

**Report by:** Cambridgeshire Community Foundation

**To:** Area Committee – West / Central, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2011

**Wards:** Castle, Newnham and Market

<p><b>Community Development Grants 2011/12</b></p>
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## **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 West / Central 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 18175	Castle Community Action Group	To fund meetings and social events.	735	450	0
WEB 24336	Windsor Road Residents Association	For administration, communication, social activities and meetings.	400	400	0
WEB 17950c	Friends of the Ascension Graveyard submitted by Friends of Histon Road Cemetery	For an open day at the Ascension Graveyard in July.	450	450	0
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,585</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>0</b>

### 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.

<b>2011-12</b>						
<i>Area</i>	<b>Popul- ation</b>	<b>Mapping Poverty score</b>	<b>Combined score</b>	<b>Community Development £</b>	<b>Leisure £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
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
<b>West Central</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>10.3%</b>	<b>4,720</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>5,970</b>
<b>Total</b>				<b>46,100</b>	<b>12,250</b>	<b>58,350</b>

## 4. Grant application background information

<b>West / Central Area Committee 2011-12 grants</b>	<b>CCF ref WEB18175</b>
<b>Date received by CCF:</b> 04/01/2011	
<b>Applicant:</b> Castle Community Action Group	<b>Ward(s) :</b> Castle and Arbury
<p><b>Purpose of group:</b> CCAG is a residents group serving Castle and Arbury. It is attended by City and County councillors, Community Police Officers and City Rangers, who report on relevant issues and answer questions from all residents who wish to attend or who send queries etc. Residents feed back their comments. Short presentations are sometimes given on topical issues of particular concern. Topics regularly discussed include environmental matters, planning applications, police matters, crime and vandalism, community safety, traffic and parking, cycling, public transport, disabled access, damaged roads and pavements, rubbish collection, open spaces and churchyards, and community facilities. An annual social event is held in Alexandra Gardens, and the whole area is invited.</p>	
<p><b>Project: to fund meetings and social events.</b></p>	
<p><b>Breakdown of costs:</b> Posters £30; Postage, stationery et. £150; Rent £80; Social events for all local residents £75; Leaflets (4000), printing and delivery to all residents £400.</p>	
<b>Total cost: £735</b>	<b>Requested: £735</b>
<p><b>Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant:</b> Residents are able to communicate their needs and recommendations directly to City officers, councillors and community police etc, and to learn about developments and problems in their area. <b>Number of beneficiaries: 1000</b></p>	
<p><b>Background information:</b> The group holds bi-monthly meetings, bi-monthly committee meetings and an annual social event. They produce leaflets and posters to advertise these.</p>	
<p><b>CCF Comments:</b> No subscription charge for members.</p>	
<p><b>Previous funding from this Area Committee:</b> £250 in 04/05 for administration and meeting costs.</p>	
<p><b>CCF recommendation:</b> Award £450 in line with previous City funding and suggest could charge small fee to participants as other residents groups do.</p>	

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<b>West / Central Area Committee 2011-12 grants</b>	<b>CCF ref WEB24336</b>
<b>Date received by CCF:</b> 29/03/2011	
<b>Applicant:</b> Windsor Road Residents Association	<b>Ward(s) :</b> Castle
<b>Purpose of group:</b> Established in March 2008, the Association arranges social gatherings and a helping hand service; addresses environmental and security issues; represents resident's interests to other organisations; provides a forum for residents to raise issues of interest or concern. The Association is run by a committee of 5, with 10 regular volunteers.	
<b>Project: for administration, communication and social activities and meetings.</b>	
<b>Breakdown of costs:</b> Secondary Education £100.00; Summer/Autumn Event £75.00; Winter/New Year Event £75.00; Other £100.00; Annual Meeting £100.00; Secretarial Expenses £50.00; Notices to members £100.00	
<b>Total cost: £600</b>	<b>Requested: £400</b>
<b>Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant:</b> There are 109 dwellings in Windsor Road with 84 subscribed in 2010-2011 with some 180 to 200 household members. Normally circulars and newsletters are used for communications as well as presentations at meetings or activities. All households are actually invited to participate in any activity, although we do ask them to join with payment of a joining fee of £1 and an annual subscription of £1 on attendance. On bigger issues affecting the road then all households will be contacted. Member households are regularly kept informed of current activity. Several activities are planned in the road - some formally by the Committee and others by volunteers. Examples are a Royal Wedding street party by volunteers, a best kept garden competition by volunteers and the committee organised socials, topic meetings and the AGM. <b>Number of beneficiaries: 180</b>	
<b>Background information:</b> The association produces 2 newsletters, one for members and one with general information for all residents of the street. Residents are diverse including the elderly and language school students. They aim to foster community spirit, help each other, help maintain a pleasant environment and provide social activities.	
<b>CCF Comments:</b> The number of member households has increased each year, from 78 in 2009 to 84 in 2011. Feedback from members suggests that they find it useful having planning applications monitored and that they enjoy the social events that give them opportunity to meet other members.	
<b>Previous funding from this Area Committee:</b> £250 in 10/11 for activities, social events and newsletters.	
<b>CCF recommendation: Award £400 for events and the annual meeting</b>	

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<b>West / Central Area Committee 2011-12grants</b>	<b>CCF ref</b> WEB17950c
<b>Date received by CCF:</b> 04/03/2011	
<b>Applicant:</b> Friends of the Ascension Graveyard submitted by Friends of Histon Road Cemetery	<b>Ward(s) :</b> Castle
<b>Purpose of group:</b> To protect and enhance Histon Road Cemetery for the public benefit as a place of remembrance, spirituality, history and nature, to ensure continued public access to, and to increase awareness, appreciation and enjoyment of, Histon Road Cemetery within the local community and the wider city, to speak and act with Cambridge City Council and other organizations on behalf of all who care for Histon Road Cemetery as such a place, particularly those who cherish the memory of one buried there.	
<b>Project: to cover the costs of an open day in July 2011 at the Ascension Graveyard.</b>	
<b>Breakdown of costs:</b> 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.	
<b>Total cost: £450</b>	<b>Requested: £450</b>
<b>Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant:</b> The project is aimed at encouraging local families and young people as well as the wider community to come and appreciate their local historic site and more specifically the art of stone sculpture. Linking the 3 Cemeteries within this project reflects their importance as listed sites and their differing roles in the growth of Cambridge during the 1800's. This will be the first collaborative project between the three cemeteries and is a foundation for further work together. Project success will be measured by, visitor numbers, anecdotal evidence, increased Friends membership and future collaboration with the other cemeteries. <b>Number of beneficiaries: 150</b>	
<b>Background information:</b> The Friends of Histon Road Cemetery are making this application on behalf of the Ascension Graveyard, and together with the Friends of Mill Road Cemetery they are holding a joint open day in July at the 3 sites. There is a Friends of the Ascension Graveyard group, but they are newly formed and not in a position to make an application. <b>CCF Comments:</b> The group has identified a need to promote interest and pride in the local cemeteries and in particular in the impressive stonemasonry within them. By including a range of activities they are expanding the demographic of participants to include all age ranges. The Friends of Mill Road Cemetery have been approved a grant of £450 by the East Area Committee and the Friends of Histon Road Cemetery have been approved a grant of £450 by the North Area Committee for the open day at Histon Road Cemetery.	
<b>Previous funding from this Area Committee: N/A</b>	
<b>CCF recommendation: Award £450</b>	

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

<b>CCF ID</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Status</b>
WEB 13132b	Friends of Histon Road Recreation Ground.	To fund a one day community event in July.	Awarded £1,500 via Chair's action.

**5. West/Central Area Committee 2011-12 Leisure applications - none**

**5.1 Leisure 2010-11 spend to date: £0**

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

<b>2011-2012</b>	<b>Budget £</b>	<b>Allocated £</b>	<b>Remaining £</b>
Community Development	4,720	1,300	3,420
Leisure	1,250	0	1,250
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,970</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>4,670</b>

**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 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 from Area Committee will not generally be made retrospectively.
8. Grants will be publicised, administered and monitored by CCF.