

Item

AREA COMMITTEE GRANTS

To: West Central Area Committee

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Wards affected: Castle, Market, Newnham

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report details applications received to date for 2020-21 funding for projects in the West Central area and makes recommendations for awards. It also 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, summarised in the table below:

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Award £
WC1	Christ's Pieces Residents' Association	Talk for local residents	£150
WC2	Eddington Residents' Association	10 monthly activities for residents	£1,630
WC3	Eddington Residents' Association	3 trips for families	£1,200
WC4	Friends of Histon Road Cemetery	Information and activities	£500

WC5	Friends of Midsummer Common	Community activities and maintenance of community orchard	£1,130
WC6	Mayfield Senior's Group	Transport for trips, projector, insurance and newsletters	£750
WC7	Oblique Arts	Six creative workshops with exhibition for older people	£1,500

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 2020-21 grants were publicised via neighbourhood workers, voluntary organisations, in local publications and by posters and publicity leaflets. Recent applicants were also invited to apply. Officers 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 2020-21 as detailed in the Community Grants report to Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee January 2020. This has been allocated in accordance with the approved population and poverty formula = population + (2x benefit population).

It is understood that ward boundary changes take effect on 7th May 2020. We will be reviewing the budget accordingly for the year 2021-22.

The amount available for each area is as follows:

Committee	Community Grants %	Total available £
North	34.62	24,220
East	30.42	21,140
South	25.15	17,780
West Central	9.81	6,860
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 2020 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 2019-20 is attached as Appendix 2.

4. Appendices (overleaf)

Appendix 1: West Central Area Committee Community Grants – Applications and Recommendations 2020-21

Appendix 2: 2019-20 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

