

WEST JOINT COMMITTEE
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Subject: Community Grants
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Summary

To provide information on outstanding applications previously submitted under the SDC Community Grants Scheme.

Recommendation

That the Committee awards or rejects grants as appropriate.

1 Background/Information

- 1.1 A new joint district and county council grants scheme is being developed and will be in place for the December round of Joint Area Committee meetings.
- 1.2 The following grant application(s) were submitted to the SDC grants scheme earlier in the year and are still outstanding after being deferred at the June and July Joint Area Committee Meetings.

2 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The budget shown represents District Council funds only for this financial year and is still split between revenue and capital. .

Committee is asked to consider the following grant requests:

2.1 Revenue

	Balance	Grant Request
Total Amount Available for Allocation	£3,976	

Application No 784		
Young Enterprise South Warwickshire		
Please note this is a district wide project. The figures shown represent 30% of the total requested		£1,360
Total amount of new requests		£1,360
Balance to carry forward if all applications are awarded the requested amount.	£2,616	

Applicant	Young Enterprise South Warwickshire -782 - Revenue
Project	Provide educational programmes in primary and secondary schools to help young people understand and give them personal experience of how business works
Corporate Aims Met	Two points Aim 1 A district where everyone shares in an improved quality of life Aim 3 A district where business and enterprise can flourish
Deprivation Mapping	
Value to Community	One Point This project benefits a significant number of users.
Equality Impact Assessment	There will be no negative impact on any sector of the community
Risk Assessment	The majority of the funding is already in place and the project is therefore assessed as low risk.
Outcomes To be achieved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1300 pupils to attend the programme • 10 companies to be registered and participating in the National Trade fair in Stratford Upon Avon • A target of 14 schools to participate in programme
Total Project Cost	£21,250
Grant Request	£1,360 (34% of total £4000 requested)
Financial Appraisal	Contained within blue confidential papers
Project Rating	Three points High priority – may be considered for 30% - 35% of total project cost i.e. £6,375 - £7,437. Award should be within the range of £2,168– £2,529 representing the 34% allocation to West Committee.
Notes	As this project is district wide the application has been divided between the 3 area committees. Grant applications will be considered by the 2 other Area Committees on 16 th and 25 th September. This organisation received a grant of £2,250 from SDC in 2005.

	This application was submitted in November 2007 but was deferred due to lack of funds.
Further Information requested at last meeting	<p>There is no link with Young Enterprise South Warwickshire and the County Council's Education Business Partnership within Stratford District. The WEBP mainly work in secondary schools and provide activity sessions, which are paid for by the school.</p> <p>Y.E. provide an alternative set of programs targeting primary, secondary & special needs groups within schools. They have a company program that is not available any where else where a school group set up a company, taking up individual positions and produce a product to sell at Stratford Trade Fair. Any profit made by that company is given to charity before the company is wound up.</p> <p>Y.E. always undertake to match 50% of the costs on behalf of the school. Local grants are used directly to further reduce costs and if funding is secured they run the courses free of charge.</p>

2.2 Capital

	Balance	Grant Request
Total Amount Available for Allocation	£39,400	
Application No 807 Shakespeare Hospice <i>The figures shown represent 34% of the total requested</i>		£6,800
Application No 804 Stratford On Avon Citizens Advice Bureau <i>The figures shown represent 34% of the total requested</i>		£2,550
Total amount of new requests		£9,350
Balance to carry forward if all applications are awarded the requested amount.	£30,050	

Applicant	The Shakespeare Hospice – 807 - Capital
Project	To create a drop in centre in Stratford Upon Avon (the Life Well centre) for patients, carers and family members affected by terminal illness.
SDC Corporate Aims Met	One Point <i>Aim 1 A district where everyone shares an improved quality of life</i>
Deprivation mapping	One Point
Value to the Community	One Point The facility and its services are of a high value to the community.
Equality Impact Assessment	There will be no negative impact on any sector of the community
Risk Assessment	The majority of the remaining funding has been secured. The lease on the building lasts for 6 years. This project is therefore assessed as Low risk.
Outcomes to be achieved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2600 people are expected to access support in the first year • People will have received information or been signposted elsewhere • A significant overall increase in people utilising the Hospice's services
Total project cost	£101,103
Grant request	£6,800 – 34% of the total grant requested of £20,000
Financial Appraisal	Contained within blue confidential papers
Project Rating	Three points High priority – may be considered for 30% - 35% of total project cost i.e. £30,331 - £35,386 Award should be within the range of £10,313 – £12,031 representing the 34% allocation to West Committee.
Notes	<p>The applicant has requested a grant of £20,000 which was presented at the South Joint Committee. The Committee decided to award £7,200 (36%) of the amount requested with a recommendation that the grant application be also presented to East and West Joint Committees whose residents may benefit from the centre.</p> <p>This organisation received a grant of £5,960 from SDC towards a new shower room in January 2006.</p>

Applicant	Stratford & District Citizens Advice Bureau – 804 – Capital
Project	To move the entire CAB operation to different premises at which will provide easier access to clients and provide the opportunity to extend the range of services being offered
SDC Corporate Aims Met	One Point <i>Aim 1 A District where everyone shares in an improved quality of life</i> 1.2 Residents have easier access to local public services
Deprivation mapping	
Value to the Community	One Point The services are used by a significant number of users
Equality Impact Assessment	There will be no negative impact on any sector of the community
Risk Assessment	The premises are leased for the next 10 years, however much of the items to be funded are removable. Some funding considered to be “in place” is contingent upon funding being made available by SDC and WCC. This project is therefore considered Medium risk.
Outcomes to be achieved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enable CAB to provide a fully accessible range of services • Recruit an additional 12 volunteers in year one • Deal with an additional 2000 enquiries in year one
Total project cost	£41,397
Grant request	£2,550 (34% of the £7,500 requested)
Financial Appraisal	Contained within blue confidential papers
Project Rating	Two points Medium priority – may be considered for 20% - 25% of total project cost Award should be within the range of £2,815 – £3,519 representing the 34% allocation to West Committee.
Notes	The applicant has requested a grant of £7,500 which was presented at the South Joint Committee in July. The Committee decided to award £2,700 (36%) of the amount requested with a recommendation that the grant application be also presented to East and West Joint Committees whose residents may benefit from the services offered by CAB. CAB currently receive £56,000 per annum grant aid from SDC under a three year agreement to support its services, this arrangement is due for renewal (subject to approval) on 01/04/09.

2.3 The grant requests are listed above. Recommended levels of grant award are shown with each individual application; however these sums may be increased or decreased at the discretion of the Committee.

3 Options available to the Committee

The Committee has the option in each case of awarding, rejecting or deferring grant requests.

4 Members' Comments

4.1 Any comments received will be listed under the individual grant application.

5 Implications of the proposal

5.1 *Legal/Human Rights Implications*

5.1.1 There are no legal/human rights implications to this report

5.2 *Financial*

5.2.1 See 2.1 and 2.2 above

5.2.1 The grant requests are listed above. Recommended levels of grant award are shown with each individual application; however these sums may be increased or decreased at the discretion of the Committee.

5.3 *Environmental*

5.3.1 Successful applicants will be encouraged where appropriate to adopt sound environmental principles when delivering their project

5.4 *Corporate Strategy*

5.4.1 The extent to which each applications supports delivery of the Council's Corporate Strategy is identified within the details provided

5.5 *Equality Impact Assessment*

5.5.1 An equality impact assessment is included with each proposal

6 Risk Assessment

6.1 A risk assessment is included with each proposal

7 CONCLUSION

7.1 That the Committee considers and awards, rejects or defers grants as appropriate for the applications presented.

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