

Report by: Cambridgeshire Community Foundation

To: Area Committee – East, 14th April 2011

Wards: Abbey, Coleridge, Petersfield, Romsey

Community Development Grants 2011/12

1. Introduction

This report reminds members of the process for the allocation of Community Development and Leisure grants by Area Committees, seeks approval for applications which have been assessed and, merely for background information, list further applications which 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.

2. Recommendations to be considered at this meeting for funding from the 2011-12 budget.

2.1 East Area Community Development 2011-2012 spend to date: £0

2.2 To consider the grant applications and agree recommendations detailed below.

Community Development current applications.			Available: £ tba		
CCF ID	Group	Project	Requested £	Recommended by CCF from East Area Committee Fund £	Offer from other CCF funds £
WEB 20060	Friends of Mill Road Cemetery	To run an open day in the cemetery in July 2011.	450	450	0

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WEB2 0475	TJ KIDS Home from Home	to provide new equipment and resources.	£5,414	£500	
			Total	£950	0

3. Grant application background information

East Area Committee 2011-12 grants	CCF ref WEB20060
Date received by CCF: 10 March 2011	
Applicant: Friends of Mill Road Cemetery	Ward(s) : Romsey
Purpose of group: Friends of Mill Road Cemetery is a volunteer group dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of a major historic and environmental resource.	
Project: to run an Open Day in the cemetery in July 2011.	
Breakdown of costs: production of info card hand outs/leaflets for participants = £250; Materials and Posters, including stone, clay, paint brushes, posters = £117; Extras including ID labels, banners and safety equipment (e.g. goggles) = £83.	
Total cost: £450	Requested: £450
<p>Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant: The project is aimed to encourage the local community to appreciate their local historic site, and to understand more about the art of working with stone. Demonstrations and tours will help bring the past to life. Through this Open Day we wish to invite more people to get to enjoy a site which is not well known in the community, and to promote the role of the Friends of Mill Road Cemetery. If successful it is hoped that this will become an annual summer event with a different theme each year. This will be the first collaborative project between the three cemeteries in Cambridge and is a foundation for future work together. Project success will be measured by visitor number, anecdotal evidence, increased Friends group membership and continuing collaboration leading to future annual events.</p> <p>Number of beneficiaries: 150</p>	
<p>Background information: We liaise with the City Council over the management of the Cemetery and champion initiatives such as the setting up a meadow-area and enhancing biodiversity. Many vandalised gravestones have now been repaired thanks to a council grant and our own fund raising. The Friends host a number of events in and about the Cemetery throughout the year. Every April the Friends organise a Cemetery Spring Clean Day and each Summer a Cemetery Open Day which includes a variety of events for all ages. In the Autumn, the Friends host an illustrated talk about an aspect of the Cemetery e.g. the botany of the graveyard and the meadow-area. The Friends are affiliated with the National Federation of Cemetery Friends.</p> <p>CCF Comments: Feedback from their 10/11 grant suggests that over 100 people visited the cemetery and the Friends group has attracted new members.</p>	

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Previous funding from this Area Committee: £200 in 04/05 for insurance; £754 in 05/06 for activities and repairs; £186 in 05/06 for insurance; £281 in 97/08 for insurance and leaflets; £1,191 in 07/08 for insurance and restoration; £411 in 10/11 for running costs and to purchase equipment.

CCF recommendation: Award £450

East Area Committee 2011-12 grants	CCF ref WEB20475
Date received by CCF: 21 March 2011	
Applicant: TJ KIDS Home from Home	Ward(s) : Romsey
<p>Purpose of group: To provide quality childcare provision during term time and school holidays to residents in Romsey and its surrounding areas (this includes Abbey, Coleridge and Queen Edith wards). We currently offer Sports, Arts & Craft activities & Outdoor play. We hope to build on the existing service and provide play opportunities in the form of under 5's workshops and Saturday drop in sessions as identified by the local community.</p>	
<p>Project: to provide new equipment and resources. Breakdown of costs: Additional Staff @ £8 ph x2 staff per 2.5hr session; Outdoor Equipment £1500; Indoor Equipment £1071; Art & Craft £1548; Electrical £730; Cooking £565; Additional Venue hire £15.00 per session; Promotional materials & Printing £780; Insurance £390.</p>	
Total cost: £10,874	Requested: £5,414
<p>Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant: The renewal of toys, games and equipment will provide our users with new play opportunities and experiences that we are currently unable to provide as we just do not have the resources to do this effectively. This will also assist us with effectively delivering the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework for all identified children. New equipment also means that we can deliver more family focussed sessions in the form of messy play and Saturday workshops.</p> <p>Number of beneficiaries: 140</p>	
<p>Background information: TJ Kids is a social enterprise, recently registered as a Community Interest Company and with Ofsted. TJ Kids took over the childcare provision (children aged 4-11) in Oct 2010 following the threat of closure. They are working closely with Community Development staff, Local Schools, Service users and local residents “to maintain a much needed community provision”.</p> <p>CCF Comments: The first three months of operations generated losses to 31 Dec but each month to 31 March generated a surplus to lead to an overall position to 31 March 2011 of a £820 loss. There is caution about putting fees up as it might drive beneficiaries away so looking for other means to provide new equipment and resources to meet the needs of the users. Since TJ Kids took over this provision attendance figures have increased each month. Currently have only 2 committee members, but they plan to recruit parents and have several interested.</p> <p>City Council Community Development Officer Comments: In October 2001 the Community Development committee adopted a policy requiring out of school play centres to finance services through parental take up of the Working Families Tax Credit and then withdrew from funding them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This organisation is a social enterprise. • Consideration of setting a precedent for the future. • Primarily child care provision, although planning to run workshops for the community. • New organisation, no evidence of longer term sustainability. 	

Previous funding from this Area Committee: New applicant

CCF recommendation: £500 to enable purchase of some replacement equipment to help with resources. The aim is to be supportive by making this grant but cautious given group is still at an early stage and in light of the other comments made by city council community development officer. Group to be encouraged to look at options to purchase second hand equipment.

4. Status of other recent applications from groups based in, or working in the East Area

CCF ID	Group	Project	Date received	Status
WEB 23964	You Can	to address the immediate capacity building needs of You Can	31 Mar 2011	Under review
WEB 24551	Student Community Action	to teach English as a second language	31 Mar 2011	Under review

BACKGROUND PAPERS and research used in the preparation of this report:
Grant applications.
Monitoring from previous grant awards
Telephone interview.

To inspect these documents contact Marion Branch on 01223 410535 or marion@cambscf.org.uk

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 give 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.