

Neighbourhood Partnership Community Grants Fund

South West Neighbourhood Partnership

11 May 2010

1 Purpose of report

- 1.1 This report provides details of applications to the Neighbourhood Partnership's Community Grants Fund in 2010/ 11. The Neighbourhood Partnership is asked to consider these proposals under the terms of the scheme.

2 Summary

- 2.1 This report describes the 2010/ 11 budgetary position of the Partnership as at May 2009. It contains recommendations for the award of two grants to voluntary groups.

3 Main report

- 3.1 The Neighbourhood Partnership budget allocation is £55,562 (budget has not been confirmed as yet) in 2010/ 11.
- 3.2 Grant applications are invited from fully constituted organisations with open membership criteria. The upper limit for grants is normally £5,000.

4 New applications

- 4.1 **Hutchinson Youth Community Centre** is a popular local facility that serves the Hutchinson/ Chesser area of the City. Its aim is to advance the social welfare of local people in the Hutchinson, Chesser, Slateford and Gorgie areas of Edinburgh by provision of recreational, educational and social facilities and opportunities
- 4.2 Application is made for £3,000 to purchase notice boards to allow the facility to advertise forthcoming events for the residents of the areas it serves as well as information displaying surgeries for Elected Members, Police and Community

Council meetings and events. Part of the funding would also be used to provide flooring for areas of the centre and to upgrade aging equipment.

- 4.3 The Centre have been raising money by holding numerous events to raise the centre's profile as well as funding to be used in other projects they plan to develop.
- 4.4 The Funding panel are invited to discuss this application.
- 4.5 **Edinburgh & Lothian Greenspace Trust** works to make a positive difference in the quality of life of Lothian Communities by improving their local environment. The group believe that quality local greenspaces can have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of individuals, particularly in disadvantaged areas.
- 4.6 The group work with communities, landowners, local authorities and other organisations within urban and rural areas, to create sustainable, well managed and accessible greenspace. They endeavour to ensure that everyone has an equal opportunity to enjoy the natural environment and work for the benefit of people, wildlife, landscape and heritage.
- 4.7 Application is made for £1,670 to support the Hailes Quarry Park Fun Day on Saturday 12th June 2010. This is the fourth time the event will have been held and last years success saw over 2000 local people attend the event, with over 60% of attendees being children and young people.
- 4.8 Activities and stalls to include: inflatable slide, environmental arts and craft activities, healthy living bike activity workshop, storytelling on the canal (focussing on local history) stalls, samba band, fancy dress competition and parade (in partnership with local primary schools), Gorgie City Farm 'Cuddle Corner', refreshments etc.
- 4.9 The Funding panel are invited to discuss this application.
- 4.10 **Dunedin Canmore Housing Association** develops 'wider role' regeneration projects to improve quality of life in local communities like Gorgie/ Dalry by accessing grant and investment support. This wider role initiative offer opportunities for youth projects, learning, education, skill training, employment and volunteering.
- 4.11 The group aim to develop the South West Youth Forum as a focal point for Youth Participation locally and have worked with our partners and young people to establish a core group (Youth Forum) and mechanism for involving young people from other service providers not currently represented e.g. uniformed organisations, pupil forums and church groups. This dual approach of core group and 'satellite' organisations will help shape the development of the Youth Forum as both a distinct group and a wider body that is dynamic and more representative.

- 4.12 Regular meetings and a broader range of learning activities will encourage more young people to get involved in local issues and gain the skills and knowledge required to engage in the decision making process. This approach fits the stated aim 'providing better life chances for our young people is the key to the longer term success of our community'.
- 4.13 Application is made for £3,500 specifically to be used for:
- A planning residential to build confidence and knowledge, prioritise local issues and create a Youth Forum action plan.
 - Travel expenses, snacks and refreshments for young people attending local Youth Forum events and activities.
 - Youth participation seminars and events in the South West area that bring young people and decision makers together.
 - Publicity to further promote the Youth Forum and wider Youth Participation events in the South West.
- 4.14 The funding panel are invited to discuss.
- 4.15 **Volunteer Centre Edinburgh West** actively promotes volunteering throughout the City. Their main aim is that volunteering is inclusive and accessible to all. The group support the City of Edinburgh Council to ensure the City is one of lifelong volunteering. Clients are provided with information, advice and guidance about volunteering choices
- 4.16 Volunteering builds social capital and increases employability skills. 67% of volunteers who access Volunteer Centre Edinburgh West in the last year are volunteering as a route back into work.
- 4.17 Young people are the largest volunteer demographic, it helps identify choices and move towards positive destinations. Volunteering also contributes to the improvement of health and wellbeing. People become active and report increases in physical and mental health.
- 4.18 Application is made for £565 to hold an event during Volunteer's Week which is an national annual event and takes place during or as near as possible to the first week in June (1-7th). The grant will be used for room hire, catering and transport. It is intended that the event will be held in the Risk Factory to promote the organisation and include a guided tour, presentation and buffet.
- 4.19 The funding panel is invited to discuss.

5 Applications Under Delegated Authority for financial year 2009/ 10

- 5.1 A grant of £470 was made under Standing Order 63 to **Murrayburn Primary School Parent Council** for the purchase of football strips and training equipment.

- 5.2 A grant of £550 was made under Standing Order 63 to **Community One Stop Shop** for the purchase of IT equipment and one hour of IT support.
- 5.3 A grant of £2,562 was made under Standing Order 63 to **The BIG Project** to run music workshops over an 8 week period as well as 10 once a month jam sessions for up to 10 children & young people.
- 5.4 A grant of £4,400 was made under Standing Order 63 to **Health All Round** and associated partners to design, produce and distribute a 'What's On Guide in the Gorgie/ Dalry, Hutchinson/ Chesser, Stenhouse, Whitson and Shandon areas.

6 Financial Implications

- 6.1 The Community Grants Fund budget for the Neighbourhood Partnership for the South West area is £55,562 in 2010/ 11. No awards have been made to date, however two grant amounts to £7,235 are recommended for approval in this report, leaving a balance of £48,327 for future allocation.

7 Recommendations

- 7.1 Approval is sought from the Neighbourhood Partnership on the following recommendations:

- (i) To award **Hutchinson Youth Community Centre** £1,500 (partial award) to erect notice boards and purchase electric cooking equipment.
- (ii) To award **Edinburgh & Lothian Greenspace Trust** £1,670 to support the Hailes Quarry Park Fun Day on Saturday 12th June 2010, by providing entertainment and activities.
- (iii) To award **Dunedin Canmore Housing Association** £3,500 to meet youth participation priorities in the SW Local Community Plan.
- (iv) To award **Volunteer Centre Edinburgh West** £565 to hold an event in the Risk Factory promoting the organisation.



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Appendices	Appendix 1: Application Log
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Council Wards Affected Community Council Areas	Sighthill/Gorgie, Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart Hutchison/Chesser, Stenhouse, Gorgie/Dalry, Craiglockhart, Longstone, Merchiston, Sighthill Broomhouse & Parkhead, and Tollcross.
Single Outcome Agreement	National Outcome 15: Our public services are high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local people's needs. Local Outcome: Our services are continually improving and efficient.
Background Papers	Project applications in Services for Communities files