

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Warwick Area Committee

Date of Committee 22 November 2005

Report Title Well Being Fund 2005/6 – Funding Proposals

Summary This report outlines proposal for projects to be funded through the committee’s Well Being Fund for 2005/6.

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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) Cllrs. Boad, Haywood and Randev as Area Committee funding sub group.
- Other Elected Members
- Cabinet Member
- Chief Executive
- Legal David Carter
- Finance Dave Preece, Finance Officer
- 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 an O & S Committee

To an Area Committee

Further Consultation

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Well Being Fund 2005/6 – Funding Proposals

Report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive

Recommendation

That Members approve the funding proposals set out in sections 2 and 3 below.

1. Introduction

1.1 At its meeting of June 21st 2005, this committee approved priorities for allocating Well-being Funds and Social Inclusion Funds for 2005/6 and for bringing proposals to committee. This report contains funding proposals from the Warwick Area Team that have been considered by members of the Area Committee's funding sub group. Further details of any of these proposals can be obtained from the County Council's Warwick Area Office.

2. Well – being Fund – Available Resources

2.1 £66,670 is available to the Area Committee in this year's Well-being Fund. In addition to this, some £656.50 was carried over from 2004/5, making a total available balance this year of £67,326.50. £8,000 was committed at the July meeting of this committee and a further £10,000 committed at the September meeting, leaving an available balance of £49,326.50.

2.2 If approved, the 6 proposals set out involve the allocation of funds totaling £31,000. In addition to these proposals, the committee is asked to vire £1815.00 from the Wellbeing Fund to the 2005/6 Community Development Fund, the allocation of which is considered elsewhere on the agenda. This will enable all CDF projects scoring 9 points or more to be funded in full, in accordance with the recommendation of the Area Committee's funding sub group.

3. Wellbeing Fund Proposal

3.1 Shree Krishna Temple – Disabled Persons Toilet

a) Description of the Project

The Shree Krishna Community Centre in Leamington Spa serves Leamington's Hindu community and is at a significant point in its development. Excellent services (Education, ICT training, health-related classes etc) are currently being provided from the centre and the management committee is very keen to take a step forward and appoint a centre co-ordinator, and your area team officers have been working with them to secure external funding. A major barrier to this has been the lack of toilet facilities at the centre for

disabled users. This provision would cost £12,000 to build and £4,562 has already been awarded by the Regenesys project. You are asked to contribute £5,000 towards this project and the remaining £2,438 will be met by the management committee themselves. Your contribution will put the Centre in a stronger position to win external fund in support of the management committee's development plans.

b) Applicant

Shree Krishna Community Centre

c) Amount of Funding sought

£5,000

d) Total Cost of the Project

£12,000 (see above)

e) Appraisal

The proposal meets the cohesive community objectives of the Community Plan in supporting the increased community use of community facilities such as the Shree Krishna Temple.

f) Recommendation

Approve a grant of £5,000

3.2 African Caribbean Project

a) Description of the Project

The African-Caribbean Project (ACP) based in Bath Place, Leamington Spa aims to encourage the advancement of Africans, Caribbean's and those of African and Caribbean mixed race origin in the county of Warwickshire. 2005 has been a testing time financially for ACP with the fall-out of significant grants. Financial Consultants are currently working with the ACP management committee and together they are working up a five-year business plan and the outlook for financial year 2006/07 is more healthy. However, in order to be successful in applications to funders in future, their current financial viability needs to be secured. Two projects run at the centre are currently vulnerable: the West Indian Senior Endeavour (WISE) project that provides support for West Indian elders and the recording studio that has been the focus of work with disaffected young people. An award of £6,000 would secure these projects until the end of March 2006.

b) Applicant

African-Caribbean Project

c) Amount of Funding sought

£6,000

d) Total Cost of the Project

£6,000 is the cost of ensuring the viability of these projects.

e) Appraisal

The African Caribbean Project has long played an important role in supporting the local African Caribbean community. Its work supports the cohesive community objectives of the Community Plan for Warwick District.

f) Recommendation

Approve a grant of £6,000.

3.3 Asian Community Equality Centre

a) Description of the Project

The Asian Community Equality Centre provides a range of advice and support services to the Asian Community in Warwick District. The organisation

operates from an office in Gloucester Street, Leamington Spa. A wide range of advice and support services are provided including:

- Employment
- Racial Harassment
- Visa, passport and immigration issues
- Housing
- Welfare benefits / pensions

b) Applicant

Asian Community Equality Centre

c) Amount of Funding sought

Up to £10,000

d) Total Cost of the Project

The annual running costs of the organisation are in the order of £15,000.

e) Appraisal

The work of the Centre contributes to the cohesive community objectives of the Community Plan. The organisation has played and continues to play an important role in providing advice and support to the Asian community, particularly during the period when there has been no other specialist race equality and advice organisation operating in Warwick District. When the new Warwickshire Race Equality Partnership commences work in 2006, it will be important that the Asian Community Equality Centre works closely with the new organisation to ensure that services are provided in a co-ordinated and complementary way.

f) Recommendation

Approve a grant of £5,000.

3.4 Packmores / The Cape, Warwick – Community Safety Initiative

a) Description of the Project

The Warwick Area Team has been focusing part of its work on the Packmores / The Cape area in Warwick, and as part of the multi-agency partnership which has been established there, Warwick Fire Station has made a proposal to conduct a programme of home safety visits across the estate. Managed by the Fire Service, a local person will be recruited and trained to conduct visits to any home on the estate that wishes to be involved. The visit will identify areas of concern, make recommendations for improvements, follow-up with referrals to agencies that can provide free or subsidised solutions and ensure that the works are carried out satisfactorily. The focus of the visit will be fire safety (e.g. provision of smoke alarm), crime safety and target-hardening (e.g. window locks and door-bars), slip and trip hazards, and bogus caller/distraction burglar awareness. Your committee is requested to approve the award of £5,000 to the Fire Service which will ensure that all homes in the Packmores / The Cape area that wish it can receive this service.

b) Applicant

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service

c) Amount of Funding sought

£5,000

d) Total Cost of the Project

£5,000

e) Appraisal

The proposal contributes to the safe communities objective of the Community Plan, working towards the priority of a safer physical environment.

- f) **Recommendation**
Approve a grant of £5,000.

3.5 **Community Arts Workshop – Lillington Mural – Feasibility Study**

a) **Description of the Project**

A group of young artists in Lillington have been working with the youth service locally and Community Arts Workshop (CAW) on a range of artistic projects that have culminated in the creation of a spectacular mural that adorns one side of the hard play area adjacent to Lillington Youth Centre. The young artists group is keen to build on this success by creating a more public piece on a larger and more public scale.

In order to generate design ideas, the young people have suggested that they would like to engage with the Lillington community to find out just what they think should be celebrated in a community mural. Community Arts Workshop will produce materials which will form the basis of consultation meetings between local people and the young artists - the design and print of which have been costed at £1,000. The whole project will draw in funds from a range of sources (Heart of England Community Foundation, EQUAL, YouthBank, Landfill Tax Credits etc) and this funding will give the project an initial boost. The project is supported by local Neighbourhood Watch, Police and the Youth Service.

b) **Applicant**

Community Arts Workshop and Lillington Young Artists.

c) **Amount of Funding sought**

£1,000 – for initial feasibility work.

d) **Total Cost of the Project**

Total cost of the completed mural / artwork is unclear. Various sources of funding for the project are available – see above.

e) **Appraisal**

The project provides a positive means by which young people in Lillington can engage with the wider community and produce a piece of artwork of which they and the community can be proud. The initiative supports the Cohesive Community objectives of the Community Plan in promoting inter-generational working.

f) **Recommendation**

Approve a grant of £1,000

3.6 **Warwick District Citizens Advice Bureau – Advisor Training**

a) **Description of the Project**

In March 2004, Warwick Area Committee provided a Social Inclusion Fund grant of £6,300 to WDCAB for training 7 additional volunteer advisors. The grant was over and above the grant provided to the organisation through the County Council's Service Level Agreement with them. The grant was made on the basis that the most effective way of increasing the organisation's capacity to deliver services locally is to increase the number of trained volunteer advisors. In Warwick District there has been no shortage of volunteers, but resources for their training have been limited. The cost of training each volunteer is £900.

The grant in 2004 was made on a one off basis to increase CAB capacity. This investment of funds has proved very successful and new volunteers funded by the Area Committee are now providing services locally. However, there is still a waiting list of prospective volunteers waiting to be trained and there is still a very significant demand for CAB services putting strain on the existing volunteers. The existing grants that the organisation receives do not cover these volunteer training costs. Consequently it is proposed to repeat the training grant made in 2004. This time it is proposed to provide a grant of £9,000, which will enable training to be offered to a further 10 volunteers.

- b) Applicant**
Warwick District Citizens Advice Bureau
- c) Amount of Funding sought**
£10,000
- d) Total Cost of the Project**
£13,625 is the cost of running a full training programme for 15 volunteers, including the cost of sessional hours and volunteer's expenses. Alternative funding is available for the balance between the £13,625 and £10,000 requested.
- e) Appraisal**
The work of Citizens Advice Bureau supports the achievement of the Fair Community objectives of the Community Plan in providing a range of advice services to the community, particularly benefits and income advice to the most deprived.
- f) Recommendation**
Approve a grant of £9,000.

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