

Portobello & Craigmillar Neighbourhood Partnership

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Portobello & Craigmillar Community Grants Fund

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Executive summary

Portobello & Craigmillar Community Grants Fund

Summary

This report is intended to provide members of the Portobello & Craigmillar Neighbourhood Partnership with sufficient information to enable them to make decisions as to the award of grants under the Community Grants Fund.

Recommendations

- To note the allocation for 2013/2014 is £21,737.
- To note the balance in the allocation was £3,221.
- To note the two awards made under Delegated Authority after the Neighbourhood Partnership of 4 December 2013: the first was to **Philip's Church** on behalf of Dementia Friendly Portobello for **£250** to provide leaflets as part of a campaign to make Portobello a Dementia Friendly community. The second was to **Portobello Community Centre** for **£600** to run English as a Second Language classes in Portobello library and an inter-cultural friendship event in the Wash House to welcome Roma families to the Portobello community. This leaves a balance of **£2,371**
- To note the awards made under Delegated Authority following the recommendations from the Business Meeting of 29 January 2014 on the applications outlined in the main report:
 - **Portobello Sailing & Kayaking Club - £552**
 - **St Teresa's Youth Club - £1,000**
 - **Craigmillar Festival Funday Committee - £819**

Measures of success

The Community Grants Fund aims to encourage small scale activity that benefits local communities and supports the work of the Neighbourhood Partnership and the Local

Community Plan. Key indicators of the overall success of the investment include satisfaction with:

- Neighbourhood as a place to live
- Different backgrounds can get on well together
- Able to have a say on local services
- Specific services

Financial impact

The Portobello & Craigmillar Neighbourhood Partnership budget amounts to £21,737 in 2013/14. The awards made previously amount to £19,366, leaving a balance of £2,371 in the fund.

Equalities impact

The Community Grants Fund guidelines stipulate that all projects/activities to be funded must be for the benefit of residents of the City of Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership areas. In addition, the application form contains a section requesting information as to how the proposal meets the needs of equalities groups. Only when Neighbourhood Partnership staff are satisfied that an application is wholly inclusive will it be put forward for consideration. Groups are reminded of the requirement for them to be actively inclusive to all sections of the community.

Sustainability impact

The Community Grants Fund enables voluntary sector organisations to provide enhanced services and/or activities that are outwith the scope of mainstream provision. This helps to engender an ethos of the community working together and create more cohesive neighbourhoods.

Consultation and engagement

Information on the Community Grants Fund is available on the Neighbourhood Partnership website. In addition, "Meet the Funder" events are held throughout the year which promote Community Grants amongst other funding streams. The Partnership Development Officer attends local events and provides information on

Community Grants to local groups. The fund is well known to the point where demand exceeds the annual budget.

Background reading / external references

Copy of the application forms and additional information supplied by applicants are available at the Business Meeting. Given this contains confidential information eg bank details these are not made available to the public.

Portobello & Craigmillar Community Grants Fund

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide details of the application(s) to the Neighbourhood Partnership's Community Grants Fund in 2013/14. The Partnership is asked to consider how the 2013/14 fund can be allocated within the current financial year.
- 1.2 This report describes the budgetary position for the Partnership in 2013/14.

2. Main report

- 2.1 The Neighbourhood Partnership budget amounts to £21,737 in 2013/14.
- 2.2 Grant applications are invited from fully constituted organisations with open membership criteria. The upper limit for grants is normally £5,000.
- 2.3 The Neighbourhood Partnership has awarded £19,366 to date.
- 2.4 The Business Meeting of 29 January considered applications and made recommendations outlined below. Because of the approaching the end of the financial year, these recommendations were followed under Delegated Authority.

3. Applications

- 3.1 **Portobello Sailing & Kayaking Club** has applied for **£4,998** to buy materials to allow the club to build a new, third, skiff. There is an element of £1,200 to buy a trailer for it.

This application contributes to the work of the Local Community Plan priority of co-ordinating and delivering activities for children and young people. The

applicant had intimated that it was aware the application could not be met in full, and it was recommended that an award of **£552** is made to contribute to the new skiff.

- 3.2 St Teresa's Youth Club** has applied for **£1,480** to provide weekly youth groups January till March. There will be groups for different age ranges, with relevant workshops, activities, outings and a residential. Focus groups will work on building confidence, gaining transferable skills, CV preparation and other issues promoting positive outcomes. The total cost of the programme is £6,400, and St Teresa's have sourced £4,920 towards it.

This application contributes to the work of the Local Community Plan priority of co-ordinating and delivering school holiday activities, and delivering joined-up early intervention. It was recommended that an award of **£1,000** is made to contribute to these activities.

- 3.3 The Craigmillar Festival Funday Committee** has applied for **£819** to buy two generators to provide power for facilities during the Funday. The generators could also be let to other community groups to use for other events. Any income will contribute to funds for the future Funday.

This application contributes to the work of the Local Community Plan priority of promoting activities which help people stay well by being involved in social or community networks. It was recommended to award **£819**.

- 3.4 Additional criteria** - At its August Business Meeting, the Partnership considered amendments to the criteria for considering applications to the Community Grants Fund. These were that next year's process should clearly state that

- The maximum award would be £1,500, unless the Neighbourhood Partnership considered that there were exceptional circumstances;
- Priority would be given to small, community groups to assist them in start-up activity
- Repeat applications would not be considered; a successful application one year would preclude an application the next year. There may be flexibility when an applicant is applying for a completely new activity in the next year, or is applying on behalf of another organisation which has not received funding in the previous year. The NP may decide if there are exceptional circumstances to be considered

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1** The allocation in 2013/14 is £21,737. The balance was £2,371. The awards in section 3 amount to £2,371 and take the total awarded to £21,737. This leaves a nil balance.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 The Partnership is asked to note the awards made under Delegated Authority in section 3, and to note the amendments to the criteria.

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Links

Coalition pledges	33 – Strengthen Neighbourhood Partnerships and further involve local people in decisions on how Council resources are used.
Council outcomes	CO14 – Communities have the capacity to help support people. CO19 - Attractive Places and Well Maintained – Edinburgh remains an attractive city through the development of high quality buildings and places and the delivery of high standards
Single Outcome Agreement	SO3 – Edinburgh’s children and young people enjoy their childhood and fulfil their potential. SO4 - Edinburgh’s communities are safer and have improved physical and social fabric.
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COMMUNITY GRANTS FUND, 2013/14 APPLICATIONS

PORTOBELLO & CRAIGMILLAR NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP:

APPENDIX 1

<u>Name of applicant group</u>	<u>Purpose of grant</u>	<u>Amount requested</u>	<u>Assessment stage</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
Applications made				
Scottish Storytelling Forum	Sessions in sheltered housing/lunch clubs	4,340	Complete	No Award
Portobello Timebank	Equipment to set up TimeBank	3,000	Complete	No Award
East Ed Older Peoples Project		1,000	Complete	Award £1,000
Jack Kane Centre	3 social events	3,000		
	Contribution to Summer Bash		Complete	Award £1,250
Jack Kane Centre Lunch Club	5 social events	1,250	Complete	Award £1,250
HOT	Contribution to Here Comes the Summer	£1,774	Complete	Award £1,000
St Teresa's Youth Club	Weekly youth groups		Complete	Award £1,560
	Start-up equipment for football	£1,560		

Edina Jewels	coaching	4,783	Complete	Award £1,500
The Venchie	Hopscotch trip	£4,970	Complete	Award £4,000
Craigmillar Community Arts	Festival support	3,200	Complete	Award £2000
Craigmillar Community Council	Castlebrae Leavers Prom	1,550	Complete	Award 1,550
Primary Biliary Cirrhosis	Leafets	193	Complete	No Award
Starpic Youth Project	Youth events	£2,000	Complete	No Award
Niddrie Community Youth Group	Support for Hopscotch visit	300	Complete	Award £300
Craigmillar Literacy Trust	Growing Confidence Course	500	Complete	Award £500
The Venchie	Cycling lessons	3,430	Complete	No Award
Jack Kane Centre	Saturday evening youth group	1,106	Complete	Award £1,106
Craigmillar Alliance Trust	Castlebrae CHS environmental	3,000	Complete	Award £1,500
Edinburgh's Festival of Ireland	Support for Festival	1,750	Complete	No award
Portobello Sailing &	Equipment for new skiff	4,998	Complete	Award £553

Kayaking Club	Dementia Friendly Portobello leaflets			Award £552
St Phillips Church		250	Complete	Award 250
Portobello Community Centre	ESOL course and intercultural day for to welcome Roma residents	600	Complete	Award £600
St Teresa's Youth Club	Weekly youth groups, January till March			
	Two generators for Funday and for hire to community groups	1,480	Complete	Award £1,000
Craigmillar Festival Funday Committee		£819	Complete	Award £819
				Opening Balance £21,737
				Total awarded £21,737
				Balance £0