a weekend holiday and swimming lessons; £1,154 in 06/07 to pay insurances and a residential weekend.	
CCF recommendation: Award £700	

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North Area Committee 2010-11 grants		CCF ref WEB18001
Applicant: St Andrew's Hall, Chesterton		Ward(s): East Chesterton
<p>Purpose of group: To promote local community development and local community cohesion through the provision and promotion of meeting spaces and the organisation or facilitation of community-building activities locally, working with local partner organisations and local individuals wherever possible - e.g. Weekly drop-in coffee morning, weekly baby and toddler group, annual children's holiday club, annual Chesterton Festival, annual Community carols event, annual Hall birthday celebrations/Christmas Fair, annual pancake party.</p>		
<p>Project: to refurbish the meeting room Breakdown of costs: Rug (240x170cm): £371, Brown sofa beanbag: £140, 2 x beanbag seats: £120, 4 x soft chairs: £676.80, 8 cushions: £100, Space-saving desk: £249, Box seat: £129, Drawer/coffee unit: £199, Nest of tables: £149, 3 x Canvas boards (for young people's art work): £22.17, Re-painting the room: £200, Floor lamp: £80, Table lamp: £40, 3 x 'Funky lamps': £46.44</p>		
Total cost: £2,522		Requested: £2,522
<p>Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant: "The planned refurbishment has come about in response to the expressed needs and desires of our current users. We hope that by providing a comfy, softly furnished room where those using it can relax we will help people feel at ease & more able to open up & discuss the issues they are facing. We hope to be able to offer an environment that is different from users' habitual settings - not like an office, so business meetings/appraisals can enjoy a different dynamic than usual; not like a classroom, so young people can respond differently to adults & to their peers & show their true colours; not like a doctor's surgery, so those seeking counselling can receive it in a setting which does not further distress them with the subliminal implication that they are ill. We hope to promote an increase in the general health & well-being of local people, & to facilitate the development of bonds between them. We want to be a place of welcome, hospitality & care in a sometimes faceless/impersonal world."</p>		
Number of beneficiaries: 1,000		
<p>Background information: This group was set up in 2005. It has a formal constitution and operates Equal Opportunities and Child Protection Policies.</p>		
<p>CCF Comments: Monitoring information from previous grant returned in a timely manner, indicating that many people previously unknown to the organisation participated in a Christmas event.</p>		
<p>Previous funding from this Area Committee: £2,003 in 07/08 for 4 table tennis tables and equipment, £266 in 10/11 to fund a community carol event.</p>		
CCF recommendation: Award £2,522		

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North Area Committee 2010-11 grants	CCF ref WEB18402
Date received by CCF: 10/01/2011	
Applicant: Kings Hedges Family Support Project	Ward(s): East Chesterton
Purpose of group: A local registered charity set up in 2004. Our aim is to educate families and the public in better standards of childcare and the importance of sound relationships between parents and children for the maintenance and enrichment of family life. We provide a high quality 'holistic' range of informal support services for families in Kings Hedges, Chesterton and Abbey.	
Project: to buy toys for special needs children.	
Breakdown of costs: Sensory lifestyle toy kit £388; Movement/auditory toy kit £265	
Total cost: £653	Requested: £653
Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant: These special toys will enable all children to play together and make sure than no child is excluded from joining in. The organisation works hard to be fully inclusive, but the current selection of toys are not suitable for all. The increased interaction which these toys would bring will help to break down some of the barriers which exist around disabilities. Number of beneficiaries: 150	
Background information: Specialist toys are more expensive than normal toys and the organisation does not have the funds to make this purchase.	
CCF Comments: The organisation has contact with over 120 families through their drop-in sessions held three times a week at community centres in Cambridge.	
Previous funding from this Area Committee: New applicant to this scheme.	
CCF recommendation: Award £653 and recommend group to contact Cambridge and District Toy Library	

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North Area Committee 2010-11 grants	CCF ref WEB18290
Date received by CCF: 10/01/2011	
Applicant: Meadows Children and Family Wing	Ward(s): Arbury and Kings Hedges
<p>Purpose of group: We provide high quality informal support services for families with pre-school age children living in Kings Hedges, Arbury, Orchard Park and Kings Meadows, Cambridge. We offer twice weekly family support drop-in sessions, for 50 weeks of the year, and regular after school clubs for 5-8 and 8-11 year olds. We provide preventative help, early intervention, sign posting and intensive family support to many local families.</p>	
<p>Project: to pay for 9 hours of family support. Breakdown of costs: Salary of a Family Support Work including NI x 9 hrs per week x 8 weeks = £815.88</p>	
Total cost: £815.88	Requested: £816
<p>Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant: Improve social skills for disadvantaged local parents. Improve the overall quality of life for each family and build on opportunities to enhance life skills and employment chances. Build stronger community cohesion and companionship. Gain increased access to a wide variety of support, including family support and statutory provision - this will open up many opportunities for further sign posting and accessing of specialist services which will benefit them in a myriad of ways. Increase the overall confidence of the primary carer, and in turn, support the quality of home life for each of the families attending our family support drop-in sessions.</p>	
Number of beneficiaries: 1000	
<p>Background information: This support is for local parents and primary care givers with babies and pre-school aged children (opened up to older siblings during school holidays). Aim to offer the local community open access to a wide range of services activities and leisure pursuits that meet their defined needs, that increase participation, build on self esteem and self worth building strong community cohesion and companionship. Based on 09/10 figures - 3,070 attendees, an average weekly attendance of 63.</p>	
<p>CCF Comments: All service users will be from the North of the City, mainly from the Arbury and Kings Hedges Wards with families also attending from the Kings Meadows and Orchard Park estates.</p>	
<p>Previous funding from this Area Committee: 04/05 £1,859 for parenting courses; 04/05 £736 for publicity and information brochure; 05/06 £5,044 for after school club; 05/06 £997 for messy play sessions; 06/07 £5,860 for a playworker; 07/08 £983 for messy play sessions; 08/09 £2,924 for parenting courses.</p>	
<p>CCF recommendation: Having consulted City Council officers we have been advised not to recommend a Community Development Grant as Meadows Children and Family Wing has already received City Council funding from the main grants budget for 10/11.</p>	

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North Area Committee 2010-11 grants		CCF ref WEB18601
Date received by CCF: 14/01/2011		
Applicant: Chesterton Festival Committee		Ward(s): Chesterton
Purpose of group: To organise a community festival to celebrate life in Chesterton and to advance community cohesion, education, the arts and community involvement within Chesterton.		
Project: costs of Chesterton Festival in 2011		
Breakdown of costs: in financial years		
2010/11 - Pye Rec Hire and event licence £108; Climbing Wall £50 deposit; Sumo Wrestling/Bouncy Castle £50 deposit; Marquees £25 deposit; Hire of staging, tables, chairs £35 deposit.		
2011/12 - Browns Field Concert £600; Methodist Church event £50; Climbing Wall £500; Sumo Wrestling/Bouncy Castle £450; Marquees £310; Hire of staging, tables, chairs £315; Peripatetic acts on Pye Rec. £300 (Clowns, Punch & Judy, Magician); Arena Acts expenses £250; PA £80; First Aid £175; Other costs £150; Flower Festival £300; Minibus £175; Logo design £250; Banners £200 (to replace damaged ones); Programmes £1000; Posters £200; Raffle Tickets £75; Raffle Licence £40; Insurance £200; Launch event costs £100.		
Total cost: £6,738	Requested: £3,402 - £268 from the 10/11 budget and £3,134 from the 11/12 budget	
Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant: The main benefit will be the participation of people in the Festival. It is intended to use the opportunity to engage people in the activities and opportunities available in Chesterton that they would not ordinarily come into contact with. In particular the children's adventure zone gives youngsters a chance to enjoy items such as the Climbing Wall that are not generally available outside major leisure facilities. We hope to widen our pool of people active in community based activities during the rest of the year and encourage volunteering in general. This year we are running a licensed raffle for which we are seeking sponsored prizes to raise funds for local charities and community-based activities. Number of beneficiaries: est 1000		
Background information: We aim to build on last year's success and respond to what worked well and what was not so successful. We had a lot of help from local businesses and this is reflected in the out-turn which resulted in the festival having unrestricted funds to plan this year's event. Families particularly appreciated the provision for children and the absence of alcohol from our events. The response from stall-holders, even those who had very small takings, was positive and we expect to have almost all of them back this year plus people who, despite our best efforts, only found out about the event after it had happened.		
CCF Comments: Festival now in third year. It is no longer able to be run under the umbrella of Chesterton Community Association as the Charity Commission have advised they do not consider the Festival to be a charitable activity. Until the paperwork for the Festival Committee's bank account is finalised Community Association continues to act as fund-holder		

Previous funding from this Area Committee: Chesterton Community Association received £3,543 towards the costs of the festival in 2010.

CCF recommendation: Award £268 from the 10/11 budget and £3,134 from the 11/12 budget

5. North Area Committee 2010-11 Leisure applications:

5.1 Leisure 2010-11 spend to date: £3,200

ID	Group	Project	AC Grant
WEB10157	NCSA: North Cambridge Sports Association	To pay for coaches and assistants in after school and lunchtime school sports activities	£900
WEB12349	NCSA: North Cambridge Sports Association	To run evening youth multi-sport sessions	£2,300
Total			£3,200
Remaining			£1,370

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

2010-2011	Budget £	Allocated £	Remaining £
Community Development	17,200	12,477	4,723
Leisure	4,570	3,200	1,370
Total	21,770	15,677	6,093

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

Grant applications.

Monitoring from previous grant awards

Telephone interview.

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Appendix 1

Area Committee grant conditions

Community development grants enable projects that 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.