

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee **Rugby Area Committee**

Date of Committee **9th November 2005**

Report Title **Rugby Community Development Fund 2005-06 (Funding Sub-Group recommendations)**

Summary This report details, for Area Committee's approval, the recommendations of its Funding Sub-Group with regards to the use of the Community Development Fund in Rugby (2005-06).

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

Background papers

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- Details to be specified

- Other Committees
- Local Member(s) Rugby Area Committee Funding Sub-group – Cllrs Vereker, Timms, Dodd and Wells
- Other Elected Members
- Cabinet Member
- Chief Executive
- Legal Peter Endall
- Finance Dave Preece
- Other Chief Officers David Carter, Noel Hunter
- 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

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Rugby Area Committee – 9th November 2005

Rugby Community Development Fund 2005/6 (Funding Sub-Group recommendations)

Report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive

Recommendation

That Area Committee approves the recommendations of its Funding Sub-Group as detailed in this report.

1. The Area Committee's Funding Sub-Group met on Monday 10th October to consider this year's applications to the Community Development Fund (CDF). The Funding Sub-Group consisted of Cllrs Vereker (Chair), Timms, Dodd and Wells, with officer support from Tom Hook and Nick Darwen.

2. £32,213 is available to voluntary and community groups through this year's Fund, including £558 carried forward from 2004/5 and £5,195 returned from an unspent grant.

3. Applications were invited between June and August. 22 applications were received for projects totalling over £70,000.

4. The Funding Sub-group considered all applications against the approved eligibility and scoring criteria (detailed in appendix B), along with other factors such as the relationship of applications to mainstream funding and Council priorities, and recommends the following:

4.1 That the following awards are made (to the value of £31,034):

Benn Partnership Centre *Business Plan*

£5,000 to compile a Strategic Review and Business Plan (including evaluation of existing services, community needs, and options for sustainability), conditional upon approval by Area Office of proposed contract with preferred provider.

Bilton Poor's Land & Other Charities *Reconstruction of roadway on allotment land*

£3,858 towards the reconstruction of the entrance to the allotments, as detailed in the application form.

Eastlands Gardeners' Association *Community and Stores Hut Replacement*

£5,000 towards the cost of a new Community and Stores Hut, to be used for the purposes as detailed in the application form.

Home Start North East Warwickshire Ltd *Home-Start New-Start*

£5,000 towards the establishment of Home-Start services at the hut at Boughton Leigh Infant School, as detailed in the application form.

Mayday Trust *Mayday Independence Project*

£4,418 towards the provision of appropriate seating for community lounges at Ashwood Court, as detailed in the application form. Funding to be provided only once final report is provided for previous project funded by Community Development Fund.

Rainbow 50+ *Bridging The Gap*

£1,500 for capacity building activities upon submission of proposals to the satisfaction of the Area Office.

Rugby Bareboards Trust *Upgrading and Increasing Computer Facilities*

£1,119 to purchase computer equipment, as detailed in the application form.

Rugby Disability Forum/Hamilton House *Induction Loop Project*

£789 to purchase and install an Induction Loop at Hamilton House, with the condition that legal responsibility for the grant expenditure and ownership of the Induction Loop rests with Hoskyn Centre for the Disabled, who run Hamilton House.

Wolston Leisure and Community Centre *Cardiac Rehabilitation Programme*

£600 for the purchase of a treadmill to be used for the purposes as detailed in the application form.

12th Rugby (Christchurch) Scout Group *Scout Hut Project Appeal*

£3,750 to provide computer and other office equipment as detailed in the application form.

4.2 That the remaining balance of £1,179 is carried forward into the Rugby Area Community Development Fund for 2006-07.

4.3 That the following applications are rejected.

Age Concern Rugby *Access To Information*

Funding Sub-Group unwilling to award new grant, when grant for 04-05 project is still unspent. Also, funding is likely to be available through other sources, especially if the project developed closer links with partnership strategies.

ASSIST *Childrens' and Adolescents' Support*

Not appropriate to fund a charity operating on a national scale that happens to be based in Rugby. Not clear that all beneficiaries will be from Rugby.

Central Rugby Community Association *Cattle Market Site Community Building*

Not considered value for money.

Common Purpose *Your Turn Conference*

Duplicates WCC's own work around youth participation.

New Bilton Community Association *Cook Book*

Alternative sources of funding available. £50,000 is available in 2005-06 and currently unspent through Rugby Borough Council for community-led initiatives in the New Bilton/part Newbold Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

Sustainable Rugby *Communications for Sustainable Rugby*

Not considered value for money.

5. The following applications are ineligible under the regulations of the fund (as detailed in appendix B):

Connexions *Evolution Project*

Statutory Organisation.

Holiday Bible Club *Holiday Bible Club*

Continuation of organisation's main business.

Rugby District Cancer Concern *Rugby District Cancer Concern*

Continuation of organisation's main business.

Rugby Credit Union Ltd *Outreach Project*

Organisation core funded by Warwickshire County Council.

Rugby CVS *Community Accountancy Pilot Project*

Organisation core funded by Warwickshire County Council

Volunteer Centre Rugby *Voluntary Sector Resource Centre Feasibility Study*

Organisation core funded by Warwickshire County Council

6. The Funding Sub-Group advised that all unsuccessful or ineligible applicants should be offered support to access funding elsewhere. The Rugby Funders' Forum provides a useful mechanism for this.

7. It is recommended that all grants are paid in arrears as a reimbursement of actual receipted costs, unless otherwise agreed through the Area Office.

8. It is recommended that if a project's actual costs are higher than anticipated, then with the approval of the Area Office the grant can be increased by up to 5% up to a maximum of £5,000, so long as:

- The full grant is used for the purposes as approved by Area Committee
- The grant is a reimbursement of actual receipted costs
- Approval is gained from the Area Office in advance of purchase
- 'Value for money' is demonstrated (for instance through providing quotes from alternative suppliers)
- Sufficient funds are available.

9. It is recommended that the progress of all approved projects is reported to the funding sub-group at six months and to the full committee at twelve months.

10. Summaries of all eligible applications are provided alphabetically in Appendix A. The full applications can be found at the Area Office.

11. Guidance for applicants and eligibility criteria are detailed in Appendix B.

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20 October 2005

APPENDIX A: SUMMARIES OF ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

AGE CONCERN RUGBY "Access to Information"

Amount Requested

£3,700

About the Organisation

Registered charity that helps older people maintain their independence and well-being.

Project Summary

To provide leaflet containing essential telephone contact numbers and information for agencies such as utilities, benefits, transport, crimestoppers, health, leisure and education.

Points Awarded (5)

- Location (Rugby-wide)
- Health and Well-Being
- 0.5 Community Safety
- Partnership Working
- Information and Access to Services
- 0.5 Reducing Inequalities

Previous Grants

2004 – Rhubarb and Roses Gardening Project. Unspent.

ASSIST "Childrens' and Adolescents' Support"

Amount Requested

£5,000

About the Organisation

National charity based in Rugby. Assist provides counselling services to people suffering from trauma. They help people from all areas of the country but are based only in Rugby.

Project Summary

To train three existing volunteers in a number of skills in order to provide counselling to children and young people from the Rugby area and elsewhere. The training involves attending conferences, seminars and workshops. There is no requirement to pass exams or gain qualifications.

Part of the grant is for supervision of these volunteers once they start counselling. One in eight hours must be supervised.

Points Awarded (4)

- Location – 1
- Health and wellbeing – 1
- Community Involvement – 1
- Reducing inequalities – 1

Previous Grants

None.

BENN PARTNERSHIP CENTRE “Business Plan”

Amount Requested

£5,000

About the Organisation

Registered charity that provides a range of learning and other community facilities.

Project Summary

To employ a professional consultancy to compile a Strategic Review and Business Plan – including evaluation of existing services, community needs, and options for sustainability.

Points Awarded: (7)

- 4 x Location
- 0.5 Education and Lifelong Learning
- 0.5 Health and WellBeing
- Increased Community Involvement
- 0.5 Information and Access to Services
- 0.5 Reducing Inequalities

Previous Grants

03-04 Setting Up Rainbow 50+ Club – successfully completed.

Comments

Costs are very approximate. Not clear how £2,000 ‘Consultation and Implementation’ will be spent.

CENTRAL RUGBY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

“Cattle Market Site Community Building”

Amount Requested

£3,720

About the Organisation

Unincorporated association set up by local groups and residents to establish a community building in the former Cattle Market Site.

Project Summary

1. To undertake a consultation process and event.
2. To undertake fundraising in order to pay for professional support to produce a business plan for the proposed Community Building

Points Awarded: (5)

- 4 x Location
- Increased community involvement

Previous Grants

None

COMMON PURPOSE “Your Turn Conference”

Amount Requested

£5,000

About the Organisation

Independent educational organisation and registered charity, dedicated to increasing the number of people who are taking a lead in community and public life.

Project Summary

A one day conference encouraging 80-100 young people from Rugby to grasp local decision-making and inspire future community involvement.

Points Awarded (3)

- Location (Rugby-wide)
- Education and Lifelong Learning
- Increasing community involvement of young people

Previous Grants

None

EASTLANDS GARDENERS’ ASSOCIATION “Community & Stores Hut Replacement”

Amount Requested

£5,123

About the Organisation

Voluntary organisation, membership of which is made up of allotment owners and local gardeners.

Project Summary

Replace existing store-room and community facility

Points Awarded: (6)

- 2 x Location
- Health and WellBeing
- Environment
- Community Involvement in bid
- Increased community involvement and new facility

Previous Grants

None

HOME START NORTH EAST WARWICKSHIRE LTD. “Home-Start New-Start”

Amount Requested

£5,000

About the Organisation

Registered charity which provides a range of support and activities for parents and children, including a ‘visiting volunteer scheme’.

Project Summary

To relocate the Home-Start service from the old Community Centre to the hut at Boughton Leigh Infant School – with the aim of increasing local community access, provide a more friendly and comfortable environment, and reduce stigma.

Points Awarded: (8)

- 4 x Location (Brownsover)
- Education and Lifelong Learning
- Health and WellBeing
- Increased community involvement
- LSP Priority - Brownsover

MAYDAY TRUST “Mayday Independence Project”Amount Requested

£4,418

About the Organisation

Registered charity that provides housing for people with additional support needs. The Independence Project provides temporary accommodation and support for vulnerable adults.

Project Summary

The project will enable the provision of appropriate seating for the community lounges at 17 accommodation units at Ashwood Court. (1 & 2 bedroom flats).

Points Awarded (7.5)

- 4 Location (Benn and Newbold)
- Health and Well-Being
- 0.5 Community Safety
- Partnership working
- Reducing Inequalities

Previous Grants

Providing IT based personal development for adults with learning difficulties. Verbal report that project is complete, but still awaiting written report.

NEW BILTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION “New Bilton Cook Book”Amount Requested

£2,340

About the Organisation

Registered charity. NBCA is a community-led association aimed at meeting local needs.

Project Summary

To develop, design and distribute a healthy eating recipe book of residents' contributions.

Points Awarded (8)

- 4 x Location
- Health and WellBeing
- Community Involvement in bid

- Increased community involvement
- Partnership Working

Previous Grants

New Bilton Community Association Website. Project complete.

RAINBOW 50+ “Bridging The Gap”

Amount Requested

£5,000

About the Organisation

Rainbow 50+ is a self-help group for older people from black and minority ethnic communities, and has 60 active members. The group was set up through CDF grant awarded to Benn Partnership Centre in 2003-04, and is based at the Benn Partnership Centre. They are looking to become a registered charity.

Project Summary

- To fund a co-ordinator’s time to follow up the club’s application as a registered charity, to help arrange fund-raising events, and to arrange and co-ordinate activities.
- To provide some of the club’s on-going activities
- To pay auditor’s fees
- To pay for the training costs for members of the Rainbow 50+ to develop their capacity as effective trustees and volunteers; and to build awareness amongst members of policies and procedures, food and hygiene, first aid and other topics.

Points Awarded: (9)

- 4 Location (Benn)
- Education and Lifelong Learning
- Health and Well-Being
- Community Involvement in bid
- Increased community involvement
- Information and Access to Services

Previous Grants

2003-04 Setting up of the group and initial activities. Project complete.

RUGBY BAREBOARDS TRUST “Upgrading and Increasing Computer Facilities”

Amount Requested

£1,119

About the Organisation

Registered charity and company limited by guarantee. The organisation collects furniture and other household effects for renovation and then distributes them to ‘relieve poverty’.

Project Summary

To purchase computer equipment in order to improve the effectiveness of the organisation, and to produce publicity materials.

Points Awarded: (5)

- 2 x Location (Rugby-wide, based in Eastlands)

- Health and WellBeing
- Increased Community Involvement
- Reducing Inequalities
- Partnership Working

Previous Grants

None

RUGBY DISABILITY FORUM “Induction Loop Project”

Amount Requested

£789

About the Organisation

Rugby Disability Forum is a disability-led forum which aims to advance the interests of disabled people in the Rugby area. (Hoskyn Centre for the Disabled is a registered charity).

Project Summary

To up-grade the induction loop system at Hamilton House, where a number of community groups meet.

Points Awarded (7)

Location 2

Community level involvement in bid

Increased community involvement

Partnership working

Information and access to services

Reducing inequalities

Previous Grants:

None

SUSTAINABLE RUGBY “Communications for Sustainable Rugby”

Amount Requested

£2,500

About the Organisation

Sustainable Rugby is a community-led pressure group and awareness-raising group – aiming to improve the environment across Rugby Borough. It is a voluntary group with a written constitution.

Project Summary

1. To provide training for a member of the group to become a ‘media officer’
2. To commission the production of a professional logo for Sustainable Rugby, possibly in conjunction with a local College

Points Awarded: (2.5)

- Location (Rugby-wide)
- 0.5 Environment
- Increased community involvement

Previous Grants

None

12th RUGBY (Christchurch) SCOUT GROUP “Scout Hut Project Appeal”Amount Requested

£3,750

About the Organisation

Local voluntary organisation group and have the Scouts registered charity status. They have applied for their own charitable status. The Christchurch Scouts run weekly activities for 6-8 yr olds, 8-11 yr olds and 11-15 yr olds. Currently numbers are restricted due to the size of premises available.

Project Summary

To provide computer equipment and other office materials to support the fund-raising campaign for new premises (which would also provide a community facility), and to carry out a local survey. The equipment would ultimately be used within the new Scout Hut.

Points Awarded (8.5)

- 4 x Location (Brownsover)
- 0.5 Community Safety
- Community Involvement in bid
- Increased community involvement (through survey)
- Relates specifically to increasing involvement of young people
- LSP Priority – Brownsover South

Wolston Leisure and Community Centre “Cardiac Rehabilitation Programme”Amount Requested

£600

About the Organisation

Wolston Leisure and Community Centre is a non profit making organisation.

Project Summary

To help fund a treadmill used during the cardiac rehabilitation programme. This is part of a wider funding package aimed at providing a rural cardiac rehabilitation programme in Wolston. Funding is being sought from other sources as well.

Points Awarded (6)

- Location – 2
- Health and wellbeing –1
- Community Involvement – 2
- Reducing inequalities – 1

Previous Grants

None.

APPENDIX B: ELIGIBILITY AND SCORING CRITERIA

The Eligibility and Scoring Criteria are provided to all applicants.

Eligibility Criteria:

The Community Development Fund aims to help small scale community projects, particularly those in the more deprived areas of the County. **The maximum grant available per application is £5,000.** Applications are invited from local community and voluntary groups.

The Community Development Fund will give **preference** to:

- The establishment/start up cost for a new group
- Projects which expand and extend a community group i.e. training for their members or the creation of a business plan
- Locally based organisations, serving local people
- Projects which benefit people living in the most deprived areas
- Projects which tackle more than one issue (see the scoring points criteria Appendix A)
- Projects that demonstrate a lasting benefit to the community

The Community Development Fund will **not fund**:

- One off celebratory events e.g. daytrips
- Sport activities or sport refurbishment projects
- Large scale continued refurbishment schemes
- Retrospectively – i.e. Projects which start and or finished before the funding decision is made
- The running costs of a group, activities which are deemed to be that group's main service
- Projects which are the statutory responsibility of that or another group
- Organisations which are already core funded by Warwickshire County Council
- The religious practises of an organisation, although religious organisations can apply for a project, which is community based
- Early years projects managed by a school. The project must be separately run although can be based on the school site
- Projects that were funded in previous years (although groups which have previously been granted Community Development Funds may apply for a new project)

Scoring criteria:

The criteria reflect priorities that have been identified by the County Council and partner organisations in producing the Strategic Plan for Warwickshire 2002-05 and five District-based Community Plans.

Location – up to 4 points according to levels of deprivation in individual Borough Council wards, as follows: Admirals 1, Avon & Swift 2, Benn 4, Bilton 0, Brownsover North 4, Brownsover South 4, Caldecott 2, Dunchurch & Knightlow 0, Earl Craven & Wolston 2, Eastlands 2, Fosse 3, Hillmorton 3, Lawford & Kings Newnham 3, Leam Valley 2, New Bilton 4, Newbold 4, Overslade 3, Paddock 0, Ryton-on-Dunsmore 3, Wolvey 0.

Education and Lifelong Learning - 1 point. Applications that contribute to raising the aspirations and levels of attainment and achievement of learners, reduce barriers to learning, improve access through IT, or develop early years provision.

Health and Well-being – 1 point. Applications that promote healthy lifestyles and tackle health inequalities, protect vulnerable children, improve the health of older people, or reduce hospital waiting times.

Crime and Community Safety - 1 or 2 points. Applications which contribute to the reduction of crime, the fear of crime, or anti-social behaviour, in particular: violent crime, house burglary, drug and alcohol misuse, vandalism, nuisance behaviour and disorder and reducing deaths and injuries caused by fire or road accidents. 2 points will be awarded when an application focuses on reducing the involvement of young people in crime.

Economy and Employment – 1 point. Applications which support improvements in the local economy and its support systems (including ICT) help job creation, promote the image of the County, or help narrow the gap between advantaged and disadvantaged areas.

Transport – 1 point. Applications that will improve and integrate public transport, encourage walking and cycling, promote changes in travel habits, reduce traffic congestion, or the safety of people as they travel.

Environment - 1 point. Applications which contribute to improving the quality of the built environment where people live and work (with emphasis on the areas in most need), protecting the natural and rural environment and public access, improving energy management, reducing the amount of waste, or increasing recycling.

Community Involvement – 1, 2, 3 or 4 points. Applications that support increased levels of community and voluntary sector activity, encourage partnership working and increase people's ability to influence the work of the public agencies. 1 point up to the maximum of 4 will be given for applications, which show each of the following:

- ❑ Community level involvement in the bid;
- ❑ Increased community involvement or developing new activity/facilities;
- ❑ Relate specifically to increasing the involvement of young people;
- ❑ Demonstrate partnership working involving community and voluntary organisations.

Information and Access to Services – 1 point. Applications, which will help people gain information about and access to the services they need, either through conventional ways or ICT developments.

Reducing Inequalities - 1 point. Applications, which will help to reduce inequalities and promote the needs of disadvantaged or socially excluded people and groups.

Community Planning Priorities - 1 point. Applications, which contribute to the priorities of the local Community Plan or the County Strategic Plan