



Neighbourhood Partnership: Community Grants Fund

Craigentenny & Duddingston Neighbourhood Partnership Business Meeting

12 November 2013

Purpose of report

- 1 To provide details of applications to the Neighbourhood Partnership's Community Grants Fund in 2013/14, and to ask the Partnership to advise the Neighbourhood Manager of their recommendations relating to the new application included in this report.

Main report

- 2 Grant applications are invited from fully constituted organisations with open membership criteria. The upper limit for grants is normally £3,000 but higher amounts can be awarded in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Neighbourhood Manager, in agreement with the Neighbourhood Partnership.

The Partnership's Community Grants Fund Budget for 2013/14 is £22,810. To date five applications have been received and four have been approved. The Partnership is asked to note that the following two awards were made under Delegated Powers:

- £1,500 to Northfield Drive & Grove Neighbourhood Association; and
- £2,606 to Link Up Women's Support Group.

- 3 Two new applications were considered at the Neighbourhood Partnership Business meeting on 22 October 2012. The decisions made are as follows:

The Ripple Project – Submitted an application for £2,285 to enable the project to increase young people's attendance at youth groups. However £1,500 of the bid related to payment of staff costs. Due to a previous decision by the Board on 27 March 2012, not to pay staff costs, this element was removed from the award. However, it was

agreed to increase the balance allocated by £100 to allow the purchase of games for a new console.

- **Decision:** to award £885 to the Ripple Project

Pending formal application – The Board was advised that whilst small amounts of money may be available via youth provision, it is not sufficient to cover a theatre visit. The Partnership was asked to consider a budget allocation to contribute towards the cost of a theatre trip for young people to see ‘The Lion King’ (This links with the C&F sub-group and SOA outcomes – delivering positive experiences for our young people). Following discussion it was agreed to assist in the provision of **6 tickets each for four youth groups** – (Each group should consist of 1 member of staff accompanying 5 young people *who ideally had never before went to the theatre*)

- **Decision:** to award £1,500 in **principle, subject to an application from a constituted group** (possibly Craigentenny Community Council - to be confirmed). The award would be for distribution to the Ripple Project, Northfield Youth Group, Craigentenny Youth Group and Piershill Youth Group.

It was also agreed that the Board would review the criteria for awards in the new financial year.

Financial Implications

- 5 The current balance of the Partnership’s Community Grants Fund is £15,966. If the two awards amounting to £2,385 are agreed, **£13,581** will remain available for future allocation.

Environmental Impact

- 6 There are no adverse environmental impacts arising from this report.

Recommendations

- 7 The Neighbourhood Partnership is asked to confirm the decisions noted in this report to allow the Neighbourhood Manager to proceed.

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Appendices	Appendix 1: Craigentinny& Duddingston Neighbourhood Partnership- list of awards Appendix 2: Ripple Application.
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Wards affected	Craigentinny & Duddingston
Single Outcome Agreement	Supports National Outcomes 4, 5, and 8: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Our young people are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens.• Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed• We have improved the life chances for children, young people and families at risk.