

Item

AREA COMMITTEE GRANTS

To: West Central Area Committee 14th March 2019
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Wards affected: Castle, Market, Newnham

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report details applications received to date for 2019-20 funding for projects in the West Central area and makes recommendations for awards. It provides information on the eligibility and funding criteria.

2. Recommendations

The West Central Area Committee Councillors are recommended to:

- 2.1 Consider the grant applications received and proposed awards, detailed in Appendix 1, in line with the Area Committee Community Grants criteria, detailed in paragraph 3.4.
- 2.2 Agree the proposed awards detailed in Appendix 1 and summarised in the table below:

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Award
WC1	A Toy's Life and Beyond CIC	Toy swop and recycling project	£0
WC2	Christ's Pieces Residents' Association	Talk for local residents	£200
WC3	Empty Common Community Garden	Opening event, landscaping, insurance	£300
WC4	Friends of Histon Road Cemetery	Information and activities	£750
WC5	Histon Road Area Residents' Association	"A Community Remembers " community project	£1,000

WC6	Friends of Midsummer Common	Community activities and maintenance of community orchard	£700
WC7	Mayfield Seniors Group	Transport for three trips	£500
WC8	New Life Church, Cambridge	"Eddies" - weekly community café at Storey's Field Centre	£750
WC9	Oblique Arts	Six creative workshops with exhibition for elderly people	£1,500
TOTAL			£5,700

3. Background

- 3.1 Funding has been devolved to Area Committees for local projects meeting the Community Development, Sports and Arts strategic priorities since 2004. This process is managed by the Grants Team in Community Services who promote the funding and bring applications for consideration to one meeting of each of the area committees annually.
- 3.2 The 2019-20 grants were publicised via neighbourhood workers, voluntary organisations, in local publications and by posters and publicity leaflets. Recent applicants are also invited to apply. Officers also held a briefing to explain the application process and eligibility criteria and priorities.
- 3.3 There is a total of £70,000 available across the four area committees for 2019-20 as detailed in the Community Grants report to Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee January 2019. This has been allocated in accordance with the approved population and poverty formula = population + (2x benefit population).

The amount available for each area is as follows:

Committee	Community Grants %	Total available £
North	34.62	24,235
East	30.42	21,295
South	25.15	17,605
West Central	9.81	6,865
Total	100	70,000

3.4 Area Committee Community Grant Priorities and Outcomes

Projects and activities should have a targeted approach and make a difference to people in one of the areas (North, East, South or West Central) by reducing social or economic inequality via one of the following funding priorities:

- sporting activities
- arts and cultural activities
- community development activities
- reducing poverty 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

3.5 Applications are invited from voluntary organisations, community groups and groupings of local residents that are able to meet basic accountability requirements.

3.6 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.

3.7 Where no funding is proposed it will be due to one or more of the following not being adequately met:

- grant scheme priorities
 - grant scheme outcomes
 - identifying need
 - quality or viability of the project
- or
- proposals were the remit of another service or organisation such as the County Council, Health, Housing etc
 - organisations did not demonstrate the beneficiaries could not fund the activity themselves, or that reserves could not be used to fund the activity

3.8 All awards are subject to grant agreements and monitoring reports. We consider proportionate requirements dependent on the size of the organisation, project and award.

- 3.9 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 Committee in January 2014.
- 3.10 In October 2019 any area committee funding remaining will be considered to support any applications received to ensure effective use of the funds available.
- 3.11 A list of awards to date for 2018-19 is attached as Appendix 2.

4. Appendices

Appendix 1 - West Central Area Committee Community Grants: Applications and Recommendations 2019-20

Appendix 2 - West Central 2018-19 awards

5. Inspection of papers

To inspect the background papers or if you have a query on the report please contact Jackie Hanson, Community Funding and Development Officer, tel: 01223 - 457867, email: jackie.hanson@cambridge.gov.uk.

Appendix 1 – West Central Area Committee Community Grants - Applications and Recommendations 2019-20

Beneficiary Key: C – Castle M – Market N – Newnham WC – West Central (E-East, Nth-North, S-South)

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Aim/disadvantage outcome	Beneficiaries	Budget	Bid	Award
WC1	A Toy's Life and Beyond CIC	6 toy swap shops, 7 make new toy from old sessions, 7 toy repair shop/café and collect toys for re distribution	Reduce toys going to landfill. Develop community cohesion; bring families together. Access toys through swapping and recycling.	C 500 (Nth 100)	Full cost: £19,037 Income: £450 £7,699 Sustainable Cities bid	£1,802	£0
	Officer comment	Recommend: £0 - lack of evidence of need, fit with funding priorities and value for money.					
WC2	Christ's Pieces Residents' Association	A talk for local residents	To reduce isolation.	M 50	Full cost: £290 Income: none	£290	£200
	Officer comment	Recommend: £200 contribution for speaker fee and venue hire					
WC3	Empty Common Community Garden	Opening event, landscaping around meeting space and insurance	Space where people of varied abilities, ages, outlooks and nationalities can garden, relax, play, socialise and share learning and educational activities.	M 12 (E 2, Nth 8, S 15)	Full cost: £650 Income: none	£650	£300
	Officer comment	Recommend: £300 contribution (plus recommendation to South)					
WC4	Friends of Histon Road Cemetery	3 newsletters, posters, website, insurance, meeting costs. Remembrance Day and other projects.	Protect and enhance the Cemetery for public benefit and access	C 500 (Nth 1,500)	Full cost: £2,200 Income: £1,200 (reserves)	£1,100	£750
	Officer comment	Recommend: £750 contribution (plus recommendation to North)					
WC5	Friends of Midsummer Common	Involve local community in volunteering sessions, events and activities. Maintain fabric and biodiversity of the Common.	Improve the wellbeing of local people. Provide access to green space. Reduce social isolation and promote community spirit and wellbeing. Deter anti-social behaviour.	M 200 (Nth 20)	Full cost: £1,040 Income: £300	£740	£700
	Officer comment	Recommend: £700 contribution					

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Aim/disadvantage outcome	Beneficiaries	Budget	Bid	Award
WC6	Histon Road Area Residents' Association	"A Community Remembers" 9 monthly meetings in 4 venues; oral history project on the Histon Road area. Lectures, photography and interviews; draft booklet available to schools and residents	Enable neighbours to meet and build a bridge between the two sides of Histon Road, different age groups and social backgrounds by exploring history of the area. Reduce social isolation, anxiety and improve equality.	WC 30% (Nth 70%)	Full cost: £3,570 Income: None	£3,570	£1,000
	Officer comment	Recommend: £1,000 contribution (plus recommendation to North)					
WC7	Mayfield Seniors Group	Transport and entry fees for 3 trips - Anglesey Abbey, a garden centre and a pantomime or museum visit; member's newsletter x 3.	Allow members to benefit from activities outside of their regular monthly meetings. Some members are not able to venture far due to mobility issues and this would reduce their social isolation and loneliness.	C 54	Full cost: £1,127 Income: £81	£1,046	£500
	Officer comment	Recommend: £500 contribution for transport costs only					
WC8	New Life Church, Cambridge	"Eddies" - weekly community café x 2 hrs Monday morning; free hot drinks and cakes at Storey's Field Centre.	Build community and social cohesion within Eddington.	C 35 N 5	Full cost: £1,750 Income: £1,000	£750	£750
	Officer comment	Recommend: £750 towards marketing costs and materials					
WC9	Oblique Arts	Six creative workshops with exhibition for elderly people	Increase confidence and self-esteem for those living in or at risk of social isolation. Opportunities to meet people; develop friendships and support networks. Classes for those that cannot afford them, or struggle to access due to health problems. Enhance skills and mental wellbeing through social contact.	C 10 M 10	Full cost: £1,663 Income: £160	£1,503	£1,500
	Officer comment	Recommend: £1,500					

Appendix 2: West Central 2018-19 awards

Organisation	Purpose	Award
Christ's Pieces Residents' Association	1 winter evening talk	£290
Friends of Histon Road Cemetery	Information and activities	£800
Friends of Midsummer Common	Community activities and maintenance of community orchard	£650
	Total	£1,740