

Neighbourhood Partnership Community Grants Fund

South West Neighbourhood Partnership

23 November 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 August 2010. It contains recommendations for the award of two grants to voluntary groups.

3 Main report

- 3.1 The Neighbourhood Partnership budget allocation is £54,619 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 **Gorgie Dalry Community Association** aim to advance education, further health and provide facilities, in the interests of social welfare, for recreation and other leisure time occupations with the objective of improving the conditions of life of the local community of the Gorgie Dalry neighbourhood and its environments.
- 4.2 Application is made for £1,731 to enable the management committee to purchase materials which will be used to carry out painting & decorating, plus some small repairs to various areas of the facility. This would include the ladies & gents toilets, changing rooms, spectator viewing area, meeting rooms, fire exit, reception area.
- 4.3 All work will be undertaken by volunteers under the supervision of locally qualified trades people. While all labour will be provided by voluntary individuals who use the facility.

- 4.4 The funding panel was invited to discuss this application and did so at its meeting on Wednesday 20th October 2010.
- 4.5 **Friends of Craiglockhart Wood and Nature Trail** aim to preserve the local nature trail for the enjoyment of all members of the public and to conserve and enhance the wildlife value of the area and increase biodiversity...
- 4.6 The group carry out activities to fund raise for maintenance work, deliver clean-up days, undertake improvement projects and produce interpretation materials.
- 4.7 Application is made for £1,851 to purchase eleven wooden markers and their erection. The group have recently re-designed the web site and trail leaflet map and the posts are the primary link on the trail to the information on the trail leaflet.
- 4.8 The way markers will greatly improve the interpretive and enjoyment value of those who use the nature reserve. The nature trail is featured on many City wide web sites and all citizens of the City are encouraged to visit and use the site. Development has been targeted in recent years to the bottom part of the trail to make it wheel chair friendly with a designated path outlined on the new trail map for this user group.
- 4.9 The funding panel was invited to discuss this application and did so at its meeting on Wednesday 20th October 2010.
- 4.10 **Impact Arts (Projects) Ltd** is a dynamic arts organisation which uses the arts to change lives. They are a social enterprise whose main business is the successful delivery of high quality arts experiences for people of all ages and abilities. Particularly those who have had little or no access to the arts before.
- 4.11 Their priorities include using all art forms to break the cycle of repeat homelessness amongst vulnerable adults and young people, helping children and young people increase future life prospects, enabling young people to improve their chances of accessing employment, training and reducing the isolation of older people.
- 4.12 Application is made for £4,865 to run a 12 week Fab Pad Express Workshop in the South West area (Calder's and Wester Hailes) specifically for up to 12 young people aged 16-25 years old.
- 4.13 The main Fab Pad programme involves the young person planning with an interior designer and attending local weekly workshops to create items for their homes, over a period of up to a year. Together they develop ideas and learn the skills to turn their new flat into a home, reducing the risk of the tenancy breaking down. This provides a platform from which the young person can settle and focus on developing employability skills and take positive steps forward to secure training, educational or employment opportunities.

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- 4.15 **Shandon Local Food Group** was set up in 2009 to inspire local residents to eat more local seasonal and healthy food. To grow their own fruit and vegetables and get more involved in a community garden. Activities are mainly event based, talks, demonstrations, visits, meals and gardening mainly held in local halls or community garden.
- 4.16 Application is made for £1,080 to raise awareness through newsletters to all house holds in the Shandon area (some 1600 residents) distributed by volunteers. The group are also keen to develop its activities by launching a series of local campaigns. The first being '**Shop Local Shandon**' to encourage residents to use local shops more and encourage local shops to stock more local seasonal and healthy produce.
- 4.17 The funding panel are invited to discuss this application and did so at its meeting on Wednesday 20th October 2010.
- 4.18 **The Living Memory Association** aim to bring people together in order that through reminiscence work they can be actively involved in their community, share their memories, learn from one another, feel valued and respected and pass on their knowledge of the passed to younger generations.
- 4.19 Application is made for £4,851 to deliver a heritage project that will celebrate the history and lives of older people living in the Stenhouse, Broomhouse and Chesser areas of the South West area.
- 4.20 Among the themes of the project will be memories of childhood, school, home-life, work-life as well as looking at the changes in shops, industry and housing in the area.
- 4.21 The project will also deliver a twelve panel exhibition from the material gathered which will be displayed in various venues across the South West Edinburgh including libraries and community centres as well as the venues of the organisations which have taken part.
- 4.22 The funding panel was invited to discuss this application and did so at its meeting on Wednesday 20th October 2010.
- 4.23 **Home-Start Edinburgh West & South West** use trained parent volunteers to support parents who are struggling to cope. The groups specialises in assisting families needing support for many reasons including post-natal illness, disability, bereavement the illness of a parent or child, or social isolation. The core work involves parents supporting other parents in their own home in order to help build a family's confidence and ability to cope.

- 4.24 The groups have moved into new premises in the South West area and wish to carry out a number of alterations to utilise space in the building.
- 4.25 Application is made for £3,500 to refurbish the exterior of the building, purchase an additional computer to be used to assist with the management of the facility and to allow the service to develop and maintain a resource bank of volunteers. The funding will also be used to purchase furniture/ equipment for the community room.
- 4.26 The funding panel was invited to discuss this application and did so at its meeting on Wednesday 20th October 2010.
- 4.27 **Four Square – Stopover** provides emergency accommodation for vulnerable young people aged 16-21 years who are homeless or at risk as prioritised in the City of Edinburgh Council's Homelessness Strategy. Young people present to us with a range of issues including alcohol and drug abuse and many have backgrounds of care and/or physical, mental and sexual abuse. Young people may have diagnosed or undiagnosed mental health problems and/ or learning disabilities.
- 4.28 Stopover initially provides a safe place for the young people to stay in an emergency situation. During their stay at the hostel they are supported by staff to assess their support needs and develop a personal plan that will enable them to achieve short and long term goals including improved health and wellbeing, financial stability, better access to leisure and community facilities, positive social networks and securing and maintaining longer term accommodation.
- 4.29 Application is made for £3,500 to purchase essential furnishings for an initial six properties. The financial pressures involved in setting up a home are significant and it is essential that the group give them the best chance of maintaining their flat by being able to budget for their daily essentials such as food, rent and bills. Most young people do not have access to grants for furniture and this can be a major barrier for some taking the big step to independent living.
- 4.30 The funding panel was invited to discuss this application and did so at its meeting on Wednesday 20th October 2010.
- 4.31 **WHALE Arts Agency** operates in a purpose built arts and learning space in Wester Hailes. They are committed to tackling the issues faced by the South West Neighbourhood area with responsive and targeted arts programmes.
- 4.32 Application is made for £3,865 to contribute to the costs of the South West Sounds project. This project aims to place a Musician in Residence in the community of South West Edinburgh, who will bring together isolated and aspiring musicians (16+) together to learn the skills needed to play, perform and record in groups and open up access to Stevenson College.
- 4.33 The residency will take place over a 2 year period, beginning July 2010 and completing in July 2012. The project has been developed as a partnership

between WHALE Arts Agency, South West Community Learning and Development, Stevenson College (The Music Box and West Edinburgh Action) and Edinburgh Napier University.

- 4.34 The majority of the funding required for this project has been raised through a grant from Creative Scotland. Each partner organisation is providing support in kind for the project. The additional funding they are seeking is to make up an £8,000 shortfall over the two year period.
- 4.35 The funding panel was invited to discuss this application and did so at its meeting on Wednesday 4th August 2010.

5 Applications Approved Under Delegated Authority for period 2010/ 11

- 5.1 None at this time.

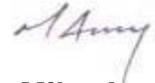
6 Financial Implications

- 6.1 The Community Grants Fund budget for the Neighbourhood Partnership for the South West area is £54,619 in 2010/11. Awards to date total £7,235, which left a balance of £40,127. This report recommends six awards for approval which amount to **£14,362**, leaving a balance of **£25,765** for future allocation.

7 Recommendations

- 7.1 Approval is sought from the Neighbourhood Partnership on the following recommendations:
- (i) To award **Gorgie Dalry Community Association** £1,731 to purchase materials which will be used to carry out painting & decorating, plus some small repairs to various areas of the facility.
 - (ii) To award **Friends of Craiglockhart Wood and Nature Trail** £1,851 to purchase eleven wooden markers and costs for their erection.
 - (iii) Not to award **Impact Arts (Projects) Ltd** £4,865 to run a 12 week Fab Pad Express Workshop in the South West area specifically for up to 12 young people aged 16-25 years old.
 - (iv) To award **Shandon Local Food Group** £1,080 to raise awareness through newsletters and a campaign to all house holds in the Shandon area (some 1600 residents).
 - (v) To award **The Living Memory Association** a partial grant of £2,200 to deliver a heritage project that will celebrate the history and lives of older people living in the Stenhouse, Broomhouse and Chesser areas of the South West area.
 - (vi) To award **Home-Start Edinburgh West & South West** a partial grant of £2,000 to carry out some refurbishment of their new premises and purchase essential equipment and furnishings.

- (vii) To award **Four Square – Stopover** a partial grant of £2,000 to purchase essential furnishings for an number of properties.
- (viii) To award **WHALE Arts Agency** £3,500 (partial award) to contribute to the costs of the South West Sounds project.



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<p>Council Wards Affected Community Council Areas</p>	<p>Sighthill/Gorgie, Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart Hutchison/Chesser, Stenhouse, Gorgie/Dalry, Craiglockhart, Longstone, Merchiston, Sighthill Broomhouse & Parkhead, and Tollcross.</p>
<p>Single Outcome Agreement</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Background Papers</p>	<p>Project applications in Services for Communities files</p>