

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Nuneaton and Bedworth Area Committee

Date of Committee 28 November 2007

Report Title Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Development Fund 2007/08

Summary This report makes recommendations for decision by the Area Committee for utilisation of the Community Development Fund 2007/08

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework?
No.

Background papers Bids received

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- Details to be specified

- Other Committees
- Local Member(s) Nuneaton and Bedworth Members
- Other Elected Members
- Cabinet Member
- Chief Executive
- Legal Sian Stroud
- Finance Nicolas Cumberledge, Finance Manager
- Strategic Director David Carter, Strategic Director of Performance & Development
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police

Other Bodies/Individuals

FINAL DECISION YES

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

Further consideration by this Committee

To Council

To Cabinet

To an O & S Committee

To an Area Committee

Further Consultation

Agenda No.

Nuneaton and Bedworth Area Committee 28 November 2007

Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Development Fund 2007/08

Report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive

Recommendation

That the Area Committee:

Agrees to fund all eligible applications to the recommended levels as set out in **Appendix A**.

1. Introduction
 - 1.1 The arrangements for allocating the Community Development Fund have evolved over several years and this is the seventh year that applications have been dealt with by the Area Committees.
 - 1.2 This is the fifth year that the Fund has been administered directly by the Area Office. As a result of this change in operation, all eligible projects have been more closely evaluated through some personal visits and follow up audits.
 - 1.3 Applications were invited between June and the middle of September. Overall 107 applications were received for the County and of these 26 were received for Nuneaton and Bedworth representing a decrease of 1 from last year, which follows the trend for the County. This is due to signposting groups to more applicable funding sources upon their request for the forms and re launching of lottery funding sources.
 - 1.4 Nuneaton and Bedworth Area Office sent out over 100 application forms, handled over 30 enquiries 7 of which obtained a personal funding portfolio re-directing them to other more appropriate sources of funding.
 - 1.5 Consultation has been undertaken with County Council Directorates and external partners in order to clarify the relationship of applications to mainstream funding and to minimise the risk of inappropriate duplication and conflict with the priorities of the Council.

1.6 The applications have now been evaluated against the eligibility and scoring criteria set out in the application guidance. Recommendations on eligibility and the amounts of funding that applicants should receive are set out in **Appendix A**.

2. Eligibility and Scoring of Bids

2.1 The application arrangements require that in order to qualify for a grant an application must satisfy each of three entry criteria. Applications must:

- a) Be signed by a County Councillor (usually the local one) to confirm their support.
- b) Be for a one-off project (which will be funded only once) of lasting benefit to the community.
- c) Lie outside the responsibility of any single agency or service.

Additionally, in keeping with the spirit of the Community Development Fund and due to the usual over subscription of applications, multiple applications from any single organisation are discouraged.

2.2 The schedule at **Appendix A**, details projects eligibility, comments and suggested funding levels. The schedule at **Appendix B** details projects not recommended for funding.

2.3 Applications have been scored out of 20 possible points against a number of factors relating to:

- Location (deprivation) – up to 4 points.
- Community involvement and partnership working – up to 7 points.
- The Strategic Priorities for the area and project sustainability up to 9 points.

3. Allocation of Grants

3.1 The overall fund for this financial year is £167,310. This has been divided between the Areas according to a new formula agreed by Cabinet in January 2002 and subsequently reviewed by Cabinet in February 2003. This relates to the level of deprivation, the size of population and access to services within the area. The amount available for Nuneaton and Bedworth is currently £53,910.

3.2 It is suggested that this year all eligible bids scoring 8 points or more should be funded as indicated on the schedule.

DAVID CARTER
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28 November 2007

Ref No	Name of Association	Description	Councillor	Division	Requested	Recommended	Eligibility	Score	Notes
CDF 07/03	Galley Common Village Residents Association	Promote and encourage more members and volunteers. Series of improvement projects to the village.	Jones	Galley Common	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	Yes	12	
CDF 07/17	Avenues Counselling Services Ltd	To set up a new counselling service aimed at young people in Nuneaton and Bedworth area.	Haynes	Bedworth North	£4,837.16	£4,837.00	Yes	12	
CDF 07/20	Hawkesbury Village Residents Association	To promote and encourage community spirit and involvement by encouraging more members and undertaking local projects.	Singh	Poplar	£995.00	£995.00	Yes	12	
CDF 07/21	Bedworth Widows Club	To attract more people to join our group and for our group to link to other groups better using IT.	Haynes	Bedworth North	£650.00	£650.00	Yes	12	
CDF 07/22	1st Bedworth Scout Group	To map service provision for young people across the whole of Bedworth against the needs of the Bede ward.	Chattaway	Bede	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	Yes	12	
CDF 07/26	121 (Nuneaton) Squadron Air Training Corp	To replace the old trailer to carry cadet equipment so that more cadets are able to travel in the mini bus thus encouraging more young people to join the group.	Tandy	Wem Brook	£4,000.00	£4,000.00	Yes	12	
CDF 07/01	Pastels Counselling & Support Services	To provide an improved counselling and support service to people living within the Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough	Hicks	Abbey	£5,000.00	£4,000.00	Yes	10	
CDF 07/02	Sycamore Counselling	To counsel older people, funding towards resources and publicity	Hicks	Abbey	£5,000.00	£4,000.00	Yes	10	

CDF 07/06	Diners Delight	To create social meeting place for residents and people working in the area. Supply freshly prepared meals. Local Voluntary Group establishing a low cost café for local people.	Tooth	Camp Hill	£3,308.00	£3,000.00	Yes	10	
CDF 07/08	Bedworth Arts Centre	To improve video and camera facilities to improve groups presentations and work	Chattaway	Bede	£3,028.00	£3,028.00	Yes	10	
CDF 07/10	George Eliot Community Centre	Intergenerational Project - Allotment holders working with groups from the centre to grow food.	Tandy	Wem Brook	£4,094.00	£3,700.00	Yes	10	
CDF 07/12	Nuneaton & North Warwickshire Equestrian Centre	To develop a small farm within the existing grounds at the stables for disabled visitors to help with if they can not ride	Jones	Galley Common	£4,800.00	£4,000.00	Yes	10	
CDF 07/18	Nuneaton Club For Young People	To teach young people how to grow plants	Tandy	Wem Brook	£5,000.00	£4,000.00	Yes	10	
CDF 07/23	Sikh Mission Resource Centre	To improve current IT suite. Funding students facing financial hardship	Hicks	Abbey	£3,263.83	£3,200.00	Yes	10	
CDF 07/24	Chilvers Coton Heritage Centre	To use the centre and the Bedworth URC premises as bases for our participation in the Triangle Company work on Mary Ball of Nuneaton	Hicks	Abbey	£5,000.00	£3,500.00	Yes	10	
CDF 07/19	Bulkington Childrens Centre	To involve parents, carers and the local community to create a fun and interesting space	Ross	Bulkington	£3,900.00	£3,000.00	Yes	9	
CDF 07/07	North Warwickshire & Hinckley Woodturning Club	To purchase video presentation equipment and the capacity for slide shows	Hicks	Abbey	£2,800.00	£1,000.00	Yes	8	

CDF 07/09	Bedworth Methodist Church	To ensure easy and safe access to the buildings for all users, inc wheelchair and mobility scooter users	Chattaway	Bede	£1,285.00	£1,000.00	Yes	8	
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Total**£62,960.99****£53,910.00**

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CDF 07/04	Bedworth Ex-Servicemen's Over 60 Club	To offer trips, evening entertainment and distribute resources	McCarney	Bedworth West	£5,000.00	£0.00	No	
CDF 07/05	Bulkington Working Men's Homing Society	To be effective in the current climate and ensure sustainability, purchase clocks, laptop & stationery	Ross	Bulkington	£4,330.07	£0.00	No	
CDF 07/11	The Salvation Army Bedworth	To increase promotion and develop a formalised and strategic approach	Haynes	North	£4,840.62	£0.00	No	
CDF 07/13	Bedworth Family Centre	To work with local families, helping and supporting them to improve their health awareness.	Singh	Poplar	£4,995.00	£0.00	No	
CDF 07/14	Christian Alliance Housing Association	To develop linkages and partnerships with public sector orgs. and mainstream funders	Burton	St Nicolas	£5,000.00	£0.00	No	
CDF 07/15	Nuneaton and Warwickshire Wildlife Sanctuary	To knock down the old shed and rebuild	Burton	St Nicolas	£5,000.00	£0.00	No	
CDF 07/16	Nuneaton Bowling Club	To return the green to a state to stage county competitions, to eliminate Health & Safety hazards	Burton	St Nicolas	£2,970.00	£0.00	No	
CDF 07/25	The Elders of the Old Meeting URC	To improve the amenities of the building to make them accessible to all	Chattaway	Bede	£5,000.00	£0.00	No	