

Report by: Cambridgeshire Community Foundation

To: Area Committee – North, 27th September 2011

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

<p style="text-align: center;">Community Development Grants 2011-12</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, 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.

2. Recommendations

To consider the grant applications and agree recommendations detailed below.

Community Development current applications.			Available: £11,526	
CCF ID	Group	Project	Requested £	Recommended from Area Committee Grants £
WEB 25276	Old Chesterton Residents Association	to hold public meetings, print information leaflets, maintain website.	465	450
WEB 25798b	Chesterton Parent Group	staff costs for music groups	3,640	750
WEB 25900	Friends of Histon Road Cemetery	running costs.	450	450
WEB 30494	St Andrew's Hall Chesterton	community carol event.	287	275
Total			3,922	1,925
Remaining			7,604	5,679

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.

2011-12						
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 2011-12 Community Development applications

4.1 Community Development 2011-12 spend to date: £5,674

ID	Group	Project	AC Grant
WEB18601b	Chesterton Festival Committee	costs of Chesterton Festival in 2011.	£3,134.00
WEB19168b	Kings Hedges Family Support Project	funding to be able to open up the summer holiday sessions to older siblings.	£700.00
WEB19167b	Meadows Children and Family Wing (The	to fund a play worker for 12 months.	£690.00
WEB17950b	Friends of Histon Road Cemetery	to cover a third of the costs of an open day in July 2011.	£450.00
WEB22764	Friends of Histon Road Cemetery	running costs, including insurance, publicity and consumables.	£700.00
Total			£5,674
Remaining			£11,526

4.2 Grant application background information

North Area Committee 2011-12 grants	CCF ref WEB25276
Date received by CCF: 26/04/2011	
Applicant: Old Chesterton Residents' Association (OCRA)	Ward(s) : Chesterton
<p>Purpose of group: OCRA is the residents' association covering an area roughly bounded by the River Cam, Elizabeth Way, Chesterton High Street, Union Lane, Scotland Road, Green End Road, Water Lane and Fen Road. OCRA was formed in the early 1990s by residents concerned with road safety in the area. The scope of the Association has expanded to include commenting on important planning applications affecting the area and on policies and strategies from the City that impact on local residents.</p>	
<p>Project: to hold public meetings, print information leaflets, maintain website. Breakdown of costs: £200 for public meetings; £50 incidental meeting expenses printing etc; £65 general printing; £100 exhibition materials renovation; £50 website Domain renewal and hosting.</p>	
Total cost: £465	Requested: £465
<p>Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant: To encourage greater responsibility for local issues amongst our residents. To improve facilities in our area by attracting support for proposals which we support. To gather support against unwanted developments and proposed limits to our facilities. Number of beneficiaries: 2000</p>	
<p>Background information: We hope to use any grant money to assist in holding public meeting/s to make as many residents as possible, aware of our activities; to encourage greater local participation in wider community issues by printing information leaflets; to maintain our website. To improve and renew our exhibition displays.</p> <p>CCF Comments: Well established group set up to represent the views of residents of Old Chesterton Village, involved in many local initiatives.</p>	
<p>Previous funding from this Area Committee: £640 in 09/10 towards various activities.</p>	
CCF recommendation: £450	

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North Area Committee 2011-12 grants	CCF ref WEB25798b
Date received by CCF: 16/05/2011	
Applicant: Chesterton Parent Group	Ward(s) : Chesterton
<p>Purpose of group: We are a group made up of parents and carers of children under the age of 5 in Chesterton. We meet regularly to discuss the needs of and resources for the unders 5s in Chesterton. We work closely with the Children's Centre in Chesterton. We run a parent-led music group once a week and a clothing swap once a month. We also organise seasonal activities such as Christmas parties and summer picnics and take part in local activities such as the Chesterton festival.</p>	
<p>Project: staff costs for music groups for 52 weeks. Breakdown of total for one year costs: Staff costs £3640 (£70 per week for two 45 mins sessions for 52 weeks) Room hire £1200 (52 weeks)</p>	
Total cost: £4,840	Requested: £3,640
<p>Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant: If we are successful in gaining this grant we will be able to continue running the music sessions. Parents and carers reported lots of benefits to themselves and to their children including the social aspect of being with other parents and carers, seeing friends and meeting new people. We were told that the music group offered a venue for people to get moral support, and an opportunity for people to have fun with their children by getting out the house. However, the benefits also lasted once families went home again as several parents commented that they enjoyed learning new songs at group that they then sang with their children at home. Number of beneficiaries: 50</p>	
<p>Background information: We carried out a small feedback exercise on two occasions in March and April 2011 to ask parents and carers who come to the Tuesday music group how they and their children benefit by attending. Comments were overwhelmingly positive. We asked people what they thought their children got out of coming to music group. By far the most popular reasons were that their children benefited from the social aspect of coming to music group. Parents and carers reported that their children really looked forward to coming and seeing their friends and meeting new children. Parents also felt that the music group provided an enjoyable way for them to spend time with their children in a structured setting. Parents and carers felt that their children really enjoyed the songs we sing. Parents reported that not only did this encourage their children's language to develop, but also gave parents the opportunity to learn new songs in English.</p> <p>CCF Comments: Chesterton Parents Forum (CPF) are a small group of parents planning activities in the Chesterton area for under 5s. Supported by the Chesterton Children's Centre in terms of organisational help (not financial) and hold the smaller music group in the Centre. The larger music group is held in the local community centre at a discounted rate. Focused on providing activities in the Chesterton area for an ethnically diverse group of children who are not able to attend other groups due to cost (the music groups run by CPF are free of charge).</p>	
Previous funding from this Area Committee: New applicant.	

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CCF recommendation: The positive feedback shows the group is providing a valued activity for local people. However, the costs for these sessions are high and, given they do not charge, seem unsustainable without large ongoing grant support. CCF recommends the group charges a modest fee of 50p per attendee which would raise £20-25 per week and seeks to secure the assistance of someone with musical talent who is willing to spend 90 mins with the group per week for ~£30. Reduction from 52 to 48 weeks per year will also help. The group reported already securing £1200 so CCF recommend a grant of £750 which to help with necessary transition from high cost model to a more sustainable level.

North Area Committee 2011-12 grants	CCF ref WEB25900
Date received by CCF: 17/05/2011	
Applicant: Friends of Histon Road Cemetery	Ward(s) : Arbury
Purpose of group: 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; 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.	
Project: for running costs.	
Breakdown of costs: stationery £200; photocopying £120; post £20; printing £300; phone & internet £100; insurance & Nat'l Body £220; events £90; contingency £100.	
Total cost: £1,150	Requested: £450
Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant: The FHRC group has provided a point of focus for community spirit and voluntary engagement to join forces with the City Council's efforts. A Management and Conservation Plan is being drawn up for the Cemetery with active involvement of the FHRC Committee and considerable interest among FHRC members. As part of the work required by the Plan the Council has already cut back inappropriate shrubbery, has removed diseased trees, will plant new trees and has reduced the height of the border hedges and shrubs. This has opened up sight lines, making the Cemetery an approachable and inviting space. Volunteers have also contributed to that effort and have made a huge impact on clearing rubbish and reporting needles. Volunteers have, among other things, tidied and planted grave plots, planted 1000's of bulbs and flowering plants, have installed nesting boxes and sown meadow flowers. Homeless people meet and sit in an open area, posing less of an inhibition to other users. Number of beneficiaries: 2000	

Background information: In application WEB22764 the FHRC requested £1195 to cover running costs. The North Area Committee 24 Mar 2011 awarded £700 and asked for more information to justify further funds. – response provided

“Our committee and volunteers are very active:

Working with Council to implement a management plan

Working in the Cemetery (gardening, tidying, planting, watering, seeding)

Researching burials, history

Informing public and members via notice boards, newsletter, meetings

New website

Special projects: Wildlife diversity; Stone Celebration Day

Fund raising for subscriptions and donations

In 2010-11 we raised £335 in membership dues and £980 in donations, 63% of the latter explicitly for memorial repairs. The FHRC committee propose to spend all last year’s donations on the same. To do this we need Council to fully fund running costs for 2011-12. Without this support we will have to divert funds from memorial repairs to running costs and/or reduce our publicity, fundraising and voluntary activities.”

CCF Comments: Fund raising efforts are continuing and funds raised will be used for maintenance and enhancement of the cemetery in 12/13.

Previous funding from this Area Committee: £825 in 08/09 to cover deficit; £282 in 09/10 to encourage wildlife and collect rainwater; £1,041 in 10/11 towards running costs; £450 in 11/12 for an open day; £700 in 11/12 towards running costs.

CCF recommendation: £450

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North Area Committee 2011-12 grants	CCF ref WEB30494
Date received by CCF: 08/09/2011	
Applicant: St Andrew's Hall Chesterton	Ward(s) : Chesterton
<p>Purpose of group: To promote local community development and local community cohesion through the provision and promotion of meeting space 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: community carol event. Breakdown of costs: Publicity (posters, flyers etc - produced in-house) £10; brass band £100; temporary event notice £21; refreshments £100 (Gluhwein, mince pies, hot chocolate); lighting (we would like to buy 2 free-standing lights from B&Q which we could use in future years as well as this year) £27.98 x 2 = £55.96.</p>	
Total cost: £287	Requested: £287
<p>Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant: A simple, happy and sociable evening for all who come along. We hope that new links will be made - and existing links reinforced - between the many different organisations and individuals who will participate. We hope that the community spirit of Chesterton will be built up by the event, and that it will provide an opportunity for the many local residents who feel alone for one reason or another to feel part of the wider community and make new friends.</p>	
Number of beneficiaries: 300	
<p>Background information: As in previous years there will be sing-along carols to brass band accompaniment, with mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince-pies. There will be a few short readings with a Christmas/winter/community theme which we hope a wide range of local community representatives will be happy to read. The event will be open and accessible to all, adults and children alike, and no charge will be made for any part of the proceedings.</p>	
CCF Comments: A good number of beneficiaries for a small funding request.	
<p>Previous funding from this Area Committee: £2,003 in 07/08 for table tennis tables and equipment; £266 in 10/11 for a community carol event; £2,522 in 10/11 to refurbish a meeting room.</p>	
CCF recommendation: £275	

5. North Area Committee 2011-12 Leisure applications: none

5.1 Leisure 2011-12 spend to date: £0

6. Status of other recent applications from groups based in, or working in the North Area

CCF ID	Group	Project	Date received	Status
WEB24551	Cambridge Student Community Action	provide volunteers to support children who do not speak English as their first language.	£396.00	Awarded
WEB19168b	Kings Hedges Family Support Project	funding to be able to open up the summer holiday sessions to older siblings.	£200.00	Awarded
WEB19167b	Meadows Children and Family Wing	to fund a play worker for 12 months.	£200.00	Awarded
3019	Sunflower Club		£850.00	Awaiting further information from applicant.

7. Summary of 2011-12 Community Development and Leisure spend.

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

2011-2012	Budget £	Allocated £	Remaining £
Community Development	17,200	7,599	9,601
Leisure	4,570	0	4,570
Total	21,770	7,599	14,171

8. Grant application background information

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.