

Local Development Committee Community Grants Fund

Pentlands Local Development Committee

26 January 2005

1 Purpose of report

This report provides details of current applications to the Community Grants Fund in the Pentlands LDC. The Committee is asked to consider these proposals under the terms of the scheme.

2 Main report

This report contains recommendations for the award of grants to nine voluntary groups in 2004/05. Details of awards made to date, including one award made under delegated authority, are listed in appendix 1.

3 The Community Grants Fund has three distinct themes as follows:-

- Community Participation and Support;
- Quality of Life (utilising funding from the Scottish Executive);
- Social Inclusion.

3.1 The Pentlands LDC Community Grants Fund budget amounts to £85,133 in 2004/05. This total comprises £58,245 in core funding, and £26,888 from the Scottish Executive Quality of Life allocation (includes £854 carried forward from 2002/03).

3.2 Grant applications are invited from fully constituted organisations with open membership criteria. The upper limit for grants is normally £5,000 but higher amounts can be awarded under exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the LDC.

Applications eligible for approval - Core funding

- 3.3 The amount currently available in core funding is £19,788. However the eligible applications outlined below leave the fund oversubscribed with demand of £21,628. In these circumstances a contribution is recommended for each project based upon a percentage reduction applied across all applications.
- 3.4 The Balerno Community Centre Users Committee is responding to the results of a recent consultation on youth issues carried out by the LDC. These indicate that the centre is regarded as "depressing" and lacks basic equipment. In order to improve this situation and attract new users, application is made for £4,518 to supply new furniture, a TV/DVD unit, CD player, fridge, coffee maker, kettles and blinds. The centre will also be redecorated through the Community Education Service. The proposal meets the Community Grants Fund criteria and a contribution of £4,133 is recommended.
- 3.5 The Balerno Village Conservation and Development Forum is a new local organisation aiming to encourage preservation of the village. In this context the group hopes to encourage residents to shop locally by pitching 5 local monthly "farmers markets" during the spring/summer period. Application is made for £4,995 which will fund a professional company to run the event, and to cover the cost of publicity, planning permission and road closures. Local residents, farmers and existing traders have already expressed interest in the proposal. To coincide with the markets, the village hall will be open with space for community groups to publicise their activities. The proposal meets the Community Grants Fund criteria and a contribution of £4,568 is recommended.
- 3.6 The Oxgangs and Firrhill Community Forum has applied for £4,962 to produce and distribute three editions of a community newsletter for the Oxgangs area. The proposal meets the Community Grants Fund criteria and a contribution of £4,538 is recommended.
- 3.7 The Community Education Service has applied on behalf of the South West and West Edinburgh Community Learning Partnerships for a project to increase usage of their community information websites. The websites contain information on 50 organisations offering local learning opportunities and services. Application is made for £3,535 for a range of promotional merchandise including pens, key rings, carrier bags and stationery, which will be distributed locally to raise public awareness and increase participation. The proposal meets the Community Grants Fund criteria and a contribution of £3,236 is recommended.
- 3.8 The Young at Heart group meets in Balerno and offers companionship for older people. This application is for an audit of the accessibility of educational, social and recreational activities in the Balerno area to older people and their carers. The study will identify local venues and look at factors such as transport difficulties, lack of information and personal safety fears affecting levels of participation. Application is made for £3,618 representing the cost of a researcher, printing costs and dissemination of the findings. The proposal meets the Community Grants Fund criteria and a contribution of £3,313 is recommended.

Applications eligible for approval – Quality of Life funding

- 3.9 With regard to the Quality of Life fund (Scottish Executive funding) the available balance is £5,662 with a call on funds of £10,349. In these circumstances a contribution is recommended for each project based upon a percentage reduction applied across all applications.
- 3.10 The Council's Housing Department has applied for £4,194 for a boundary fence to protect a planted area in Riccarton Drive in Currie. This has been requested by local residents to prevent damage by dogs and children walking across the area. The proposal meets the Community Grants Fund criteria and a contribution of £2,295 is recommended.
- 3.11 The Broomhouse Primary School Board has applied under the revised criteria whereby school boards may apply for grants to undertake eligible projects. Application is made for £775 for a community notice board which will be sited near the school entrance. Local voluntary and youth groups will be able to publicise their activities and attract new participants and volunteers. The proposal meets the Community Grants Fund criteria and a contribution of £423 is recommended.
- 3.12 The Longstone Community Council has submitted an application in co-operation with the local Neighbourhood Watch group. There is a need for new signs to indicate the Neighbourhood Watch areas in Longstone. For £455 a supply of 16 signs can be printed and installed in suitable locations. The proposal meets the Community Grants Fund criteria by encouraging voluntary effort in community safety measures in the area and a contribution of £248 is recommended.
- 3.13 The Pentland Panthers Youth Organisation is a football development group for young people which meets in various local parks in the Pentlands LDC area. Organisers would like to expand the membership and this £4,925 application is for new sports equipment and additional coaching courses to facilitate this development. A contribution of £2,696 is recommended towards the purchase of equipment as the proposal meets the Community Grants Fund criteria.

Continued Applications

- 3.14 Appendix one contains details of the three applications which are continued. The fund is now fully allocated and as these applications have a flexible timescale they will therefore be carried forward for consideration at the first meeting of the 2005/06 financial year when the new Community Grants Fund allocation becomes available.

4.0 Financial Implications

The Pentlands LDC Community Grants Fund budget amounts to £85,133 in 2004/05. Awards made to date total £59,683, leaving £25,450 in the budget for allocation. Nine grants recommended for approval in this report amount to

£25,450 utilising the remaining budget. These amounts are shown in appendix one, which also provides a current list of applications.

5 Recommendations

5.1 It is recommended that the Committee agrees:-

- (i) to award a grant of £4,133 to the Balerno Community Centre Users Committee for the project detailed in paragraph 3.4;
- (ii) to award a grant of £4,568 to the Balerno Village Conservation and Development Group for the project detailed in paragraph 3.5;
- (iii) to award a grant of £4,538 to the Oxgangs and Firrhill Community Forum for the project detailed in paragraph 3.6;
- (iv) to award a grant of £3,236 to the Community Education Service for the project detailed in 3.7;
- (v) to award a grant of £3,313 to the Young at Heart group for the project detailed in paragraph 3.8;
- (vi) to award a grant of £2,295 to the Housing Department for the project detailed in paragraph 3.10;
- (vii) to award a grant of £423 to the Broomhouse Primary School Board for the project detailed in paragraph 3.11;
- (viii) to award a grant of £248 to the Longstone Community Council for the project detailed in paragraph 3.12;
- (ix) to award a grant of £2,696 to the Pentland Panthers Youth Organisation for the project detailed in paragraph 3.13; and
- (x) to note the applications for continuation listed in appendix 1.


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Appendices	Appendix 1: Pentlands LDC – List of Applications 2004/05
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Wards affected	All in Pentlands LDC.
Background Papers	Project applications in Corporate Services files.

COMMUNITY GRANTS FUND

PENTLANDS LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

2004/2005 Applications

<i>Name of applicant group</i>	<i>Purpose of grant</i>	<i>Amount requested</i>	<i>Assessment stage</i>	<i>Recommendation</i>
APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR CONTINUATION ON 26 JANUARY 2005				
Friends of the Award in Edinburgh and the Lothians	For youth activity in Sighthill and Balerno	£4,460	For consideration by LDC Conveners meeting	Could be considered in the new financial year therefore recommended for continuation at 26 January 2005
Broomhouse Representative Council	For a 6 months pilot project to employ a carers support worker	£5,000	Assessment ongoing	Could be considered in the new financial year therefore recommended for continuation at 26 January 2005
Altogether in the Park	To support events for July 2005 community celebration	£5,664	Complete and fully assessed	Could be considered in the new financial year therefore recommended for continuation at 26 January 2005
APPLICATION WITHDRAWN				
Clovenstone Community Education Service	For a youth activity programme	TBA	No longer current	Withdrawn by applicant
AWARDS MADE AT 26 JANUARY 2005				
COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT THEME				
Altogether in the Park	To support events for 2004 community celebration	£1,753	Complete and fully assessed	£1,753 balance awarded on 17 March 2004 from 2004/05 funds
Juniper Green Village Hall Organisation	For flooring improvements	£2,467	Complete and fully assessed	£2,467 awarded on 18 May 2004
Colinton Mains Indoor Bowling Club	For a bowling carpet	£818	Complete and fully assessed	£818 awarded on 15 September 2004
Currie Youth Club	For physical improvements	£5,000	Complete and fully assessed	£5,000 awarded on 15 September 2004

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Girlguiding UK	For replacement mains pipe to Currie Guide Hall	£4,600	Complete and fully assessed	£4,600 awarded on 3 November 2004
Broomhouse Tenants and Residents Association	For community garden and outings programme	£3,685	Complete and fully assessed	£3,685 awarded on 3 November 2004
EVOG	For notice boards	£379	Complete and fully assessed	£379 awarded on 3 November 2004
Wester Hailes Rep Council	For a multicultural social event on 28/12/04	£500	Complete and fully assessed	£500 awarded under delegated authority December 2004
Total awarded under Community Participation and Support theme:				£19,202
QUALITY OF LIFE THEME				
City Development Department	For improvements to Pentland View Shopping Centre	£5,000	Complete and fully assessed	£5,000 awarded on 18 May 2004
Craiglockhart Community Council	For park benches	£565	Complete and fully assessed	£565 awarded on 18 May 2004
Colinton Amenity Association	For an irrigation system	£3,131	Complete and fully assessed	£3,131 awarded on 18 May 2004
Longstone After School Club	For outdoor play equipment	£1,437	Complete and fully assessed	£1,437 awarded on 18 May 2004
Water of Leith Conservation Trust	For all terrain buggies	£4,516	Complete and fully assessed	£4,516 awarded on 18 May 2004
Friends of Braidburn Valley Park	For interpretative boards	£2,577	Complete and fully assessed	£2,577 awarded on 18 May 2004
Colinton Community Conservation Trust	For phase 3 of Colinton Triangle	£4,000	Complete and fully assessed	£4,000 awarded on 15 September 2004
Total Awarded Under Quality of Life theme:				£21,226
SOCIAL INCLUSION THEME				
Patchwork EH13	For dance classes for parents	£869	Complete and fully assessed	£869 awarded on 18 May 2004
Art Attack WHALE	For arts project promoting mental health	£1,660	Complete and fully assessed	£1,660 awarded on 18 May 2004

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St Hilda's Day Care Service	For folding tables for older people's club	£400	Complete and fully assessed	£400 awarded under delegated authority July 2004
Sighthill Community Education Centre Association	For audio visual equipment	£3,419	Complete and fully assessed	£3,419 awarded on 15 September 2004
Tiphereth Project	For a compost storage area	£2,893	Complete and fully assessed	£2,893 awarded on 15 September 2004
Broomhouse Empowerment Project	For a redevelopment project	£5,000	Complete and fully assessed	£5,000 awarded on 15 September 2004
Broomhouse Empowerment Project TOFU	For banner project for multicultural group	£2,490	Complete and fully assessed	£2,490 awarded on 3 November 2004
The Octagon Club	For activities for club for people with special needs	£2,312	Complete and fully assessed	£1,156 awarded on 3 November 2004
Longstone Community Education Centre Association	For a women's educational project	£1,172	Complete	£1,172 awarded on 3 November 2004
Artists Unlimited	For a trainee to support a vulnerable arts group	£196	Complete	£196 awarded on 3 November 2004

Total Awarded Under Social Inclusion theme: £19,255

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RECOMMENDED FOR AWARD AT 26 JANUARY 2005				
Community participation and support theme				
Balerno Community Centre Users Committee	For furnishings and equipment	£4,518	Complete and fully assessed	£4,133 recommended on 26 January 2005
Balerno Village Conservation and Development Forum	For a programme of Farmers Markets	£4,995	Complete and fully assessed	£4,568 recommended on 26 January 2005
Amount recommended – Community Participation and Support theme:				£8,701
Social inclusion theme				
Oxgangs and Firrhill Community Forum	For community newsletters	£4,962	Complete and fully assessed	£4,538 recommended on 26 January 2005
Community Education Service	For marketing materials	£3,535	Complete and fully assessed	£3,236 recommended on 26 January 2005
Young at Heart	For research study into the needs of older people	£3,618	Complete and fully assessed	£3,313 recommended on 26 January 2005
Amount recommended – Social Inclusion theme:				£11,087
Quality of Life theme				
CEC Housing Department	For a fence	£4,194	Complete and fully assessed	£2,295 recommended on 26 January 2005
Broomhouse School Board	For a community notice board	£775	Complete and fully assessed	£423 recommended on 26 January 2005
Longstone Community Council	For Neighbourhood Watch signs	£455	Complete and fully assessed	£248 recommended on 26 January 2005
Pentland Panthers Youth Organisation	For equipment and coaching courses	£4,925	Complete and fully assessed	£2,696 recommended on 26 January 2005
Amount recommended – Quality of Life theme:				£5,662
TOTAL BUDGET				£85,133
ALLOCATED				£59,683
BALANCE				£25,450
RECOMMENDED AT 26 JANUARY 2005				£25,450