

North West Locality Committee

6.30pm, Tuesday, 11 September 2018

Local Community Grants Fund Applications

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Executive Summary

Committee is asked to approve the recommendations from Almond and Forth Neighbourhood Partnerships for Community Grants Fund applications, and note awards made under delegated authority by Forth and Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnerships.

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 That Committee approve the recommendations of Forth and Almond Neighbourhood Partnerships as noted at 3.1 and 3.3 below;
- 1.2 That Committee consider whether to receive an options report on ring-fencing Community Grants Fund in 2019/20 for the North Edinburgh small area, as noted in 3.2 below;
- 1.3 That Committee note the grant awards under delegated authority as detailed in 3.4 below.

2. Background

- 2.1 Approval of Community Grants Fund (CGF) applications is a function devolved to the Locality Committee.
- 2.2 Forth and Almond Neighbourhood Partnerships have made recommendations on new applications. Inverleith has made decisions under delegated authority, and Western Neighbourhood Partnership has received no new applications since the Committee meeting on 19 June 2018.

3. Main report

- 3.1 At its meeting on 23 August 2018 Forth Neighbourhood Partnership recommended the following awards of Community Grants Fund:-

Friends of Granton Castle Walled Garden	£1,963
Pilton Equalities Project	£1,166
West Pilton Neighbourhood Centre	£2,465
- 3.2 Forth Neighbourhood Partnership also noted that the Friends of Granton Castle Walled Garden had also applied to Almond Neighbourhood Partnership for 50% of their project, as beneficiaries were evenly split between Forth and Almond wards. This has become common since the reorganisation of ward boundaries at the last Council election. In order to make the grant application process simpler for future applicants in North Edinburgh whose projects benefit residents in both wards, Forth NP would like Committee to consider in future years ring-fencing CGF from Almond

and Forth wards (and a small proportion from Inverleith to take into account the streets in Drylaw included in North Edinburgh small area). Projects covering the Locality Improvement Plan's North Edinburgh small area would then bid into this CGF pot rather than the respective neighbourhood partnerships'. Almond NP briefly considered this proposal at its meeting on 4 September in the context of discussions on two CGF applications which spanned Forth and Almond wards, but felt unable to support it at this stage. Committee views are sought on whether an options report should be brought forward to a future meeting.

- 3.3 At its meeting on 4 September 2018 Almond Neighbourhood Partnership recommended the following CGF awards:-

Queensferry Churches Care in the Community	£1,910
Davidsons Mains and Silverknowes Association	£2,250
North Edinburgh Arts Centre	£795
Friends of Granton Castle Walled Garden	£1,440

- 3.4 At its meeting on 25 April 2018 Committee agreed that any urgent Community Grants Fund applications could be approved under existing procedures, namely by the North West Locality Manager, following consultation with the neighbourhood partnership convenors and board. Since the Committee meeting on 19 June the following awards have been made under delegated authority:-

Forth Neighbourhood Partnership

Lauriston Thistle Football Club	£2,619
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Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership

Blackhall Lawn Tennis Club	£2,381 (previously approved in principle)
Blackhall Nursery	£3,752
Broughton High School Association	£1,780

- 3.5 All 4 neighbourhood partnerships have Community Grants Funding budget remaining, and Committee will receive further reports as they make recommendations on awards.

4. Measures of success

- 4.1 The success of awards of CGF will be measured by the extent to which they benefit local communities, support the work of the Neighbourhood Partnerships and further Locality Improvement Plan priorities.

5. Financial impact

- 5.1 All awards can be contained within the Community Grants Fund budget for North West.

6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 6.1 There are no significant risk, policy, compliance or governance implications arising from this report.

7. Equalities impact

- 7.1 Locality community planning activity contributes to the delivery of the Equality Act 2010 general duties of advancing equality of opportunity and fostering good relations, as evidenced through the engagement strategies and plans which involve working with all partners and members of the community.

8. Sustainability impact

- 8.1 No specific implications.

9. Consultation and engagement

- 9.1 Opportunities to bid for Community Grant Fund are widely advertised to appropriately constituted groups within neighbourhood partnership areas, and neighbourhood partnership boards discuss and make recommendations on the level of funding to be awarded to applicants.

10. Background reading/external references

- 10.1 Community Grants Fund applications

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