

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee/PAG **Warwick Area Committee**

Date of Committee **13 November 2007**

Report Title **Community Development Fund 2007/08**

Summary This report gives details of the applications received for the Area for this year's (2007/08) 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/PAG's
- Local Member(s)
- Other Elected Members Councillors Boad, Naylor and Caborn as Area Committee Funding Sub Group.
- 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/PAG
- To Council
- To Cabinet
- To a PAG
- To an S & R Committee
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

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Community Development Fund 2007/08

Report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development

Recommendation

That the Area Committee confirms:

1. Which applications should receive a grant
2. 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 seventh year that applications have been dealt with by the Area Committees.
- 1.2 Applications were invited between 2nd July and the 21st September 2007. 16 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, Naylor and Caborn) and by Tim Healey, Community Partnership Officer.
- 2.3 Applications have been scored against a number of factors relating to:
 - Location - up to 4 points – geographical location is used to indicate degrees of deprivation.
 - Reducing Inequalities - Projects that will benefit a local community or group of people experiencing specific disadvantage or exclusion from mainstream activities
 - Community Involvement - Projects that have involved the local community and/or the project's end-beneficiaries in developing the project, will generate new opportunities for people to get involved in their community, and will help to build the capacity of a community group
 - Community Benefit - Projects that will provide new services or opportunities based on identified needs
 - Sustainability - Projects that will create lasting benefits beyond the end of the funding.

- Partnership Working - Projects that are working effectively with other organisations
- Quality - Projects that are well thought-out, with clear objectives, timescales, budget, and success measures. Projects that are aware of risks, and demonstrate value for money.
- Strategic Priorities - Projects that will contribute to one or more of the priorities drawn from Warwickshire's Local Area Agreement blocks:

Stronger and Safer Communities

Projects which help to reduce crime, re-offending, reduce anti-social behaviour, empower local people, improve people's quality of life in disadvantaged neighbourhoods, and/or provide leisure, cultural or learning activities or other community facilities.

Environment and Sustainability

Projects which enhance the local environment and/or otherwise contribute to long-term sustainability objectives

Children and Young People:

Projects which help to support children and young people to be healthy, stay safe, enjoy and achieve, experience economic well-being, and/or make a positive contribution.

Health and Older People

Projects which improve people's health and/or well-being, and/or support the independence and quality of life of older people or other vulnerable groups.

Economic Development

Projects which promote and support local enterprise, and/or improve people's skills and employability.

3. Allocation of Grants

- 3.1 The allocation of funds to Warwick Area Committee for the Community Development Fund is £31,980 in 2007/08. In addition to this, the committee has available to it £8,000 that was previously allocated by Area Community Education Councils. It is proposed that this should be added to the Community Development Fund for this year, rather than seeking to develop a separate grant allocation mechanism. This gives a total fund of £39,980.
- 3.2 The total amount requested by the 16 applicants is £74,893.76. 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 eight bids totalling £37,862.76 that scored clearly higher than the rest. The sub-group agreed to recommend that your committee fund these in full and not fund the remaining applications. If committee agree to fund these projects, there remains a balance of £2,117.24 to be carried forward to next year.
- 3.5 Where applications are not proposed to be funded, the Community Partnership Officer bring to the applicants attention the existence of the South Warwickshire Community Development Network whose role is to support organisations in their efforts to secure external funds and issue an Expression of Interest form.

3.6 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)
RELATE	Family Counselling – Lillington	£5,000.00
Lillington Community Action Forum	Lillington Community Bench Project	£5,000.00
Sydenham Neighbourhood Initiatives Ltd	Sydenham History Project	£4,610.00
Sydenham Neighbourhood Initiatives Ltd	Urban Art	£3,559.00
The GAP, Warwick	P.E.P.P.E.R.S	£4,993.76
Bath Place Community Venture	Stay and Play	£4,700.00
St Pauls Church Youth Department	Quench Youth Cafe	£5,000
The Link Project	Well Women	£5,000
	TOTAL	£37,862.76

3.7 The process for monitoring CDF awards has identified that one of the awards in the 2006/07 CDF round has, for a variety of reasons, not come to fruition (award to MAYDAY Trust to support volunteering activity with neighbours of their group homes) and MAYDAY are returning their award of £4,910.00 to us. The funding sub group were of the opinion that no bids from the 2007/08 round scored sufficiently high to warrant funding, but recalled that in the 2006/07, an excellent project from Bath Place Community Venture to develop and support volunteering at the Centre marginally missed out – and would have received funding had the MAYDAY project not. The Bath Place project has not proceeded and the need remains. It is the funding sub-committee's view that we should make award of £5,000 on the basis of their excellent 2006/07 bid.

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