

Report by: Cambridgeshire Community Foundation

To: Area Committee – West / Central, Nov 2011

Wards: Castle, Newnham and Market

Community Development /Leisure 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, lists all applications which have been / are under review in the current year.

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. 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	Population	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

3. Recommendation to be considered for funding from the 2011-12 budgets.

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West / Central Area Community Development 2011-2012 spend to date: £3,800

West / Central Area Leisure 2011-2012 spend to date: £0

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

CCF ID	Group	Project	Requested £	Recommended by CCF from Area Funds £
WEB30309	St Augustine's Church	to help fund a programme of running events.	£2,000	£2,000 (being £920 from Community Development budget and £1,080 from the Leisure budget)

4. Grant application background information

West / Central Area Committee 2011-12 grants	CCF ref WEB30309
Date received by CCF: 31 Aug 2011	
Applicant: St Augustine's Church	Ward(s) : Castle
<p>Purpose of group: The church seeks to serve the spiritual and other needs of the community in this part of north west Cambridge. One of its principal aims is to work with local residents' associations and voluntary bodies to provide a programme of events to which all are welcome : this includes talks, concerts and other events at the church hall for which there is no entry charge or a nominal one only. It forms part of our mission to develop the church as a centre for the local community : already it offers a venue for about 20 local groups meeting regularly throughout the week. The majority of the groups are in effect subsidised by church members through reduced rents for the hire of the hall. The Friday Nights at St Augustine's events programme fits within that general mission.</p>	
<p>Project: Friday Nights At St Augustine's</p> <p>Breakdown of costs: Fees £1,200, Refreshments £750, Hall rents £400, Publicity £600 –(flyers for each event £20 plus posters and programme advertisement,) Licence £20, and catering materials £30.</p>	
Total cost: £3000	Requested: £2,000

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Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant: “The programme aims to build up this local community and is doing so by being inclusive and offering local people ready access to a building which has served the community for over 100 years as an infant school and church - there is no council run community centre within easy reach and we understand that we are not a priority area.

The church is working hard with other groups locally to support them in terms of what they are able to offer the local community - ranging from uniformed organisations to residents' associations to specialist interest groups. All have a place in a diverse and vibrant community and this programme of events and the further activities which it may spawn can be a catalyst for them - by encouraging participation for example in other group activities at the hall or in the wider community.” **Number of beneficiaries:1000**

Background information: CCF Comments:
 Feedback from last year show the events were well supported by the community (the average audience was over 50 with 75 attending one of the talks and a 100 one of the concerts) and the events represented a strong match to the Area Committee Fund criteria as they attracted “*people whose opportunities are restricted by disability, low income or discrimination*”
 The events have led to an increase in new bookings for the hall and new courses being available locally, building up the community base of the area.

Previous funding from this Area Committee: £1500 awarded in 10/11 to cover the cost of musicians and publicity for events held at the church,

CCF recommendation: £2000

5. Status of other recent applications from groups based in, or working in the West/Central Area

CCF ID	Group	Project	Status
WEB 13132b	Friends of Histon Road Recreation Ground.	To fund a one day community event in July.	Awarded £1,500 via Chair’s action.
WEB18175	Castle Community Action Group	to fund meetings and social events.	Awarded £450 at April Area Committee meeting
WEB17950c	Friends of Histon Road Cemetery	to cover a third of the costs of an open day in July 2011	Awarded £450 at April Area Committee meeting
WEB24336	Windsor Road Residents Association	for administration, communication and social activities and meetings.	Awarded £400 at April Area Committee meeting
WEB25381	Oxford Road Residents Association	entertainment for fete.	Awarded £500 at April Area Committee meeting
WEB25215	Kettle's Yard	to fund the Tea Kettle project, a partnership between Kettle’s Yard, the	Awarded £500 at April Area Committee meeting

		Cambridge & County Folk Museum and Storeys House.	
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6. Summary

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

2011-2012	Budget £	Allocated £	Remaining £
Community Development	4,720	4,720	0
Leisure	1,250	1,080	£170
Total	5,970	5,800	£170

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 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.

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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.