

South West Neighbourhood Partnership

7pm, Thursday, 8 November 2018

South West Community Grants Fund 2018-2019

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Executive Summary

This report details awards made from the 2018-2019 South West Community Grants Fund to date.

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1. Recommendations

The Partnership agrees:

- 1.1 To note award decisions made by the Locality Manager on advice from community representatives.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Neighbourhood Partnership Community Grants Fund (CGF) is a small grants fund for awards of up to £5,000. The grants are available all year around to constituted community and voluntary groups.
- 2.2 Prior to 2017 South West Community Grants were approved by the Neighbourhood Partnership Board following recommendations from the South West Funding Panel. Following Council elections in May 2017 and the subsequent suspension of the Council committee structure, the South West Locality Manager invited comments on community grant applications directly from community representatives.
- 2.3 Following their establishment, Locality Committees were granted operating responsibility for the Community Grant Funds. In April 2018 the South West Locality Committee agreed to continue with existing arrangements, and as such all awards to date for 2018-2019 have been made on the basis of community recommendations, processed under Standing Order 63, and reported to the Neighbourhood Partnership.

3. Main report

- 3.1 The South West Neighbourhood Partnership Community Grant allocation in 2018/19 is £45,274 and grants of £12,005 have been recommended to date. The remaining £33,269 remains available for allocation within the 2018/19 financial year. The following details the recommendations made by community representatives to date.

3.2 **Gorgie City Farm** (NP6/03/18)

Gorgie City Farm was set up by members of the local community in the late 1970s and open to the public since 1982. The charity is run as a working farm and the animals are bred and raised for food production. The Farm aims to help people gain a practical and valuable understanding of how a real farm works and how food is produced.

The Farm has noted that volunteers and visitors with additional needs are often intimidated by larger animals. Funds will be used to trial a new project involving smaller animals, not previously held by the farm, for therapeutic purposes.

Request - £2810

Award - £2810

3.3 **The Forge** (NP6/04/18)

The Forge is a community makerspace, which was established in 2014 as part of a volunteer-led venture to see undeveloped land in Fountainbridge be used for community benefit. The space consists of three renovated shipping containers, which house woodwork and metalwork tools and facilities. They encourage their members to share their skills and knowledge with one another, as well as organising regular workshops and group builds.

The grant is to improve health and safety of the space, improve and update tools and equipment, and to provide professional training to group members and members of the public.

Request - £4895

Award - £4895

3.4 **City Star Majorettes** (NP6/06/18)

City Star are a local majorette group focused on providing a safe environment for local children to participate in a physically active hobby. With over 50 dancers they meet locally and compete in national competitions.

The application focused on funds for clothing and equipment necessary to ensure group members could continue to practice and compete.

Request - £4200

Award - £3000

3.5 Youth Vision (NP6/07/18)

Youth Vision provides a range of integrated nature based educational programmes that enable children to experience personal growth in a supported and safe environment.

The aim to increase the emotional, physical and social wellbeing of young people who take part. They have seven years' experience in providing nature based outdoor learning for vulnerable children from areas of high deprivation.

This project is aimed at young people aged 9 to 13, to develop skills and build self-esteem and self-confidence.

Request - £2600

Award - £1300

4. Measures of success

- 4.1 The CGF aims to encourage small scale activity that benefits local communities and supports the work of the Neighbourhood Partnership (NP) and its community plan. The success of the awards will be measured through addressing NP priorities and through the NP's Performance Framework.

5. Financial impact

- 5.1 The South West Neighbourhood Partnership CGF allocation in 2018/19 is £45,274, and grants totalling £12,005 have been recommended to date.

6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 6.1 As the Neighbourhood Partnership sub-structure was not reconstituted following the May 2017 elections, the Locality Manager has approved grant awards under Standing Order 63. A community-led process was put in place to make recommendations.

7. Equalities impact

- 7.1 Local community planning activity and the work of the NP's contributes to the delivery of the Equality Act 2010 general duties of advancing equality of opportunity, eliminating unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and foster good relations. This evidenced through engagement strategies and plans which involve working with all partners and members of the community.

8. Sustainability impact

- 8.1 Community grants are made on the basis of non-repeat funding, as such applicants are asked to detail plans for the project in the long term. Need for, and access to, future funding is assessed as part of the grant award process.

9. Consultation and engagement

- 9.1 Any constituted community or voluntary group can make a submission for a CGF award, detailing local benefits in the South West area. Details of awards made are published on the NP website. The South West Lifelong Learning Team promote the award scheme through community contacts, community councils, and local libraries.

10. Background reading/external references

N/A

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11. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Community Grants Awards Summary 2018-2019

Appendix 2 – Community Meeting, Minutes 2 October 2018

COMMUNITY GRANT FUND

APPENDIX ONE

SOUTH WEST NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP AWARDS APPROVED FOR YEAR 2018/19

<i><u>Name of applicant group</u></i>	<i><u>Purpose of grant</u></i>	<i><u>Amount Requested</u></i>	<i><u>Assessment stage</u></i>	<i><u>Recommendation</u></i>
Gorgie City Farm	Therapeutic animal project	£2810	Payed	£2810
The Forge	Equipment	£4895	Payed	£4895
City Star Majorettes	Equipment	£4200	Approved	£4200
Youth Vision	Outdoor learning project	£2600	Approved	£1300
			Opening Balance	£45,274
			Allocation to Date	£12,005
			Remaining Balance	£33,269

**South West Community Grants Meeting
2pm. 2 October 2018
South West Neighbourhood Office**

Minutes

Present

Ian Doig	Merchiston Community Council
Rona Brown	Gorgie Dalry Community Council
Neena Agarwal	Craiglockhart Community Council
Evan Morgan	The Forge
Michael Edwards	Lifelong Learning Development Officer

1. Welcome

ID opened the meeting and thanked those present for their attendance.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes for the previous meeting on 6 March 2018 were approved.

3. Applicant Briefing – Evan Morgan, The Forge (NP6/04/18)

ID introduced EM from the Forge to give an overview of the organisation and the application. EM gave a history of the organisation and indicated requested funding covered three broad purposes, firstly to improve health and safety in the workshop, secondly to improve the range of tools on offer, and finally to properly train more of the group and members of the public on how to use tools, so that knowledge can be better retained in the community.

ID asked about membership, EM said they charge a £5 monthly fee for members that was put towards upkeep and consumables, but if individuals were on low incomes this could be reduced or waived. ID asked about lasting benefit, EM said safety and getting the right tools was the main priority, the lasting benefit was in developing skills, maintaining them, and passing them on within the community. EM added their user base was a mix of recreational, artistic, and social members. ID asked what they planned to do after the money was spent, EM said they were viewing it as a pilot to see how paying regular tutors in future might work either out of a general fund or by certain members paying more.

ID thanked EM for his contribution. EM left the room.

4. Update from Culture and the Communities Committee

ME circulated a summary of the Community Grant allocation for the city that detailed changes since the 2017 ward boundary changes. Fund allocation to different partnership areas is still made on a per capita basis, but as the South West has smaller proportion of the City's population than prior to boundary changes the SW allocation has dropped to £45 274.

5. South West Community Grants

The group noted funds already allocated to Gorgie City Farm where agreement was reached via email, they noted the total budget of £45 274 and the remaining balance of £42 464.

- NP6/04/18 The Forge - £4895
Following the presentation by EM there was a short discussion and all members of the group were supportive of a full award.
Recommendation – Full Award of £4895
- NP6/05/18 The Green Team - £1649
The community reps indicated they were sympathetic to the application as it was a relatively small amount. ME indicated he would follow up with the applicant as to whether the staff costs were eligible.
Recommendation – Deferment subject to eligibility
- NP6/06/18 City Star Majorettes - £4200
ME clarified that the application was only requesting fund for clothing and equipment. The reps acknowledged the applicant had conducted significant fundraising, however it was still a large request.
Recommendation – Partial Award of £3000
- NP6/07/18 Youth Vision - £2600
ME highlighted that the project works with both communities in the South West and Pentlands NP areas, as such the application would also be considered by reps from the Pentlands NP. The reps were supportive of the application agreeing to recommend funding for work in the South West.
Recommendation – Partial Award of £1300

6. AOCB

ME highlighted two applications that had not been not funded so far in the current financial year. Firstly from Edinburgh Diwali, due to time pressures it was considered over email but deemed a repeat project and therefore not recommended for an award. An application from the Broomhouse Centre considered by email was recommended for an award, however through processing the application it became clear the project had already been completed, it was therefore ineligible for funding and the offer was withdrawn.

There was a discussion about how to increase attendance at the community grant fund meetings. ME undertook to consult with community councils about holding future meetings in the evening.

7. Close