

## Local Development Committee Community Grants Fund

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### Pentlands Local Development Committee

3 November 2004

#### 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 six voluntary groups in 2004/05. Details of awards made to date 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 for approval - Community Participation and Support Theme

- 3.3 The Broomhouse Tenants and Residents' Association has been looking at options to enhance the social and community life of the area, in collaboration with the Housing Department's Concierge Service. Application is made for £3,685 for a project comprising the development of a community garden (£2,258) and two targeted community excursions (£1,427). In Broomhouse Square, volunteers will create a community garden, intended as a future resource available for other local groups to use for social, leisure and educational activities. For local older people, a scenic tour of the Borders is proposed. A second recreational excursion for local children and their parents is planned close to Christmas. As an initiative to encourage volunteering in developing a neighbourhood resource, the community garden project meets the Community Grants Fund criteria (Community Participation and Support theme). Given that the community excursions are entirely of a recreational nature, these are not a priority for funding. Therefore, a partial award of £2,258 for the community garden initiative is recommended.
- 3.4 The Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations' Council (EVOC) has been delivering targeted work in Sighthill, Murrayburn and Parkhead through the West Edinburgh Voluntary Sector Forum. Application is made for £379 to install ten noticeboards within public buildings throughout this area. These will enable the placement of information notices to attract greater participation in activities offered by local voluntary groups. As an initiative to improve communication in local neighbourhoods, this project meets the Community Grants Fund criteria (Community Participation and Support theme). An award to this level is recommended.

#### Applications for approval – Social Inclusion Theme

- 3.5 The Broomhouse Empowerment Project has applied for £2,490 for a programme for its TOFU (Time Out For Us) multicultural women's group. Culminating in the creation of a banner, this six month project has been developed in collaboration with the Community Education Service, the Minority Ethnic Health Project and the Multicultural Welfare Project. A variety of positive themes common to the women will be explored through discussions and practical activities. Following training in fabric art, the women will work together in creating a single banner illustrating selected themes. As an initiative to create opportunities for cultural expression for a disadvantaged group, this project meets the Community Grants Fund criteria (Community Participation and Support theme). An award to this level is recommended.
- 3.6 The Longstone Community Education Centre Association has applied for £1,172 for an educational project for 30 local disadvantaged women. Feedback from a twelve week long pilot project in summer 2003 (supported with a LDC grant) identified a need for further training in accessing employment opportunities. Developed in collaboration with the Army Development Team, the City Learning and Numeracy initiative and the Wester Hailes Representative Council, this project aims to attract new participants and cover additional areas of recognised need. As a measure to tackle barriers to employment, this project meets the Community Grants Fund criteria

(Community Participation and Support theme). An award to this level is recommended.

3.7 The Octagon Club is a group for local adults with learning disabilities which meets in the Gibson Craig Hall, Currie. Application is made for £2,312 for a programme of activities spanning late autumn and winter. Included is a bowling night and a performance of a popular musical at a city centre theatre. Seasonal events are also planned such as a Hallowe'en disco and a Christmas celebration, to raise awareness and support from the wider community. This programme offers social and recreational opportunities which would otherwise be inaccessible by disabled adults dependent on the intensive support of the group volunteers. As an initiative of benefit to a vulnerable group at risk of isolation, this project meets the Community Grants Fund criteria (Social Inclusion theme). Given that this programme is largely recreational activity, a partial award of £1,156 is recommended.

3.8 The Artists Unlimited is a group of local disadvantaged people with an interest in creative visual arts, based in the WHALE Arts Centre. Application is made for £196 to employ a trainee over a twelve week period, co-inciding with a Scottish Community Foundation arts tuition project. It aims to encourage local people to develop their interest in art through sharing ideas and learning to experiment with new techniques, while creating pieces of visual artwork for public display in the neighbourhood. The need for additional support has been requested by the participant group, which includes many vulnerable participants. As a measure to reduce inequality of opportunity in participation in cultural activity for a vulnerable group, this initiative meets the Community Grants Fund criteria (Social Inclusion theme). An award to this level is recommended.

Application not recommended for an award

3.9 Girlguiding UK has applied for £4,600 towards the renewal of a defective water mains pipe servicing the Currie Guide Hall, Lanark Road West. This does not meet the fund criteria as property maintenance and repairs are outwith the scope of the fund. No award is therefore recommended.

3.10 The South West Edinburgh Community Learning Partnership has applied for £2,520 for a pilot project to support new resident families in the Wester Hailes area. A grant of £2,500 to cover its cost was awarded from the Department of Culture and Leisure's Celebrating Communities Fund. Further grant aid would constitute a duplicate of funding, and no award is recommended.

Continued Applications

3.10 Appendix one contains details of the applications which are continued.

#### 4.0 **Financial Implications**

The Pentlands LDC Community Grants Fund budget amounts to £85,133 in 2004/05. Awards made to date total £45,505, leaving £39,628 in the budget for allocation. Six grants recommended for approval in this report amount to

£7,651 leaving £31,977 in the budget for future allocation. 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 £2,258 to the Broomhouse Tenants and Residents' Association for the project detailed in paragraph 3.3;
- (ii) to award a grant of £379 to EVOC for the project detailed in paragraph 3.4;
- (iii) to award a grant of £2,490 to the Broomhouse Empowerment Project for the project detailed in paragraph 3.5;
- (iv) to award a grant of £1,172 to the Longstone Community Education Centre Association for the project detailed in paragraph 3.6;
- (v) to award a grant of £1,156 to the Octagon Club for the project detailed in paragraph 3.7;
- (vi) to award a grant of £196 to the Artists Unlimited for the project detailed in 3.8;
- (vii) not to award a grant to Girlguiding UK for the reason described in paragraph 3.9;
- (viii) not to award a grant to the South West Edinburgh Community Learning Partnership for the reason described in paragraph 3.10; and
- (ix) 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>
<b>APPLICATION RECOMMENDED FOR NO AWARD AT 3 NOVEMBER 2004</b>				
Girlguiding UK	For replacement mains pipe to Currie Guide Hall	£4,600	Complete	No award recommended at 3 November 2004
South West Edinburgh Community Learning Partnership	For pilot programme for minority ethnic groups	£2,520	Complete	No award recommended at 3 November 2004
<b>APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR CONTINUATION ON 3 NOVEMBER 2004</b>				
Clovenstone Community Education Centre	For a youth activity programme in Easter 2005	TBA	Incomplete	Recommended for continuation at 3 November 2004
Friends of the Award in Edinburgh and the Lothians	For youth activity in Sighthill and Balerno	£4,460	Awaiting further assessment	Recommended for continuation at 3 November 2004
<b>AWARDS MADE AT 3 NOVEMBER 2004</b>				
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	£2,467 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 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
<b>Total awarded under Community Participation and Support theme:</b>		<b>£12,615</b>		

<i>Name of applicant group</i>	<i>Purpose of grant</i>	<i>Amount requested</i>	<i>Assessment stage</i>	<i>Recommendation</i>
<b>QUALIFY OF LIFE THEME</b>				
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
Colinton Community Conservation Trust	For phase 3 of Colinton Triangle	£4,000	Complete and fully assessed	£4,000 awarded on 15 September 2004
<b>Total Awarded Under Quality of Life theme:</b>				<b>£14,133</b>
<b>SOCIAL INCLUSION THEME</b>				
Water of Leith Conservation Trust	For all terrain buggies	£4,516	Complete and fully assessed	£4,516 awarded on 18 May 2004
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
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
<b>Total Awarded Under Social Inclusion theme:</b>				<b>£18,757</b>

<i>Name of applicant group</i>	<i>Purpose of grant</i>	<i>Amount requested</i>	<i>Assessment stage</i>	<i>Recommendation</i>
<b>RECOMMENDED FOR AWARD AT 3 NOVEMBER 2004</b>				
<b>Community participation and support theme</b>				
Broomhouse Tenants and Residents Association	For community garden and outings programme	£3,685	Complete	Partial award of £2,258 recommended at 3 November 2004
EVOC	For noticeboards	£379	Complete	Award of £379 recommended at 3 November 2004

**Amount recommended – Community Participation and Support theme: £2,637**

**Social inclusion theme**

Broomhouse Empowerment Project TOFU	For banner project for multicultural group	£2,490	Complete	Award of £2,490 recommended at 3 November 2004
The Octagon Club	For activities for club for people with special needs	£2,312	Complete	Award of £1,156 recommended at 3 November 2004
Longstone Community Education Centre Association	For a women's educational project	£1,172	Complete	Award of £1,172 recommended at 3 November 2004
Artists Unlimited	For a trainee to support a vulnerable arts group	£196	Complete	Award of £196 recommended at 3 November 2004

**Amount recommended – Social Inclusion theme: £5,014**

<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>£85,133</b>
<b>ALLOCATED BALANCE</b>	<b>£ 45,505</b>
	<b>£ 39,628</b>
<b>RECOMMENDED AT 3 NOVEMBER 2004</b>	<b>£7,651</b>