

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Warwick Area Committee

Date of Committee 22 November 2005

Report Title Community Development Fund 2005/06

Summary This report gives details of the applications received in the Warwick Area for this year's (2005/06) Community Development Fund. It describes the process followed in evaluating the applications and makes recommendations as to which applications should receive a grant.

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Background papers Guidance Notes and Application Forms

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- Details to be specified

- Other Committees
- Local Member(s)
- Other Elected Members
- Cabinet Member
(reports to the Cabinet, to be cleared with appropriate Cabinet Member)
- Chief Executive
- Legal David Carter - reporting officer
- Finance
- Other Chief Officers
- 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 a PAG
- To an S & R Committee
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

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Report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive

Recommendation

That the Area Committee confirms:

1. The eligibility of applications
2. Which applications should receive a grant
3. The level of funding to be received by each application

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The arrangements for allocating the Community Development Fund have evolved over several years and this is the fifth year that applications have been dealt with by the Area Committees.
- 1.2 Applications were invited between 1st June 2005 and the 22nd August 2005. 21 applications were received for Warwick Area. Consultation has been undertaken with County Council departments 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.

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 his or her 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.
- 2.2 Each application has been scored by members of your committee's Funding Sub-Group (Cllrs Boad, Haywood and Randev) and by Tim Healey, Community Partnership Officer. This group has also ruled on eligibility issues, one bid has been excluded on the grounds that it was a sport project – which is specifically excluded under the rules of the scheme.
- 2.3 Applications have been scored against a number of factors relating to:
 - Location (deprivation) - up to 4 points
 - Community involvement and partnership working – up to 4 points
 - The priorities set out in the Strategic Plan for Warwickshire and the local Community Strategy - up to 10 points.

3. Allocation of Grants

- 3.1 The allocation of funds to Warwick Area Committee for the Community Development Fund is £31,980 in 2005/06.
- 3.2 The total amount requested by the 21 applicants is £84,600. Clearly it is not possible to fund all of these applications in full.
- 3.3 Although not bound by the scores, in previous years the practice has been to award grants to the highest scoring eligible applications. This can often involve a process of choosing between applications with the same number of points or reducing the grants at a particular points threshold in order to fit in with the money available.
- 3.4 The funding sub-group agreed that it would seek to fund applications in full where appropriate. The scoring this year identified ten bids totalling £33,795 that scored clearly higher than the rest. The sub-group agreed to recommend that your committee funds these in full and not fund the remaining applications. Where applications are not proposed to be funded, the Community Partnership Officer will contact the applicants and offer assistance with seeking alternative funding sources. In order to fund the shortfall between the resources available and that required to fund these ten bids, a request for a virement of £1,815 from the Wellbeing Fund is contained in a report elsewhere on your agenda today.
- 3.5 The applications that it is proposed should be supported are set out below. Full details of all applications can be obtained from the Warwick Area Support Office.

Organisation	Project Title	Amount Awarded (£'s)
Brunswick Local Action Team (LAT)	Resourcing the Brunswick LAT	£1,350.00
Double R Playscheme	Playscheme for children with special needs in Lillington Easter and Summer 2006	£4,800.00
Elderly Asian Men's Group	Fitness equipment in new Centre	£5,000.00
Sydenham Neighbourhood Initiatives Ltd	Community Cohesion Project	£5,000.00
Sydenham Neighbourhood Initiatives Ltd	Community Space Project	£5,000.00
Friends of Eagle Rec	Information and Community Involvement Day	£1,900.00
SilverSeekers	Lillington Elders Project	£1,620.00
WAYC	Build-up Project	£5,000.00

Mad Hatters Song and Drama Group	Establish Song and Drama Group for Lillington	£1,275.00
Safeline	Next Steps Training	£2,850.00
	TOTAL	£33,795.00

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